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As Bond looks for new trustees now, I cannot help but think of the great resonance with my passion and experience in strategic advocacy to ensure that UK aid works for the extreme poor in some of the most fragile contexts, tackles inequality, and accelerates anticipatory and early action on the multiple and overlapping crises of climate change, hunger and malnutrition, and conflict. There is so much to be done, and less than a decade to achieve the ambition of the Sustainable Development Goals. Working at Concern Worldwide (UK) and leading our advocacy focusing on the above, our continued engagement and collaboration with Bond on strategic sectoral advocacy makes this opportunity for trusteeship a natural fit. The current turbulent political environment and the ongoing brutal aid cuts amidst a period of recovery from the pandemic, wavering public support for aid and worrying scepticism towards the charity sector, makes Bond's role today as important as ever, if not more. So is its role in convening the sector to establish a unified and bolder narrative, discussion, and guidance on crucial matters such as power dynamics and safeguarding, diversity, equity, and inclusion, and the future of development.

Despite the numerous challenges, I am always impressed with the way in which Bond has kept up with the times, risen to the challenges, questioned status quo, and convened sector colleagues to seize the right opportunities to make change happen. It would be wonderful to be able to be a part of the journey of supporting Bond's strategic direction, goal and objective setting, and review to continue to make it relevant, effective, and accountable. Hence, I have decided to apply to the Bond Board of trustees. I have noted the time commitment required and responsibilities expected and can confirm that this is something I will be able to fulfil. Should I be given the opportunity I hope to contribute to the best of my abilities.