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**MUSHOBEKWA Kalimba Wa Katana**  
(Phonetic: mooshobekWAH)

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*Appointed Ambassador  
to the United States*

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Mushobekwa Kalimba is a veteran diplomat who before being assigned to Washington had served as Ambassador to Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg since 1987. [Redacted]

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Mushobekwa was born on 12 January 1943 in the east central mining region of Kivu. In the 1960s he received a law degree from the University of Paris and a diploma from the International Institute of Public Administration. He began his civil service career in 1969 as first secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. After serving in a number of positions in that Ministry, he was twice appointed Minister of Transport and Communications (1977-79 and 1980-81); he was Minister of Public Works and Territorial Maintenance in the interim. Mushobekwa was Ambassador to China, with concurrent accreditation to Vietnam, North Korea, and Thailand, during 1982-85. He returned home to serve as Minister of Public Health (1985-86) and then as state commissioner of commerce in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1986-87). [Redacted]

Mushobekwa speaks French, Swahili, and some English. [Redacted]

[Redacted] Married, he has six children. [Redacted]

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