



Mr. James Asare-Adjei, BSc. DIP.M, MCIM, MBA
Immediate Past President-AGI [2014 – 2017]

JAMES ASARE-ADJEI now the immediate Past President of Association of Ghana Industries (AGI) is the Founder & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Asadtek Group Limited, a major Kitchenware and Roofing Products Manufacturing factory, as well as Real Estate Company located in Tema, Ghana.

Mr. Asare-Adjei holds Bsc Engineering degree (K.N.U.S.T - Kumasi), Postgraduate Diploma in Marketing (C.I.M – U.K), MBA (University of Central England, U.K) and currently a Doctoral researcher on S.M.Es (SBS Swiss Business School, Switzerland). He also has a long-standing academic experience as a Lecturer in International Marketing and Strategic Marketing Management at the Chartered Institute of Marketing, Ghana (Senior Managers Programme), at GIMPA.

Mr. Asare-Adjei serves on the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council, UK. He is a member of Advisory Boards of Ministry of Education and Ministry of Trade & Industry; A

Board Member of COTVET, a former member of the Advisory Boards of; Ministries of Power and Petroleum. Advisory Board Member of Ghana Infrastructure Investment Fund (GIIF). He represented Industry on the National Economic Forum Implementation Group (Senchi consensus). He is the Board Chairman of Hope Children Village, an Orphanage.

A former member of the Advisory Board of Institute of Statistical, social and Economic Research (ISSER), Legon, University of Ghana. He was the National Secretary of Chartered Institute of Marketing, Ghana (C.I.M.G). Mr. Asare-Adjei worked as Manpower Development Manager with several years of progressive experience in Capacity Building, Human Resource Management and General Management.

Mr Asare-Adjei is married with three children and a Christian.



Mr. Charles A. Darku
AGI Vice President - Large Scale

Charles joined Tullow Ghana Limited in 2013. As Managing Director, he is responsible for management of Tullow Oil Plc's most important assets – the Jubilee and TEN fields (Tweneboa, Enyenra and Ntomme). Under his leadership production of oil and gas from these two world-class assets remains an important contributor to Ghana's economy.

Charles started his career in the public sector as an electrical engineer with The Volta River Authority. In 2009, he was appointed Chief Executive of Ghana Grid Company (GRIDCo). In his four years at the helm of GRIDCo, Charles led the team to consolidate the newly established GRIDCo and took steps to improve the operation and management of the Transmissions grid in Ghana.

A graduate of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Charles obtained a BSc in Electrical Engineering in 1982. He is also an alumnus of Harvard University where he obtained a Master's Degree in Public Administration in 1996. He is a Fellow of the Ghana Institution of Engineers.



Mr. Humphrey Kwesi Ayim-Darke, LLB. MA.
AGI Vice President – Small & Medium Scale Enterprises (SMEs)

Humphrey Kwesi Ayim-Darke is the founder and Chief Executive of Hamdark Holdings, an apex body for four companies with diverse interests in Packaging, Beverages, Oil & Gas and General Mercantile. An Entrepreneur, Management and Organizational Development Practitioner and a versatile industrialist, Mr. Ayim-Darke has over fifteen (15) years hands-on and auxiliary experience in a myriad of enterprises and institutions.

For the over a decade that he has managed successful businesses, adding on from a single company in 2001, Mr. Ayim-Darke has carved a niche for himself as a tactician and an innovator, overseeing what is easily one of the finest homegrown light industrial packaging companies in Ghana today.

Mr. Ayim-Darke's relentless hard work and dynamic leadership have inspired phenomenal personal growth for his staff and protégés, as well as impressive corporate growth for the corporate organizations that he has been associated with.

He was the Chairman for the Accra Branch of the Association of Ghana Industries for six years and also served on the National Council over the same period.

A Fellow of the International Society for Organization Development (ISOD) in the USA, he also was recognized as a young leader/entrepreneur by the Crans Montana Foundation in Belgium. He currently serves on these Advisory Boards.

- Institute of Statistical
- Social and Economic Research (University of Ghana),
- Millennium Development Authority (MiDA) and Empretec Ghana.

Mr. Ayim-Darke holds a Master's degree in Organizational Development from the University of Cape Coast, a Post Graduate Diploma in Financial Management (ACCA, UK) and a first degree in Management from the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA). He also holds an LLB from the GIMPA Law School.

Mr. Ayim-Darke loves to join discussions on social and economic issues and volunteer on outreaches that support. In his spare time, he loves to play tennis. He is married and blessed with three children.



Mrs Grace Amey-Obeng
AGI National Treasurer

Mrs. Grace Amey-Obeng is a Medical Aesthetician by profession. She is the CEO of FC Group of Companies with five subsidiaries namely FC Skin & Beauty Klinik, FC Perfumery & Cosmetics, FC Cosmetics Industry, Salon Equipment and Beauty Supplies (SEBS), and FC Beauty College, the premier beauty therapy training institute in Ghana.

Board Chairperson for UMB Capital and UMB Foundation, Media General, Parkway Developers, First Insurance, Slid Industries, Ambassador; Access Bank W Initiative, Made-in-Ghana Ambassador, Chairperson, AGI Toiletries & Cosmetics Sector, Vice Chair, Southern Volta Development Group (SOVODEG), Member, GIMPA Business School Advisory Council, Governor, Millennium Excellence Foundation and, President, Ghana Cosmetology Federation.

In 2003, she was awarded the CIMG, Marketing Woman of the year 2002. She also received the prestigious award at the International Women Entrepreneurial Challenge (IWEC) 2010 in Spain. Grace was a Country Winner, Africa's Most Influential Women Awards 2014 as well as recipient of Most Enterprising Women of the year 2014 Award, USA and the IPMATIC Africa Awards 2014 for her achievements in the area of business.

Her passion for women and children led her to establish the Grace Amey-Obeng Foundation International (GAOFI) in 2007. GAOFI's passion is to equip young girls who are into transactional sex with employable skills to help them develop alternative source of livelihood. GAOFI aims to take an estimated 1000 girls off the streets within the next 5 years.



Mr. Gopal C. Vasu
AGI Executive Member

Mr. Gopal C. Vasu was born just five days before India got Independence in 1947. He holds a post-graduate degree in Sociology from Indore University in India in 1969.

He briefly worked with the ESSO Company as a management executive. In 1969 he relocated to Ghana and worked with an Industrial Enterprise that were in the manufacture of footwear, plastic packaging, and pharmaceuticals products. He also became one of the directors of the company.

Mr. Vasu with colleagues took over a divested pharmaceutical company in 1993 and with a pivotal and managerial acumen restructured the company, M&G Pharmaceuticals Ltd, to its present state of producing over 78 pharmaceutical products – ‘Producing Drugs for Millions’.

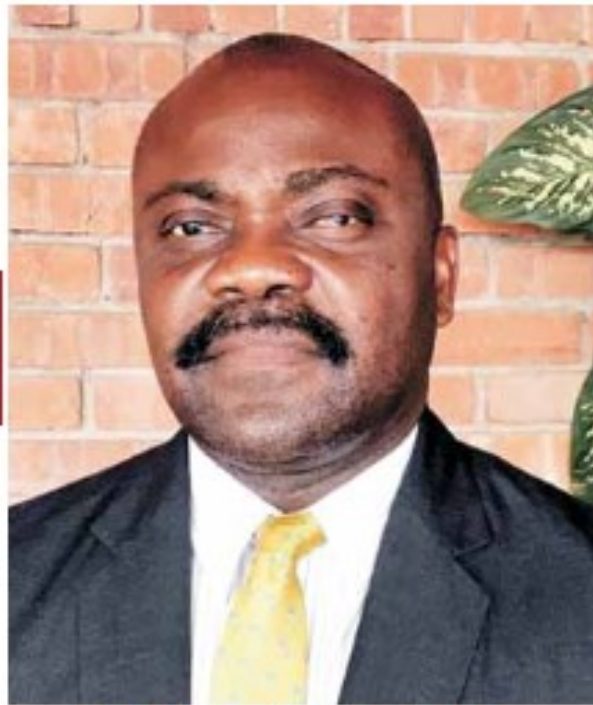
Mr. Vasu is a Co-Founder and the Chairman of M&G Pharmaceuticals Ltd; a Member of National Executive Committee (NEC) and Member of the National Council of the Association of Ghana Industries (AGI). He is a Past Treasurer of West African Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association (WAPMA) and Past Vice President of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association of Ghana (PMAG). He is a pioneer in the promotion of ‘Made-In-Ghana’ products

and services since the inception.

Under his able leadership, M&G Pharmaceuticals, has participated and won various awards at Exhibitions, which among others, include Most Innovative Enterprise by UNIDO/GIPC in 1995; National Quality Awards 2002 (Drugs & Chemicals Sector); INDUTECH 2005 for Outstanding Performance (Pharmaceutical Sector). M&G Pharmaceuticals Ltd continues to be a consistent Member of The Ghana Club 100 for consecutive sixteen years from 1998. Ghana Club 100 programme is a brainchild of Ghana Investment Promotion Centre.

Pharmaceutical Society of Ghana (PSG) conferred Honorary Membership on Mr. Vasu during its 70th anniversary celebration in 2005. He was awarded Best Entrepreneur of the Year 2012 (Pharmaceutical) by Ghana Entrepreneur Foundation (GEF) in 2013.

In all, Mr. Gopal C. Vasu has played and continues to play his yeoman’s role in the alleviation of poverty and enhancing the living standards of Ghanaians. He believes that a country can progress with a strong industrial base and that the most developed countries are strong because of a very strong and sound industrial base.



Mr. Raphael M. K. Ayitey
AGI Executive Member

Raphael (Ralph) Mawuenyega Kojo Ayitey is the General Manager of Coconut Grove Regency Hotel, Accra. Coconut Grove Hotels currently comprises of seven hotels and resorts in Ghana and Monrovia Liberia.

Ralph over the last 19 years that he has been employed by Coconut Grove Hotels, derives a lot of energy, creativity, tenacity, integrity, love for Country Ghana and experience from the opportunities offered him by Dr. P.K. Nduom, President and CEO of Groupe Nduom and Mrs. Yvonne Nduom, Senior Vice President of Groupe Nduom.

Groupe Nduom has vast business investment in Africa, Europe and the United States of America in the Financial, Logistics, Media, Entertainment, Insurance, Energy, Manufacturing, Automobiles, Information Technology, Security, Construction, Agriculture, Sports and Real Estate sectors.

Ralph Ayitey holds a Post Graduate Diploma from the Chartered Institute of Marketing, UK and a Diploma in Tourism and Travel Agency Management, UK.

Ralph attended Adisadel College from 1984-1991 where he pursued his Ordinary and Advanced Level studies.

Ralph is currently the Sector Chairman for Hospitality and Tourism at the Association of Ghana Industries and a Council Member, a position he took over from the Board Chairman of Coconut Grove Hotels, Mrs. Yonne Nduom in 2014.

Ralph with the support of the sector members add on to the Hospitality and Tourism Sector of the AGI through seminars, training sessions and lobbying that have been undertaken. Ralph has also had the opportunity to represent AGI in various capacities and platforms, hence familiar with the AGI's vision, mission and its operations.