

## ARTF Strategy Group Meeting

March 1, 2015

### Summary of Discussion

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An ARTF Strategy Group Meeting was held at the World Bank office in Kabul on March 1, 2015 to discuss the schedule and discussion topics for the Strategy Group from March to June, 2015. ARTF donor representatives, Ministry of Finance and World Bank representatives attended the meeting.

**Summary of Discussion:** Participants discussed the draft schedule, proposed by the ARTF Administrator, and agreed on the overall content of the schedule previously circulated to the group. Participants provided the following additional suggestions to the draft schedule:

- Bunch topics into the schedule by themes;
- Allow some topics more time than the initially allotted two hours of discussions;
- Discussion on fraud and corruption and how the ARTF safeguards funds and results;
- Discussion on the ARTF approach to value for money;
- Discussion on what the ARTF is doing on economic development;
- Presentation on initial thinking on the next phase of primary education;
- An update on the urbanization work; and
- A comprehensive discussion of the economic and fiscal situation and understanding the repercussions of various funding splits between the Recurrent Cost Window (RCW) and Investment Window (IW) under the new Financing Strategy.

**Next Steps:** The schedule will be updated based on the provided suggestions and recirculated to donors. The Administrator noted that meetings are scheduled in accordance with timing and usefulness of new information.

The participants agreed that having an early and comprehensive discussion on the fiscal environment, prioritization and the use of ARTF funds between RCW and IW is necessary.