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Among many notable achievements, he is best known as the first Buni Innovation Hub Manager and champion of Silicon Dar, Tanzania's first organically formed technology district in the country's financial capital, Dar es Salaam. For two successive years, in 2017 and 2018, he was voted the most influential Tanzanian in science and technology. As a speaker, he has been vocal mostly on innovation and technology for development, including policies, regulations, and future technologies. His mantra is using innovation, technology, and entrepreneurship to solve Africa's most complex challenges. His voice has been heard through his blog, podcast series, Smart Monkey TV and in partnership with platforms such as VC4Africa.

Mtambalike strongly believes in the power of technology as a tool to transform society. He has been an ardent promoter of women's involvement in the ICT sector through initiatives such as She-Codes for Change, She-Found Africa Initiative, and Buni Divaz. He is also the brains behind the first training manual of She-Codes for Change, which involved training young girls in basic coding, making, and application development. He has been supporting the establishment and capacity-building of innovation hubs in East Africa. He is part of the mentoring team of Ndoto Hub, a locally based Tanzanian female-led business incubator. He has also been conducting courses and programs for the sustainability of African innovation hubs and business incubators through AfriLabs, a network of African tech hubs.

He enjoys working with youth initiatives in innovation, technology entrepreneurship and youth capacity-building programs. One such initiative is the Tanzania AI Lab, a youth community enthusiastic about Artificial Intelligence adoption in Africa. He was a Tanzania Sector Skills Council member focusing on ICT skills and is a senior consultant for the Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH). He was appointed a member of the National Entrepreneurship Development Committee (NEDC) by Tanzania's National Economic Empowerment Council (NEEC). He offers technical advice and shares his experience promoting entrepreneurship and accelerating youth empowerment in Tanzania.

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