

Dear respected Members of the Selection Committee,

I am delighted to present my candidacy to be re-elected as a Board Member of Health Systems Global, (HSG), moving from a European Regional Member to be a General Board Member, so that I am positioned to contribute the full breadth of my skills and experience to the broader HSG community to promote and advance the field of health policy and systems research (HPSR) and equitable knowledge generation and knowledge exchange between High Income and Low- and Middle-Income Countries (HICs and LMICs).

I am strongly motivated to get elected as a general board member for HSG. This table comes with more responsibilities than that of a regional seat, and provides an exciting opportunity for me to scale up my contributions to strengthening our Society as a resilient platform for HPSR experts: I bring demonstrated pragmatism, energy, enthusiasm, drive, and innovation. I am ambitious about the reach and impact of the HSG community emerging from the COVID-19 pandemic. I am deeply committed to bridging the evidence to policy gap in all health systems. I am an experienced researcher, academic, and policymaker, and I have served as an elected Board member since 2018 and actively contribute to the work of the HSG finance and audit and fundraising committees and regional expansion working group. I also lead the Thematic Working Groups (TWGs) Support Working Group and the ongoing TWG ReFresh process. My background is in health economics, public health, and internal medicine, which enables me to understand the multifacetedness of challenges in the Health Policy and Systems Research (HPSR) field.

Before joining the Board, I was a co-chair of the Emerging Voice for Global Health TWG, which empowers me to understand and bring forward issues and concerns of the broader Society's membership, TWGs and younger HPSR researchers to ensure their voices are being heard. I aspire to use the second term as an opportunity to contribute my learnings and strategic foresight to advancing the HSG's mission, strategy, and cascading impact. I will commit my time, efforts, and cultural competencies in promoting the generation and use of HPSR for health systems strengthening in LMICs and continue supporting TWGs as the primary mechanisms of engagement with the Society's membership.

I hope to catalyse and facilitate closer cross-regional and cross-TWG collaboration, contribute towards new HSG Strategy development, address questions of short- and longer-term sustainability in terms of fundraising efforts, and bring burning questions from TWGs and broader membership to the Board's attention (e.g., accessibility of Symposia and membership, engagement and empowerment of early career

HPSR researchers, addressing engagement barriers due to language, further commitment to environmental sustainability, creating spaces for collaboration, implementing innovative engagement and feedback mechanisms to ensure Society remains flexible and agile).

Best wishes,

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