

UN CHIEF NAMES AN INDIAN IN CLIMATE TEAM

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Arunabha Ghosh

Arunabha Ghosh, CEO of the Delhi-based Council for Energy Environment and Water, has been appointed a member of a high-level group constituted by United Nations Secretary General, Antonio Guterres, to bolster action against global warming. Mr. Ghosh is among three Asians, and the only South Asian, serving on the expert group.

The High-Level Expert Group on the Net-Zero Emissions Commitments of Non-State Entities was constituted on March 31 and is expected to draw up an action plan and recommend actions to businesses and non-state actors to accelerate the transition to net-zero, or when carbon emitted by human sources is compensated by sucking carbon out of the atmosphere.

Currently, it is mostly countries that have committed to a year, by which they would be net-zero. India, for instance, has a 2070 target and the U.S. has committed to a 2050 date.

The 16-member group will be led by Catherine McKenna, former Canadian Minister of Environment and Climate Change, and the group is tasked with reviewing current standards and definitions for setting net-zero targets; check if proponents have used credibility criteria to assess the objectives, measurement and reporting of net-zero pledges and set out a roadmap to translate standards and criteria into international and national level regulations.

“Governments have the lion’s share of responsibility to achieve net-zero emissions by mid-century. Especially the G20. But we also urgently need every business, investor, city, state and region to walk the talk on their net-zero promises,” Mr. Guterres said.

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