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Discussion Background:

During the March First Mondays discussion we delved into questions about the facilitator's role in educating an organization about effective strategic planning practices, and learned from experiences shared by several participants about how their organizations are evolving their approaches to the planning process. In June we’ll tackle the challenging question of what to do if the organization you’re working with has limited experience or understanding of what a quality planning process looks like. What if their thinking is off track? What if the information they’ve gathering is incomplete or flawed? What can those of us responsible for facilitating strategy discussions do to “quality check” the planning process?

June discussion questions:

- Have you worked with an organization that approached the planning process guided by outdated or misguided thinking about how it should proceed? Were you able to change their thinking? How?
- The data and information gathered and analyzed to inform planning is critical to the quality of the discussions that guide development of effective strategy. What do you do if you recognize that the intellectual rigor of data/information gathering and/or analysis behind the development of a strategy is weak or flawed?
- How can ASP further expand on its research around successful practices in nonprofit strategic planning to help raise the bar of these practices?