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DAISRY **MATHIAS**

Daisry Mathias was appointed Presidential Advisor on Youth Matters to the President of the Republic of Namibia, His Excellency Dr. Hage G. Geingob, in June 2015. In this role, Daisry advises the Head of State on policy and programme priorities to harness a demographic dividend and create an enabling environment for sustainable entrepreneurship in Namibia, under the overarching goals of poverty eradication, economic inclusion and shared prosperity.

Daisry is also the Founder and Director of OYAYONE Foundation, an NGO working with and for underprivileged single mothers at the grassroots in Namibia. Her work as Founder of the Foundation is complementary to the Government's agenda to deliver inclusive economic growth and shared prosperity, under the overarching theme of poverty eradication.

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In her preceding role as an under 30 Chief Executive Officer of Team Namibia; Daisry led a business support organisation, promoting local industry by advocating the preferential consumption of Namibian goods and services. Daisry is Commissioner of the National Planning Commission since April 2017 and in July 2019 was selected to become an Obama Leader, joining 200 young Africans in a Leadership Development Programme by former U.S. President Barack Obama.

Daisry's professional experience ranges from public policy formulation, national development planning, programme monitoring and multi-stakeholder coordination. Daisry is dedicated to contributing to Namibia's broad-based empowerment, deepening of democracy and accelerated socio-economic transformation. She is positive about Africa's future and passionate about capacitating the individual to maximize potential and has been quoted saying "a winning nation is made up of individuals who are champions in their own right. Ultimately, it is about the individual".

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