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Arvind Panagariya is the Jagdish Bhagwati Professor of Indian Political Economy at Columbia University, New York.

He served as the first vice chairman of the NITI Aayog (a policy think tank created by the government of India and chaired by the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi) from 2015 to 2017, which came with the rank of cabinet minister. From 2015 to 2016 he negotiated G20 Communiqués on behalf of India for three consecutive G20 Summits.

Professor Panagariya is a former chief economist of the Asian Development Bank and has worked with the World Bank, International Monetary Fund and United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in various capacities.

In March 2012, the Indian Government awarded him the Padma Bhushan, the third-highest civilian honour the country bestows in any field.

Professor Panagariya has authored twenty books. One of his books, titled *Why Growth Matters*, (with Jagdish Bhagwati) was described by *The Economist* as “a manifesto for policymakers and analysts”. He has also written extensive papers on topics such as tariff policy, tax, trade, policy reforms and growth. In 2013 Arvind Panagariya visited CDE and spoke to an invited South African audience about ‘why growth matters’. The report summarising his talk can be accessed [here](#). He holds a PhD in Economics from Princeton University.