

## Mr. Kihu Kibe Profile

Mr. Kihu Kibe has spent the last 15 years doing what he loves most – using technology to solve real problems for real people across Africa. Building Digital Bridges Across Africa: For over a decade and a half, he has had the privilege of leading ICT service projects worth over €10 million across 15 African countries. From Kenya to South Africa, from West Africa to the Southern regions, he has worked alongside incredible teams to bring reliable telecommunications services to more than 100 million people. Whether it's helping a mother in rural Kenya make a phone call or enabling an entrepreneur in Addis Ababa to make a mobile money transaction, these projects have touched lives in ways that go beyond the technology itself.

Bringing Tomorrow's Technology to Africa Today: He believes Africa shouldn't wait for technology – we should be at the forefront. That's why he has championed AI governance and ethical AI deployment across the continent, aligning with ISO/IEC 42001:2023 knowledge. He is not just implementing these technologies; he is currently pursuing a Master's in Psychology to understand how we can make AI work better for African contexts and our unique challenges. Growing the Next Generation: What excites him most is working with young African tech professionals. Over the years, he has mentored over 50 talented individuals across different countries, watching them grow into confident leaders in their own right. Technology transfer isn't just about systems and code – it's about empowering people to take ownership of their digital future.

Making a Measurable Difference: He is proud that every project he has led has been delivered on time and within budget, but what matters more is the impact. The 99.9% service uptime means businesses stay connected. The automated systems built mean engineers can focus on innovation instead of repetitive tasks. The cybersecurity frameworks implemented protect millions of people's data and privacy. Why This Matters to Him: He comes from a place where he has seen firsthand how technology can transform communities. His work with major providers like Safaricom, Vodacom, and others isn't just about corporate success – it's about making sure a young entrepreneur in Nairobi, a student in Addis, or a farmer in Tanzania can access the digital tools they need to thrive.

He is pursuing this nomination because he believes in Africa's digital potential, and he has dedicated his career to turning that potential into reality – one project, one person, one community at a time.