

A Conversation with H.E. Dr. Faida M. Mitifu Ambassador of the Democratic Republic of Congo



Dr. Faida M. Mitifu is the Ambassador of Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United States. Appointed to her position in 1999 by the late President Laurent Désiré Kabila, Ambassador Mitifu is one of only a handful of female Ambassadors who are Chiefs of Diplomatic Missions in the United States.

Ambassador Mitifu is visiting Carnegie Mellon to deliver a guest lecture on Conflict Mediation and Public Diplomacy in Dr. Jendayi Frazer's Diplomacy and Statecraft Course. She has testified before the Congressional Subcommittee on Africa on the crisis in the Great Lakes region and frequently offers lectures and participates in television interviews to discuss the Congo and its post-conflict recovery.

Dr. Mitifu holds a B.S. degree in biochemistry education from the National University of Zaire, Kinshasa, a Master's degree in French studies from Auburn University, and PhD in romance languages from the University of Georgia. Prior to her Ambassadorship, Dr. Mitifu taught French, Caribbean, and African literature at the University of Georgia and Columbus State University. She is fluent in French, English, Swahili, Lingala, and Shi.

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Connan Room, University Center**

Please RSVP to Kendra Gaither at kgaither@andrew.cmu.edu by Tuesday, November 3.