

Dear MSF colleagues and friends,

I am thrilled to present my candidacy for the OCB board this year after a first mandate with the board since November 2020. I remain highly motivated to take on this role on the board and within the MSF associative as we work together to tackle humanitarian dilemmas and to keep our eyes on our social mission and our humanitarian impact in all we do.

From the MSF we want to be discussions, field recentralization and changing structures of how MSF works – to external challenges of working in Sudan, Afghanistan, Ukraine – to staying true to our principles and social mission, ensuring diversity equity and inclusion, or tackling what we can do on climate change – there's a lot on our plates!

At the moment, I am a member of the committees on security, human resources and motions and the working group on anti-racism, as well as being the second vice president of the board. Over the past 2½ years with the OCB board, I've engaged to keep our focus on our impact for populations in need, at a time of great change within MSF and around MSF, everywhere we work. It's important to me that MSF remains patient-centred and also delivers on our duty of care to staff. That we are inclusive, diverse, innovative and constantly open to learning. In particular, I hope we can be ever better at asking the right questions, listening, learning from colleagues from across the globe, from our patients and the communities where we work. I've been inspired by seeing the incredible energy of all of us at MSF both to rise to operational challenges and to take time for healthy debates.

Beyond the board, my work life centres on advocacy with Amnesty International's European Institutions Office. My job is engage with diplomats from the European Union and its member states on human rights in their foreign policy in Africa, Asia and the Americas, including in crises like Sudan and Ethiopia, or in challenging settings like China or Cuba. I also am very lucky to be able to work with civil society groups and activists from across the globe to support their work and their impact within the EU and beyond. I joined Amnesty International in 2013, after 12 years at MSF in both the field and in headquarters.

After a year at MSF Germany in Berlin and 3 field missions in sub-Saharan Africa, I worked for eight years in what is now the Analysis department. There, I was able to work on analysis and advocacy while also taking on operational roles where needed, spending about a quarter of each year in the field, with my last missions in South Sudan. I hope to be able to bring all my experiences and different perspectives with me to the OCB board and to the associative.

Thank you in advance for your support and your trust and I look very much forward to continuing our conversations soon.

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