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Prodipto Ghosh is a multidisciplinary professional specializing at the interface of science, economics, and public policy. He has a Ph.D in Economics and Policy Analysis from the Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh PA, a B. Tech in Chemical Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi, and was a member of the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) from 7/1969 to 5/2007.

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He is the recipient of the BP Pal Centenary Memorial Award for Outstanding Contribution to Environment and Resource Conservation (2006), Alumni Achievement Award of the Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi, for Outstanding Contribution to National Development (2007), and Alumni Achievement Award of the Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh PA, for Contributions to International Environment Policy (2007). He is a Member of the American Economic Association, and a Fellow of the Institution of Engineers (India/UK).

¹ He was the Task Manager of the landmark Regional Technical Assistance Projects: "Asia Least-cost Greenhouse Gas Abatement Strategy" (ALGAS) and "Promotion of Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, and GHG Abatement" (PREGA). Each had a budget exceeding \$ 10 million, and covered 12 Asian countries with more than one-half the global population.