

Son. Brother. Friend. **Thapelo Nthite** is also the Co-Founder and CEO of Bothale AI, an award-winning Artificial Intelligence startup backed by GrindStone, Branson Centre and CreativeDestructive Labs - Montreal. Bothale AI enables businesses to engage with their customers in languages that their customers understand and trust.

Though still in its early stage, Bothale AI has done work with some of the biggest organisations in the country including MTN and Capitec. Thapelo is a Mechatronics Engineering graduate from the University of Cape Town who is passionate about driving digital inclusion on the continent by disrupting digital monolingualism.

Thapelo has been listed on News24's Top 100 Mandela's Of The Future and Mail & Guardian's top 200 South Africans. Having built one of the first documented end-to-end text-to-speech systems using AI for any South African language, his contributions to this space have been published by IEEE, and his work is starting to simplify the way people interact with technology.

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