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I don't know if your talking points reflect it but the GOJ early on in our planning discussions for the Tokyo conf recognized the importance of Afghan civil society's participation. Not only will 2 reps spk at the mtg today, but the GOJ and their partners organized an excellent series of discussions yesterday. As the 2nd highest contributor to development assistance in Afgh, they're also recognizing they need to do more on women. The Canadians, Norwegians, Finns, Danes, Aussies and UN have been particularly strong on emphasizing the role of Afghan women throughout discussions here yesterday.