



### **Prof. Asit K. Biswas**

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Prof Asit K. Biswas is universally acknowledged as one of the world's leading authorities on water and environmental management. He is the co-founder of the Third World Centre for Water Management in Mexico and currently the Distinguished Visiting Professor at the Lee Kuan Yew School for Public Policy, National University of Singapore. He is also concurrently Distinguished Visiting Professor at Tsinghua University and

Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, and Indian Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar. Formerly, Professor in UK, Canada, Mexico and Sweden, he was member of the World Commission on Water, and a co-founder of the International Water Resources Association and World Water Council. He has been senior advisor to 19 governments, six Heads of United Nations Agencies, two Secretary-Generals of OECD, and many other major international and national organizations. He is Past President of the International Water Resources Association and is founder and co-chair of the Club of Tokyo.

Among his numerous awards are the Stockholm Water Prize, considered to be the Nobel Prize for water, for "his outstanding and multi-faceted contributions to global water resource issues"; Crystal Drop and Millennium Prizes of the International Water Resources Association; Walter Huber Prize of the American Society of Civil Engineering. He received "Person of the Year Award" from Prime Minister Harper of Canada; Aragon Environment Prize of Spain; "Excellence Award for Achievements" from New Global Indian Foundation; and 'Hind Rattan Award' (Jewel of India). Reuters named him as "one of the top 10 water trailblazers of the world." He was selected by the Impeller magazine as a "true global water hero", and was named the "world's second most influential water industry leader" by Water and Wastewater International of UK.

Because of his extensive scientific contributions, Prof Biswas has received seven honorary doctorates degrees from major global universities.

Prof Biswas was a member of the Global Agenda Council of the World Economic Forum and is currently member of the International Advisory Board, Pictet Investments, Geneva; member of the Advisory Board, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur; and Strategic Advisor, Singapore International Water Week. He advises Chairman of the Board or CEOs of four major multinational companies which are listed within the first 50 of the Global 500 companies, on corporate strategies, technological issues and social responsibilities.

Prof. Biswas is the founder of the International Journal of Water Resources Development and was its Editor-in-Chief for its first 29 years. He has authored or edited 86 books and has published well over 650 scientific and technical papers. His work has now been translated into 39 languages. He is regular contributor to many national and international newspapers on natural resources, environment and development issues and also is a television commentator in BBC, CNN and CNA. He is a Foreign Member of Russian Academy of Engineering and Egyptian Engineering Academy, and Honorary Member of the International Water Resources Association and Indian Water Resources Association.