



Short bios of speakers in Plenary 4

Mr. Ajay Chhibber (Chair)

Ajay Chhibber assumed the position of Director of UNDP's Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific in July 2008. Prior to that, he worked at the World Bank for almost 25 years on a range of development issues, managing its programs in Vietnam, Turkey, Indonesia and the Pacific. He was the lead author of the seminal work on Governance at the World Bank and the 1997 World Development Report on the Role of the State. He has published widely including five books on economic development and many articles in international journals and major newspapers. He has a PhD from Stanford University and a Masters from the Delhi School of Economics. He has also taught economics at Georgetown University and the University of Delhi.

Honourable 'Otenifi Afu'alo Matoto

Honourable 'Otenifi Afu'alo Matoto, Minister of Finance, Planning and Public Enterprises, Kingdom of Tonga, has occupied this function since March 2008. Between October 2006 to 2008, Honourable 'Otenifi Afu'alo Matoto was Minister of Public Enterprise and Information. Prior to his engagement in politics, Honourable 'Otenifi Afu'alo Matoto was Managing Director of the Tonga Development Bank for seven years. The Honourable Minister has also occupied key managerial positions at the Westpac Bank of Tonga for many years. The Honourable Minister served as Secretary of Finance for six years.

Mr. Anthony (Tony) Hughes

Mr. Tony Hughes has been in the Pacific since 1961. Originally from UK, he has worked for governments, aid donors and International Financial Institutions in many Pacific Island Countries, before and after independence, mainly in the fields of public finance and economic management. From 1982-93 he was Governor of the Solomon Islands Central Bank, and from 1994-99 he was Regional Economic Adviser in ESCAP's Pacific Operations Center. His special interest is the interaction between the public and private sectors in economic development. He lives in the Western Solomon Islands, chairs the boards of a forest plantation company and a tuna processing enterprise and operates as an independent consultant in the region and internationally.

Dr. Shiladitya Chatterjee

Dr. Shiladitya Chatterjee obtained his MA from the Delhi School of Economics, and his Ph.D in economics from Boston University. He has taught economics at Delhi University, Boston University and the University of Massachusetts. For the first 18 years of his professional career, Dr. Chatterjee was a member of the Indian Administrative Service, where his assignments included Director in the Prime Minister's Office, and Finance Secretary in the Government of Assam. Dr. Chatterjee joined ADB in 1994 and worked initially in ADB's Southeast Asia operations as Country Economist for the Philippines and as Country Team Leader for Indonesia. His more recent assignments include Head of the Poverty Unit, and ADB's Practice Leader for Poverty Reduction. He is currently Advisor in ADB's Strategy and Policy Department and Chair of the Coordination Group for the Millennium Development Goals.

Dr. Rathin Roy

Dr. Roy joined the International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth as Director in October 2009. Prior to this, the past eighteen months, he served in New Delhi, on invitation from the Government of India, as the Economic Advisor to the Thirteenth Finance Commission. He has worked in over 80 countries during and prior to his tenure with UNDP, and is a well known figure in the world of applied macroeconomic and fiscal policy. During his tenure at UNDP Headquarters, he developed a global profile for the organization on fiscal policy issues, including supporting work on fiscal space for the G-20 and G-24 multilateral groupings. Prior to joining UNDP, Dr. Roy was tenured in the Economics Faculty at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London (1995-2002), and was an Economist with the Institute for Development Policy and Management, University of Manchester (1993-95). Rathin holds a PhD in Economics and an MPhil from University of Cambridge, UK. He also has earned a BA (honors) in Economics from St Stephens College, University of Delhi, India.