## **CANDIDATE PROFILE**

## 2019 ELECTIONS TO THE CIVIL SOCIETY POLICY FORUM WORKING GROUP

## **MENA Region**

## SHEREEN TALAAT FAIK



Arab Watch Coalition

Co-director

For More than 10 years, Shereen has been working with different local communities around the MENA region as a Filmmaker and a Campaigner. In 2014, she became a part of a group with other researchers and civil society active members from Egypt, Yemen, Iraq, Jordan, Tunisia working together on IFIS Policies and Projects especially the World Bank. After more than 4 years reviewing polices, joint campaigns and engaging with the World Bank on local and regional level, she established the Arab Watch Regional Coalition which she became one of the founders and its Co-director.

The Arab Watch Coalition now has members from more than eight countries around the MENA region aiming at more inclusive, sustainable, participatory and just development, so part of my work around the region is building the capacity of civil society and open channels of engagement with IFIS in the region. Being based in Morocco, which will host the annual meetings in 2021, gives her a great opportunity to engage more with the Moroccan civil society on the IFIS work at a local and regional level. They have already started by launching a series of workshops around the country to allow civil society to tack advantage of this upcoming meetings towards more engagement and inclusive development.