



"WE ARE NOT ALONE. AFRICA, ASIA AND FREE AND LIBERATED PEOPLE FROM EVERY CORNER OF THE WORLD WILL ALWAYS BE FOUND AT THE SIDE OF THE CONGOLESE."

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**Kambale Musavuli**, a native of the Democratic Republic of Congo, is a human rights activist, Student Coordinator and National Spokesperson for the *Friends of the Congo*. Mr. Musavuli's professional activities, publications, and public engagements reflect his unflagging commitment to realizing peace and justice in the Congo.

Mr. Musavuli has written for *The Washington Post*, *Foreign Policy in Focus*, *The Huffington Post* and numerous other academic and news publications. He has also been interviewed on *National Public Radio*, *Democracy Now*, *ABC News*, *Al Jazeera English Television*, *Radio France International* and a number of other radio and television programs. He has been profiled in publications such as *Christianity*, *News and Record*, and other newspapers around the world.

His film appearances in Lara Lee's *Cultures of Resistance*, Martin Scorsese's *Surviving Progress*, and *Crisis in the Congo: Uncovering the Truth* reflect his keen understanding of the dynamics of the global economy and politics and their impact on the people of the Congo. His expertise in topics such as labor rights, corporate accountability, environmental and social justice has qualified him to serve as a research consultant for a number of film projects, socially responsible investor groups, and government agencies.

While studying civil engineering at *North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University* in Greensboro, North Carolina, he developed a deep sense of community service and commitment to justice for all people. This experience strengthened his organizing skills by working with local activists on issues ranging from raising minimum wage, to ending police brutality and improving immigrant experience.

Mr. Musavuli's work in Greensboro taught him the importance of enabling youth to become "change-makers" in their communities. He continues such work by supporting organizations, like the *Congo Leadership Initiative*, an organization that empowers young leaders in the Congo and provides avenues for them to succeed; and to ultimately remove the barriers preventing Congo from reaching its potential. He also engages students and communities worldwide in organizing *Congo Week*.

*Congo Week* is an annual global initiative that commemorates the lives lost in the conflict and "breaks the silence" about this underreported crisis; each year since its inception in 2008. The initiative broadens and strengthens Congo civil society's network of global allies and partners.

Mr. Musavuli has received awards and acknowledgments affirming the essential nature of his work, and the energy and impact of his voice. In 2008, he was appointed by Greensboro Mayor Yvonne Johnson as a member of the *International Advisory Committee (IAC)* for the City of Greensboro. *IAC* is a committee that assists the Mayor in elaborating policy and procedures that reduce gaps between United States citizens and immigrants in Guilford County and its peripheries.

In 2009, he received a Congolese Hero Award from the *Congolese Development Center National Awards Program*, an award given to Congolese citizens for exceptionally successful initiatives or achievements benefiting the community. *The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum* profiled him in *Community in Action*, a campaign to bring public awareness to individuals who “take action to confront genocide and related crimes against humanity today.”

Mr. Musavuli tours the United States, Canada, and Africa speaking to university students, religious groups, global leaders, community organizers and many others. He educates and mobilizes individuals and communities to work as partners with a Congolese civil society that strives to end the country’s conflict, control its enormous natural wealth, and build lasting peace and stability in the heart of Africa.