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Summary of Key Discussion:

- Attended 2 or 3 conferences on Afghanistan; Whole world came together; There was strong Afghan ownership; AG and Abdullah; AG’s show; Cooperation with AG; Heavy US delegation; US imbalance because of their advice and one to one discussion about Presidential system; Program to get Pakistan, and Iranians involved; Drugs issue was big; Humanitarian and development delayed; EU had $200 million on the books; The Japanese are very good addition;  
- UN and the WB were good partners at the time; UN had 17 agencies each setting up their own offices; Each had their own approach; Gap assessment raises questions of UN not knowing their own demands; AG tried to roll it back but did not have an effect; SRSG has no clout to control agencies at the time; LOTFA 2003;  
- Early discussion on PRTs; Liberate and then build; EU did not follow PRT system; Had to distinguish between military and development;  
- Billions spent; Not dealt with in a systematic manner; Few sectors continue to work; Not much has happened in the justice sector; Afghan people and government need to make it work; Negotiate framework agreements; Strong control;  
- Donor coordination has improved; TMAF discussions; Speak with one voice; EU disappointed with lack of progress with London; AG is not putting enough priority on economic issues; Focused on corruption; Time is ticking; Afghanistan under scrutiny; Other prioritizes; Syria and Iraq; Pros and cons; Afghanistan stands out as a large area; Need to spend more effectively;  
- ARTF successful; lessons learned; Sector building support; AE should be championed, do not go too far; Very high share of MDTFs in Afghanistan; Over 20% is on WB, LOTFA; Seriously look at budget support; Afghanistan had good score on FEFA assessment; See how it develops; Need to discuss with the government; Need the right measures in place;  
- EU works in a delicate environment; Role of HQ is to support and guide; One of the successes is that things are done on the ground; EU has 7 yr strategy; Commitments are annual with annual incentive program; Backed up by Parliament; EU commitment to joint programming; Member states haven't gone as far as they could go; Perfect moment of opportunity; How to do more with less; Tool box for EU policy; More aligned with member states;  

Follow-up:  
- None