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Dear respected Members of the Selection Committee,

I am excited to present my candidacy for the position of General Board Member at Health Systems Global (HSG). I am eager to leverage my skills and experience to benefit the HSG community, promoting and advancing health policy and systems research (HPSR). My goal is to foster equitable knowledge generation and exchange between High-Income Countries (HICs) and Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs).

I am highly motivated to serve as a General Board Member for HSG, viewing this role as an exciting opportunity to enhance my contributions to this health community. I bring demonstrated pragmatism, energy, passion, ambition, and innovation, and I am committed to strengthening HSG as a resilient platform for Health Policy and Systems Research (HPSR) experts. I am passionate about expanding the reach and impact of the HSG community and dedicated to bridging the evidence-to-policy gap in health systems. With a background in health management and human resources, public health, and medicine (dermatology), I am well equipped to address the complex challenges in the HPSR field.

Currently, I am serving my second term as co-chair and treasurer of the Emerging Voices for Global Health TWG. This role empowers me to understand and advocate for the issues and concerns of the broader community's membership, TWGs, and younger HPSR researchers, ensuring their voices are being advocated for and heard.

In my first term, I aspire to leverage my learnings and strategic foresight to advance HSG's mission and strategy, amplifying its impact. I am dedicated to committing my time, efforts, and cultural competencies to promote the generation and use of HPSR for health systems strengthening in LMICs. Additionally, I will continue to support TWGs as the primary mechanisms for engaging with the Community's membership, ensuring effective outreach and involvement.

I aim to drive and facilitate closer cross-regional and cross-TWG collaboration, contribute to the implementation of the HSG Strategy, and address both short- and long-term sustainability through effective fundraising efforts. I am committed to bringing pressing issues from TWGs and the broader membership to the Board's attention. These include enhancing the accessibility of Symposia and membership, empowering early-career HPSR researchers, overcoming engagement barriers, furthering our commitment to environmental sustainability, creating collaborative spaces, and implementing innovative engagement and feedback mechanisms to ensure our Community remains and builts even more resilient.

Best wishes,

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