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Honourable Emma Inamutilla Theofelus is a young, 26-year-old Namibian woman who serves as a Member of Parliament and the Deputy Minister of Information and Communication Technology in the Republic of Namibia.

Before her appointment, Honourable Emma had always been policy adjacent and was a Youth Activist around issues of gender, children's rights, and sustainable development and against youth unemployment. She served as the Deputy Speaker of the Youth Parliament of the Republic of Namibia, Board Member of the National Council of Higher Education and the Junior Mayor of the City of Windhoek amongst other roles. Honourable Emma has been awarded the Laureate in the Individual Category of the United Nations Population Award, 2022 and serves as a board member of the Leadership Council of Africa REACH and council member of Nala Feminist Movement.

Honourable Emma holds an LLB Honours Degree from the University of Namibia where she served as secretary General of the Student Union; a diploma in Business Management and a diploma in Afrikan Feminism and Gender Studies from the University of South Africa. She is currently a Master's Candidate in ICT Policy and Regulation at the University of Witwatersrand and is preparing to sit for the bar exams at the Board of Legal Education in Namibia.

Honourable Theofelus is recognised as the BBC 100 Most Influential Women in the World 2021; named as Avance Media 100 Most Influential Young Africans in 2020, 2021 & 2022 and named as Avance Media 100 Most Influential African Women 2020 & 2021. She is further named as the New African 100 Most influential Africans of 2020; Reputation Poll 100 Most Reputable Africans 2020; named as the Emerging African Young Leader by the African Leadership Magazine 2022 and nominated for the One Young World Politician of the Year Award 2020 & in 2021.

Honourable Emma is regularly invited as a speaker at international fora in the areas of politics, technology, law, sustainable development, climate change, education and health.