

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Mussa R. Kilakala: From CBE Accountancy Graduate to Public Leadership

Few alumni journeys demonstrate the connection between education, leadership and public service quite like that of Mr. Mussa R. Kilakala. From pursuing Accountancy studies at the College of Business Education (CBE) to serving in senior government leadership, his journey reflects continuous learning, responsibility and commitment to public service. Today, he serves as District Commissioner for Morogoro, following earlier appointments in Pangani and Kaliua.

Building the Academic Foundation at CBE

Mr. Kilakala built his academic foundation at the College of Business Education, where he pursued Accountancy through successive levels of study. He completed a Certificate and Diploma in Accountancy before progressing to a Bachelor Degree in Accountancy from 2013 to 2016. This step-by-step academic journey reflects determination to strengthen his professional competence and created a foundation for responsibilities extending beyond the traditional boundaries of accounting.

His commitment to learning continued beyond CBE. In 2024, he obtained a Postgraduate Diploma in Business Administration from the Open University of Tanzania, broadening his preparation for management, administration and leadership.

Developing a Passion for Leadership

Leadership has remained a consistent feature of Mr. Kilakala's development. His profile identifies leadership, politics, socialism and self-reliance among his interests, while his career objectives emphasise integrity, trust, teamwork, innovation and the creation of opportunities for self-reliance and long-term development.

"His journey demonstrates how a strong academic foundation can become a platform for leadership and public service."

Leadership Beyond the Classroom

Between 2017 and 2022, Mr. Kilakala served in several capacities within the CCM Youth League (UVCCM), including as a Member of the Youth League Council, Chairman in Dar es Salaam and Member of the General Assembly. These responsibilities gave him practical opportunities to strengthen leadership, communication, teamwork and engagement with people.

His leadership development also included specialised exposure. In 2022, he participated in the Former Liberation Movement of Southern Africa Leading Cadres Workshop at the Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Leadership School in Kibaha. In the same year, he participated in the “CPC in the New Era in My Eyes” Writing and Photography Competition associated with the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China.

Advancing into Public Administration

Mr. Kilakala’s career entered a significant phase when he moved into senior public administration. From 2023 to 2024, he served as District Administrative Secretary (DAS) for Kaliua District in Tabora. In March 2024, he was appointed District Commissioner for Pangani District in Tanga, serving there until August 2024.

His public leadership journey then advanced further when he became District Commissioner for Morogoro in August 2024. The progression from District Administrative Secretary to District Commissioner demonstrates the increasing level of public responsibility entrusted to him and the breadth of leadership experience he has developed.

“From the classrooms of CBE to district leadership, his journey reflects continuous learning, adaptability and service.”

From Accountancy to Public Leadership

One of the most notable features of Mr. Kilakala’s story is how his career has grown beyond his original academic discipline. His formal training is rooted in Accountancy, yet his professional journey has expanded into administration and public leadership. His profile highlights organisation, adaptability, records management, leadership and communication among his key competencies.

A Journey that Inspires

Mr. Kilakala’s progression from a CBE Accountancy student to District Administrative Secretary and ultimately District Commissioner offers an encouraging example to the CBE community. His journey shows that education provides a foundation, while continuous learning, adaptability, integrity and willingness to accept greater responsibility can open opportunities across different professional fields. The College of Business Education proudly celebrates Mr. Mussa R. Kilakala in its Alumni Spotlight, recognising his journey from CBE graduate to public leadership and his contribution to Tanzania’s public service.