

About the author



Ashok Chakravarti has been involved with the field of development for the past 30 years. During this period he has worked in an advisory role for the World Bank, USAID, DFID, UNDP, UNCTAD and other international agencies. In his last advisory position he was Chief of Party of a USAID-funded programme in South Sudan (2004–2007) that was focused on building institutions of democratic governance. Between 2002 and 2009,

he was a Visiting Fellow at Oxford University on several occasions. Since 2009 he has been attached to the Department of Economics, University of Zimbabwe, where he teaches an institutions-oriented curriculum to students of Development Economics and Macroeconomics.