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Ambassador Perry is vice president for international programs at The Corporate Council on Africa (CCA), where he manages CCA's conferences and programs. He was instrumental in planning CCA's biennial U.S.-Africa Business Summit in 2003, 2005 and 2007. Under his supervision, CCA's programs division plans conferences on agribusiness, health, infrastructure and finance.

He joined CCA in 2003 after a career in the U.S. Foreign Service at the Department of State, where he served as deputy assistant secretary of state in the Bureau of African Affairs (July 2001-December 2002) and was responsible for Economic Policy, West Africa and Public Diplomacy. As U.S. ambassador to the Central African Republic from 1999 to 2001, he coordinated the U.S. contribution to the United Nation's peace building efforts in the country. His previous assignments included managing a \$100 million counternarcotics program for Latin America at the State Department, and postings to Bolivia, Mauritius, Mexico, Ethiopia, Chile and Vietnam.

Ambassador Perry speaks Spanish and French. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the American Foreign Service Association, the Association of Black American Ambassadors and serves as a Trustee of the Phelps Stokes Fund, an educational NGO. He earned a B.A. in Political Science from Wittenberg University and a M.A. in International Relations from American University.