

## Expression of Interest – Open Government Forum-NAP2

Name: Ms Serena Lillywhite, Chief Executive Officer, Transparency International Australia – September 2019

### *Motivation for Joining*

With 18 years' experience in corporate accountability, responsible business conduct and policy, I am committed to ensuring the OGP implements its commitments, develops ambitious and transformative plans, and builds a consortium of individuals, organisations, and the public sector focused on integrity, transparency and accountability. The Open Government Forum has the potential to help restore community trust and confidence in government.

### *Selection Criteria*

#### **Demonstrated support of OGP's vision and the Open Government Declaration**

Transparency International Australia – TIA has been a strong supporter of the OGP, and instrumental in the development of both NAP1 and NAP2. TIA is actively engaged with the federal government on issues including: foreign bribery, beneficial ownership, EITI, anti-money laundering, lobbying and undue influence, and whistleblower protection. We recently released the results of the [Global Corruption Barometer survey results](#) and the [Options Paper](#) (in partnership with Griffith University) for a strengthened federal integrity framework, including a federal anti-corruption and integrity agency. Our policy reform agenda is directly linked to our support for access to information, openness in government, and civic participation in public affairs – key elements of the Declaration.

#### **Expertise relevant to the Open Government Partnership, including existing or probable future Australian Open Government commitments**

As CEO of TIA, I have been an active member of the OGF during NAP1 and made a constructive contribution to the development of several NAP2 commitments (*Strengthen the National Anti-Corruption Framework, Enhance the Transparency of Political Donations and Funding, Expand Open Contracting and Due Diligence in Procurement*). TIA participates in the EITI Multistakeholder Forum in Australia. Future OGP commitments should address the Sustainable Development Goals. Previous employment with Oxfam positions me well to contribute to this, as well as broader issues of civic participation, defending democracy, business and human rights, and mitigating the risks of financial crime and illicit financial flows. This is essential to help ensure all citizens can live with dignity and free from the impacts of corruption. TIA leads a global program to assess corruption risks in mining approvals processes.

#### **Demonstrated ability to engage broad and diverse community networks**

I have outstanding stakeholder engagement skills and ability to engage the private sector, government and community organisations. In the past 18 years I have worked with the extractives, infrastructure, manufacturing, financial services, and the garment and apparel sectors to foster responsible business conduct with a focus on good governance, transparency and accountability. I have held several leadership positions in civil society and have a reputation for fostering diverse networks, including cross-culturally. I have lived and worked overseas.

#### **Previous experience working with and influencing government**

I have extensive experience in working with, and influencing government. At a global level I have been an adviser to the OECD Investment Committee for more than 15 years, assisted in drafting the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and participated in related working groups. I was influential in Australia becoming an EITI Candidate country. I was a member of the Treasury Tax Advisory Board (BEPS), the EFIC Advisory Board, and influential in Australia joining the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights. I have participated in several multistakeholder initiatives I am experienced in reaching agreed positions with government on policy reform. I actively engage with the AGD, DFAT, Treasury among other departments.

#### **Desirability of maintaining some continuity between successive Forums, balanced with the desirability of reaching new communities and reflecting emerging open government priorities.**

I will build on my active engagement in the NAP1 OGF, and my constructive engagement in the development of NAP2 commitments, to contribute to the Forum's success. My knowledge of the EITI, Beneficial Ownership and whistleblower protection will contribute to the effective monitoring of these 'rolled over' NAP1 commitments. Through my networks I can help to promote the OGP and encourage more active citizen engagement. I understand emerging government priorities and have access to influential decision makers. This will help ensure the OGF meets its full potential and National Action Plans are transformative, ambitious and implemented.

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