

2020/21 AMCHAM GHANA EVENTS SUMMARY





AmCham Ghana Engagement With J.P Morgan Executives

The chamber's Executive Secretary, Madjie Simon, met with Ahmed Afifi, Vice President EMEA at J.P. Morgan, to discuss financing options for various projects in the country. The team from J.P Morgan included Wafa May and Halwani Sivine.

J.P Morgan is a global leader in financial services offering solutions to the world's most important corporations, governments, and institutions.



AmCham Ghana Commissions Its New Secretariat

The U.S. Ambassador to Ghana, Stephanie Sullivan, on Friday, 17 December 2021, commissioned the new AmCham Ghana secretariat at no. 10 Mensah Wood Avenue, East Legon, Accra.

Also present at the commissioning were our President, Ayesha Bedwei Ibe, Executive Secretary, Simon Madjie, Counselor for Commercial Affairs at the U.S Embassy in Ghana, Dean Matlack, Former AmCham Ghana President, William Ohrt, some Chamber members, associates, and staff.



AmCham U.S. – Ghana Franchising Roundtable

AmCham Ghana on December 6, 2021, hosted Cynthia Griffin, Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs for Sub-Saharan Africa in Accra, for a roundtable discussion on building a sustainable and profitable franchise ecosystem in Ghana.

The roundtable had in attendance Dean Matlack, Counselor for Commercial Affairs at the U.S Embassy in Ghana, and selected franchisees including UPS, Burger King, U.S. Tampico, Pizza Hut, Harley Davidson, MAC Cosmetics, and Pinkberry.



AmCham Ghana Outdoors New Logo

The chamber got a new logo to reflect modern times, changing perspectives and ideals. The new logo was unveiled by the United States Ambassador to Ghana, Stephanie S. Sullivan, and AmCham Ghana Executives at the 2021 AmCham Ghana Thanksgiving Dinner and Awards Night on Saturday, November 20, 2021.

At the turn of the century, the ideals of the organization began metamorphosing into a better partnership for American businesses to flourish with a global perspective through the Ghana affiliate.



2021 AmCham Ghana Thanksgiving Dinner And Awards Night

The Chamber on Saturday, November 20, 2021, hosted the U.S. Ambassador to Ghana, Stephanie S. Sullivan, corporate executives, and Chamber members for this year's Thanksgiving Dinner and Awards night. The event was held under the theme, *Celebrating U.S. – Ghana Partnership; Unlocking New Opportunity for Growth*.



AmCham Meeting With Vice President & Executive Director Of Emerging Markets And Funded Projects At Trimble Inc.

AmCham Ghana President, Ayesha Bedwei, and Executive Secretary, Simon Madjie, met with Albert Anoubon Momo, Vice President & Executive Director of Emerging Markets and Funded Projects at Trimble Inc.



AmCham Ghana Health Forum On Prostate Cancer Management In Ghana

AmCham Ghana on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, held a Health Forum on Prostate Cancer Management in Ghana. The event held under the theme, “Prostate Cancer Treatment in Ghana – Status Quo and the Way Forward,” brought together policymakers, health practitioners, and players in the health industry for a discussion on improving prostate cancer treatment in the country.



AmCham Delta Airlines Corporate Hangout

Delta Air Lines, in collaboration with the AmCham Ghana, on Saturday, October 23, hosted members and associates at the Santoku Restaurant for a corporate networking reception.

The reception brought together corporate executives, work colleagues, and friends in a relaxed atmosphere to unwind and build new relations.



Chamber Executives Engage The New CEO Of The Free Zones Authority

Executive Directors of the American Chamber of Commerce, Ghana, the U.K-Ghana Chamber of Commerce, and the Ghana Netherlands Business and Cultural Council paid a courtesy call on the new CEO of the Ghana Free Zones Authority, Dr. Michael Oquaye Jr.

This engagement was to fashion out a channel for communication with the Authority in the interest of member companies



Virtual Meeting On Business And Cybersecurity: Emerging Cyber Threats

In the month of cybersecurity awareness, AmCham Ghana, on October 27, 2021, collaborates with one of the leading business advisory firms KPMG for a virtual meeting on Emerging Cyber Threats in the business environment. Speakers at this event were the Associate Director for the IT Advisory unit of KPMG, Samuel Aluko, and Information Protection and Business Resilience Manager, Chris Owusu-Ansah.



AmCham Ghana Meets New Executive Director Of United Way

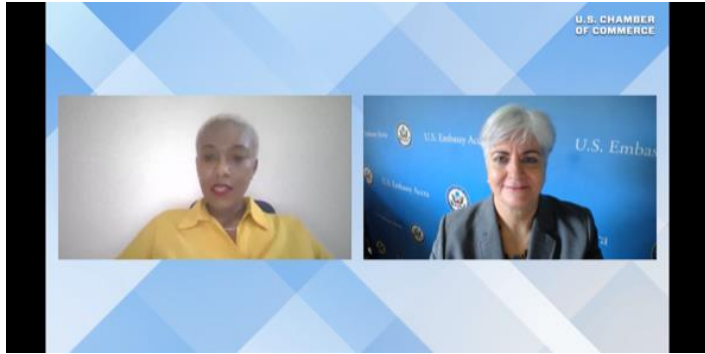
New Executive Directed for United Way, Felix Kissiedu-Addi, paid a courtesy call on AmCham Ghana Executive Secretary, Simon Madjie, at the Chamber's secretariate.

They had several discussions including areas of mutual interest for future collaborations.



Ghana's Pension Landscape – Regulatory Framework And The Three-Tier Pension System

The Chamber in collaboration with the People's Pension Trust, on Thursday, October 14, 2021, hosted a webinar to discuss the Ghanaian pension landscape, focusing specifically on the regulatory framework and the 3-Tier Pension System.



2021 Ghana Business Forum

AmCham Ghana and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, on September 8th to 9th, hosted the 2021 edition of the U.S. Ghana Business Forum.

This was a high-level engagement between the U.S, Ghanaian Government Officials, and Businesses, aimed at deepening trade and investment relations between the two nations and featured addresses from high-level government officials and panel discussions with industry experts and senior corporate executives.



The West Africa Oil And Gas Forum At OTC 2021

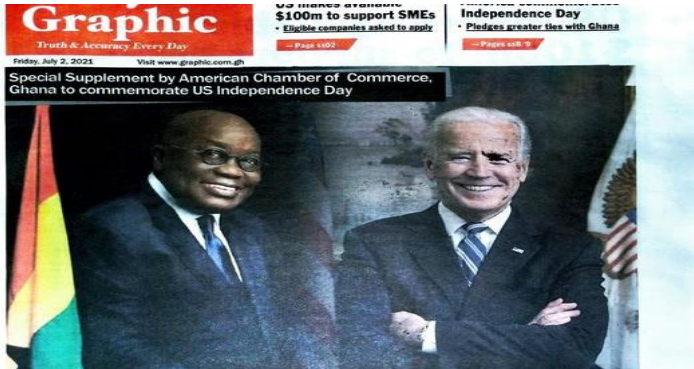
The chamber collaborated with the Ministry of Energy and the Ghana Houston Chamber of Commerce to host the Minister of Energy, Executives of member oil and gas companies, and other government officials for the West African Oil and Gas Forum of the sidelines of the 2021 OTC in Houston, Texas.



Ghana OTC Delegation Visit To Halliburton

Ghana's delegation to the Offshore Technology Conference in Houston led by the Honorable Minister of Energy- Dr. Matthew Opoku Prempeh visited the campus of AmCham Ghana member, Halliburton.

The minister was accompanied by the deputy minister, Ghana's Ambassador to the U.S, Members of the Parliamentary Select Committee on Mines & Energy, and CEOs of Agencies under the Ministry of Energy.



AmCham Ghana 4th Of July Special Supplement

On Friday, 2 July 2021, the chamber published a Special Supplement in the Daily Graphic to commemorate the 245th American Independence Day Celebrations.



AmCham Ghana Engages Ministry Of Finance On Digital Taxation

We engaged the head of tax policy at the ministry of finance on July 1, 2021, in Accra to discuss the government's role out of taxing the digital economy.

The Chamber members present were drawn from the digital sector, and it was an opportunity to make input into the ongoing processes taxing the digital economy.



Farewell Luncheon For Senior Commercial Officer – Hannah Kamenetsky

The chamber held a farewell luncheon for Hannah Kamenetsky, Senior Commercial Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Ghana.

Hannah, throughout her stay, actively participated in chamber activities and contributed immensely towards the strengthening of U.S. – Ghana economic relations by assisting new American companies to establish their presence in Ghana.



AmCham Ghana Networks Over Beer And Bites

On June 24, 2021, Django Brothers and Smoke ‘n’ Barrel hosted AmCham Ghana for a networking event at the Smoke ‘n’ Barrel bar and restaurant.

The event was to allow members to interact and network in a relaxed and casual environment. It also featured raffle draws with some members winning exciting prizes.



Advance With Africa AmCham Summit

On June 16, 2021, the U.S. – Africa Business Center hosted AmChams from across the continent, partners, stakeholders, and government officials for the virtual Advance with Africa AmCham Summit to share the U.S. Chamber’s priorities and expectations for the new U.S. Government’s Administration as well as to strengthen advocacy capabilities to facilitate the ease of doing business in Africa.

Day one of the summit featured a Presidential address from Ghana’s President, H.E. Nana Akufo-Addo on the Future of U.S. - Africa Economic Relations.



Engagement With GRA On Government’s Revenue Mobilization Drive

In collaboration with PSCAG, the chamber held a closed-door discussion on increasing domestic revenue mobilization with officials of the Ghana Revenue Authority. They also discussed some associated challenges with tax collection.

The encounter held on June 10, 2021, was attended by representatives of the GRA, PwC, KPMG, EY, and heads of the various Chambers of Commerce in the country.



The New US/Africa Relations Webinar

The American Business Council Nigeria, in partnership with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, AmCham Ghana, AmCham Kenya, and AmCham South Africa, held a webinar to highlight the critical concerns of African Nations and the U.S. Business Community in Africa as well as chart the way forward for the U.S.-Africa relationship.



AmCham Ghana Hosts Farewell Luncheon For Economic Section Chief – Hagen Maroney

May 28, 2021, hosted the Economic Section Chief at the U.S. Embassy in Ghana, Hagen Maroney, for a farewell luncheon with the Chamber Executives.

Mr. Maroney has been instrumental in promoting and further strengthening economic relations between the United States and Ghana through several engagements with stakeholders and has actively participated in Chamber activities, contributing immensely to its development.



AmCham Ghana – United Airline Corporate Breakfast

In collaboration with United Airlines on May 17, 2021, the chamber engaged members for a corporate breakfast hosted by United's Vice President for International Network & Alliances, Patrick Quayle.

The Corporate Breakfast was for United to introduce their new services and the airline's leadership team to the American business community in Ghana.



Ghana Regulatory Compliance Workshop 2021

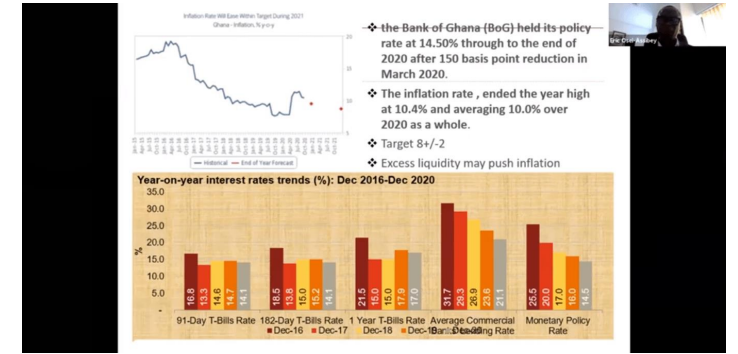
AmCham Ghana, in collaboration with Firmus Advisory Ltd, on Wednesday, May 12, 2021, hosted a workshop webinar to discuss Everything You Need To Know About Work & Residence Permit As An Expatriate In Ghana.

The session was structured to address the processes, procedures, and requirements for obtaining permits such as Work & Residence Permit, Dependent Permit for your spouse, children, and parents.



AmCham Ghana Meeting With Twitter

The chamber engaged Twitter's Head of Public Policy, Government & Philanthropy for Sub-Saharan Africa, Emmanuel Lubanzadio, for a discussion on the company coming into the country and what the chamber can do to help them do business in Ghana.



The Economy And Budget 2021: Challenges And Prospects Post COVID-19

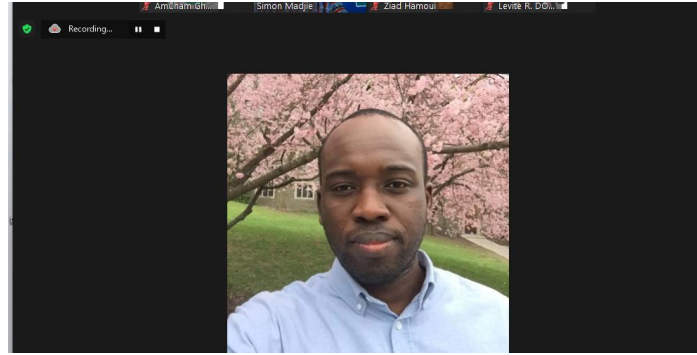
AmCham Ghana, on March 18, 2021, hosted PwC Tax Partner Abeku Gyan-Quansah and Associate Prof. at the Department of Economics and Dean of International Programmes Office at University of Ghana Eric Osei-Assibey for a discussion on the topic; The Economy and Budget 2021: Challenges and Prospects Post COVID-19 (What businesses should expect).



Assessing Ghana's Technology Districts

The chamber, on February 25, 2021, collaborated with TechGulf to host a virtual meeting on the topic; Assessing Ghana's Technology Districts – (Facilitating FDI into the Sector) The Role of Overland Tandberg.

The speaker, Franklin Asare, CEO of TechGulf, presented an overview of the company and its strategic partnership with the “best in class” data storage and archive solutions provider, Overland-Tandberg.



Discussion On IFC's COVID-19 Response Investment Facility For Ghana

The chamber, on February 12, 2021, hosted the Business Development Specialist at the International Finance Corporation, Momodou Sey, for a discussion on the IFC's COVID-19 Response Investment Facility for Ghana.



AmCham Ghana And ABC Nigeria To Collaborate More On Trade And Investment Issues

On January 18, 2021, AmCham Ghana President and Executive Secretary, engaged in a virtual meeting with the CEO of the American Business Council Nigeria, Margaret Olele, for a discussion on enhancing collaboration between the two organizations to advance the interest of member companies and bolster the influence of AmChams across the region.



Webinar On Anti-Corruption

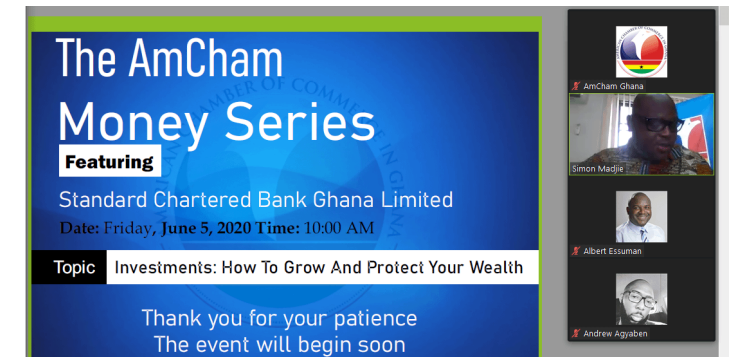
AmCham Ghana, in collaboration with UKGCC, under the auspices of the Private Sector Anti-Corruption Group (PSACG) and Strengthening Action Against Corruption (STAAC), on October 27, 2020, hosted a webinar on anti-corruption in the private sector.

The webinar featured an insightful presentation and discussions on the United Kingdom's Bribery Act 2010 and the United States' Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA).



Webinar: Accessing Co-Investment Opportunities And Exporting Under AGOA

The Chamber, on June 16, 2020, collaborated with USAID and the West Africa Trade & Investment Hub to host a webinar to discuss the Trade Hub's Co-Investment Opportunities and how companies can take advantage and export to the United States under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA). The event was part of the AmCham Money Series.



AmCham Hosts The Maiden Money Series Featuring Standard Chartered Bank

The chamber hosted the maiden AmCham Money Series featuring Standard Chartered Bank Ghana on June 3, 2020, to discuss among other issues, the effects of coronavirus on the country's economy, investing during and post COVID-19, and the \$1 billion SC bank financing for companies.



AmCham Ghana President Visits Fashion Connect Africa's Garment Factory

The AmCham Ghana President visited the Fashion Connect Africa garment factory to interact with management and observe the production of face masks intended to be distributed for free in rural communities to help curb the spread of COVID-19.

The chamber provided seed funds for the production of the first 5000 facemasks.



AmCham Ghana Supports Fashion Connect Africa For The One Million Facemasks For Rural Communities Project

AmCham Ghana as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility and contribution towards the fight against the COVID-19 in Ghana supported Fashion Connect Africa for their One Million Facemasks for Rural Communities project, aimed at providing facemasks to the residence in rural communities to help curb the spread of the new coronavirus.

AfCFTA Implementation Post COVID-19

Anchor: Amaka Anku, Director and Practice Head, Africa at Eurasia Group

Guest Speaker: His Excellency Wamkele Mene, Secretary General of the African Continental Free Trade Area

Hosts: AMERICAN BUSINESS COUNCIL

Partners: Google, etc.

Date: 29th May, 2020
Time: 3:30pm WAT
2:30pm GMT

ABC Nigeria And AmCham Ghana Discuss AfCFTA Implementation Post Covid-19

The American Business Council Nigeria, in collaboration with the chamber, hosted a webinar to discuss AfCFTA Implementation Post Covid-19 with the Secretary-General of the African Continental Free Trade Area Secretariat, Wamkele Mene, on May 29, 2020.