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## Plenary 3: The How Of HTA: Methods, Tools, & Capacity For System Shaping

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### Biography

Professor Tracy Merlin BA(Hons), MPH, PhD, is Dean of the School of Public Health at the newly formed Adelaide University. Prior to that she was Head of the School of Public Health and Deputy Executive Dean of the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences at the University of Adelaide.

She is a Professor of Health Technology Assessment (HTA), with a disciplinary background in clinical epidemiology and public health. She is the co-founder and Director of Adelaide Health Technology Assessment (AHTA) and in that role has evaluated medicines, vaccines, devices and diagnostics over 25 years to inform access and public funding decisions by the Australian Government.

She established many of the methods and processes that are used for health technology assessment in Australia and internationally and was an “HTA Expert” supporting the Australian Government HTA Policy and Methods Review.

She is a founding member of Health Technology Assessment international (HTAi) and is the longest serving elected member to the Board of the International Network of Agencies for HTA (8 years), serving as Chair of INAHTA from 2020-2023. She Chairs several international committees, including INAHTA’s Scientific Programs Committee, and is Co-Chair of the HTAi/INAHTA HTA Glossary.