**Summary of Key Discussion:**

- Afghanistan was part of the 2007 fragile state engagement; Paris versus fragile states principles; State building was 1st priority; Principles had monitoring process; Afghanistan wanted to use fragile states, as leverage against donors; Fragile state principles were superseded by New Deal; Greater sense of ownership; Allows states to negotiate with donors; Afghanistan New Deal is unique; Different dynamic; Different strategies; MoF has more capacity in Afghanistan; New Deal offers core principles;

- Civilian/military issues from 2001 - 2008; There was a change of focus and approach in 2008; ANDS was donor construct; Suffered from lack of buy-in; Rapidly superseded by US strategy; US after 2008 generally shifted to modern state building principles; A willingness to use government systems; USAID did not want to be seen too pushy; Did not want to lead; US people were dedicated; commitment and effort was good; McChrystal Strategy is important; Changed focus to the acceptance of the government, not forces; Ability to do core government functions needed to extend to local areas;

- JCMB was essential; Size was unwieldy, but negotiation happens before; MoF tried hard to get idea of TA and who did what; CTAP created as way to do collect TAs; PMS was good work; MoF was fairly strong; some ministries were sacrificed; Some were required; LG was needed; Thematic local governance group under IDLG; Karzai wanted control;

- PRT involved locals to win consent for force, PRTs became more consolidated, cooperative; ISAF effort needed to be integrated;

- Need stable engagement in Kabul; Long term; DDP was broadly right; timeframe and scale were too much; Impossible to coordinate with the lead donor approach; Balkanization was core problem; No sharing notes; No long term view of what the long term goal was; Reaffirm Afghan system; Ariana was symbolic;

**Follow-up:**

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