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Dr. Ramgopal Agarwala is Distinguished Fellow at the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) in New Delhi, India. He earned his Ph.D. at Manchester University and his research focus includes Macro-modelling, Macro-economic management, regional economic cooperation, pension system reform and foreign aid for development and development policy paradigm. He joined the World Bank in 1971 and worked there in various senior positions. He was the chief of the Economic Unit of the World Bank in Beijing from 1993-96.



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## **Carthew, Alastair**

Mr. Alastair Carthew has almost 40 years experience as a newspaper and broadcasting journalist, public relations executive, presenter, editor, researcher and senior manager in many different countries. He was chief parliamentary reporter for Television New Zealand, editor for a current affairs programme and New Zealand correspondent for Newsweek and The Christian Science Monitor. Furthermore Mr. Carthew held senior public affairs positions at several large companies including Star Alliance and Air New Zealand. He has also co-authored and contributed to a number of books produced by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung.



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Graduated from Warsaw School of Economics with two master diplomas in Finance and Banking (comparison of Japanese accounting <JGAAP> system with IFRS/IAS), and in International Relations (Polish labour force on German labour market). Graduated from National School of Public Administration in Poland. Studied at well recognised WHU Otto Beisheim School of Management in Vallendar (Germany). Spent research year at the University of Bonn. Worked in Ministry of Finance at the Bureau of the Governmental Representative for introduction of euro in Poland. Currently he works as a researcher at Warsaw School of Economics and is working for Supreme Auditing Office of Poland

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### **Schmidt, André**



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