

LONG PROFILE: Dr Arunabha Ghosh, Founder-CEO, CEEW



Dr Arunabha Ghosh is an international public policy expert, author, columnist, and institution builder. He is the founder-CEO, since 2010, of the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW), consistently ranked as one of Asia's leading policy research institutions; and among the world's 20 best climate think-tanks in 2013 and 2016. With experience in 45 countries, he previously worked at Princeton, Oxford, UNDP (New York), and WTO (Geneva).

Arunabha advises governments, industry, civil society and international organisations around the world. He currently serves on Government of India's G20 Finance Track Advisory Group for India's G20 Presidency in 2023. Most recently, the UN Secretary-General appointed him to the High-level Expert Group on the Credibility and Accountability of Net-Zero Announcements by Non-State Actors. In 2018, the UN Secretary-General nominated him to the UN Committee for Development Policy, re-nominating him this year for a second term until December 2024. In 2020, the Government of India appointed him Co-Chair of the energy, environment and climate change track for India's Science, Technology and Innovation Policy (STIP2020). He has also been appointed the Co-Chair of the T20 Task Force on climate and energy for Indonesia's G20 Presidency in 2022.

He is the co-author/editor of four books and dozens of research papers and reports. His 2019 *TED Talk* on air quality (Mission 80-80-80) has crossed 250,000 views. He is co-Chair of the World Economic Forum's *Global Future Council on Clean Air*. He was a World Economic Forum *Young Global Leader*, an *Asia Society Asia 21 Young Leader*, and a *Kamalnayan Bajaj Fellow* (fellow of the *Aspen Global Leadership Network*). He was previously an *Oxford-Princeton Global Leadership Fellow*.

Dr Ghosh led CEEW into a leading think-tank soon after its founding in August 2010. He was actively involved in conceptualising and designing the International Solar Alliance. He conceptualised and was a founder of the Clean Energy Access Network (CLEAN), an industry body for hundreds of decentralised energy entrepreneurs. He serves on the Board of Directors of ClimateWorks Foundation, and is a member of the Climate Crisis Advisory Group.

Dr Ghosh has advised India's Prime Minister's Office, several ministries, state governments and international organisations on a range of subjects. He was invited by the Government of France as a *Personnalité d'Avenir* to advise on the COP21 climate negotiations. He also advised on HFC negotiations under the Montreal Protocol. He is a member of an international high-level panel of the Environment of Peace initiative. He has served on the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council on Energy. He has been a member of Track II dialogues with ten countries/regions; and formulated the Maharashtra-Guangdong Partnership on Sustainability. He served on the Executive Committee of the India-U.S. PACEsetter Fund. He was a member of the Environment Pollution (Prevention & Control) Authority for the National Capital Region (2018-2020). He has presented to heads of state and legislatures across the world on varied topics including global governance, international relations and human development, climate, energy, natural resources and water, trade and intellectual property, development assistance, conflict and extremism.

Widely published, he was lead author of *Jobs, Growth and Sustainability: A New Social Contract for India's Recovery* (CEEW, 2020). Arunabha's co-authored essay "Rethink India's energy strategy" in *Nature*, the world's most cited scientific journal, was selected as one of 2015's ten most influential essays. He is co-author of *Energizing India: Towards a Resilient and Equitable Energy System* (SAGE, 2017); *Human Development and Global Institutions: Evolution, impact, reform* (Routledge, 2016); and *Climate Change: A Risk Assessment* (FCO, 2015). He is the co-editor of *The Palgrave Handbook of the International Political Economy of Energy* (2016). He has been a co-author of three UNDP *Human Development Reports*,

including the pathbreaking *Beyond Scarcity: Power, poverty and the global water crisis* (2006).

His regular columns are widely read and have been published in the *Business Standard*, *Financial Express*, *Forbes*, *Hindustan Times*, *Indian Express*, *Mint*, *Nikkei Asian Review*, *The Hindu*, *The Times of India*, among other platforms. He has hosted a documentary on water in Africa, featured in *National Geographic* and *Discovery Channel* documentaries on energy and climate change, and delivered a *TED Talk* on air quality. He has been regularly interviewed on Al Jazeera, BBC, CGTN, CNBC, CNN News 18, Gulf News, India Today TV, NDTV, Voice of America, etc.

He holds a doctorate from the University of Oxford (Clarendon Scholar; Marvin Bower Scholar), an M.A. (First Class) in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Balliol College, Oxford; Radhakrishnan Scholar); and topped Economics from St. Stephen's College, Delhi.

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