



Michael A. Griffin is Chief Executive Officer of Ashanti Produce International, Incorporated and serves as Chairman for the US-Africa Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines, and Agriculture, Inc. Also serves as Honorary Consulate General Designee to the Republic of Ghana in Philadelphia and the Tri State.

As Chief Executive Officer of Ashanti Produce International, an International Import /Export trading company founded in 1994 and incorporated in Chicago, Illinois in 1995, he manages all aspects of the company including two international offices in Ghana. He is also the facilitator of the African Caribbean Produce Union (ACPU), which correlates farmer Co-operative's with West African Agribusiness Groups.

Mr. Griffin works hands on bridging the gap between the United States and Africa; creating employment on both continents through much needed Agricultural development projects in Africa. Through the USAID and Western Union Diaspora programs, Mr. Griffin focuses on revolutionizing the \$500 billion Agricultural industry, which includes Perishable and Non-Perishable Goods I.e. (Rice) in addition to utilizing it for humanitarian purposes.

Mr. Griffin's role as chairman of the US-Africa Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture (US-ACCIMA), is crucial as he implements his extensive experience in international trade to foster economic and developmental growth in Africa, which also has a great impact on growth in the United States. Mr. Griffin personally leads and facilitates various projects that benefit many countries.

Mr. Griffin has long been an outspoken advocate for doing business in Africa and is passionate about Africa competing in the global economy. In addition to his impressive business achievements, Mr. Griffin has the distinction of being the first African American to trademark the Ashanti green pineapple as Ashanti produce and import it from Ghana to the United States, where it has been carried in Safeway Stores and Dominick's (Chicago), and is now available at Whole Foods in the southeastern United States. His success in agricultural ventures earned him a winning spot at the 2012 African Diaspora Marketplace, held in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Griffin is also an accomplished educator and speaker in his field. His most recent keynote appearances include George Washington University, Temple University, Cheney University, and The West Africa Infrastructure and Construction 2012 Summit in Ghana. As well as the Guest speaker at President Obama 47 Heads of state at the White House on Africa Agriculture. His work has been featured in articles in various publications throughout the United States and West Africa. Mr. Griffin is the Host of Africa Matters at 900Fmwurd.com in Philadelphia Pa.

A graduate of the University of Oklahoma, Mr. Griffin played professional international basketball in Ecuador and Peru, where he first became exposed to international trade. He resides in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and has been in Accra, Ghana for the past 23 years.