

## **Expression of interest civil society member of Australia's Open Government Forum**

**Leanne Hartill** – Representative to the United Nations, International Association for Public Participation (IAP2); Global Organising Partner United Nations Non-government Organisations Major Group (NGO MG)

### **Professional Summary**

International Board Director with more than 20 years experience in community and stakeholder engagement and global advocacy - Strategic leadership responsibilities across state and local government agencies, including sponsorship/funding, community development, customer relations, and communications. High level governance, legislative and compliance knowledge in government sector

### **Experience**

#### **Global Organising Partner United Nations Non-Government Organisations (NGO) Major Group (2016 – Present)**

Represent NGOs, collaborate and coordinate directly with UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) as the designated secretariat for the Sustainable Development Goals/2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, mobilise resources, advocate on behalf of NGO Major Group, facilitate participation of civil society in High Level Political Forum (HLPF); coordinating with all Major Groups and other Stakeholders.

#### **International association for public participation (IAP2)**

- **Deputy Chair/Director International Board (2012 – 2015)**
- **Board Chair/Director - Australasia Board (2011 – present)**
- **Representative to the United Nations (2016 – present)**

7,200 global members, more than 19,000 individuals completing IAP2 accredited training, major Affiliates located in Australasia, United States, Canada, Southern Africa, Indonesia  
Scope of Board- setting strategic direction for global membership organisation with broad membership across education, health, government, non-government, planning and Infrastructure, resources, utilities and private sectors

***IAP2 – is the preeminent international not for profit organization advancing the practice of community and stakeholder engagement***

#### **IAP2 Representative – United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) Partnership (2015 - Present)**

Working with both governments and civil society in Asia Pacific region to;

- Build community and stakeholder engagement knowledge and skills
- Create a planning and assessment tool for engagement
- Support processes for stakeholder engagement for countries reporting Voluntary National Reviews

The OG Declaration and UN Sustainable Development goals are both underpinned by the need for quality engagement of the community and other stakeholders to achieve the desired outcomes.

I bring to the OG Forum strong national and international civil society network connections, current demonstrated capability of engagement of broad and diverse community networks though my Global Organising Partner role, experience influencing government both from within and outside through advocacy and education activities and early involvement in OGP - the **OGP Participation and Co-creation Standards** are guided by the seven IAP2 Core Values.