

Patience Masua, MP Biography

Hon. Patience Masua (23) is the youngest Member of Parliament, sitting in the National Assembly in the Republic of Namibia.

She holds an LLB degree from the University of Namibia and is an LLM (International Trade Law) Candidate at the University of Cape Town. She has also completed her training in International Humanitarian Law at the Institute of International and Comparative Law in Africa.

Hon. Masua sits on the Parliamentary Standing Committees for Defence & Foreign Affairs, Constitutional & Legal Affairs and Economics & Public Administration. She is the former Secretary-General of the Namibia National Students Organisation (NANSO) and is a board member of the SADC Youth Forum (SAYOF), as Country Director for Namibia since 2017. She also won the Young Africa Changemaker Award in 2022, a leadership award programme run annually by the PUSH Women Network.

Hon. Masua has also recently been appointed to the Africa REACH Leadership Council, a continental initiative that seeks to unify and amplify the strongest political and cultural forces towards ending AIDS in children and youth. She is a Young African Leadership Initiative (YALI) alumnus, a fellowship that she completed in the field of Public Administration. She is an avid orator and debater, and her activism is based on equitable and unhindered access to education and economic development and growth as a catalyst for socio-economic empowerment.

Her publications include:

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