



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

DR RAJESH TANDON

Dr Tandon was educated in India and USA. He has a degree in Electronic Engineering and a PhD in Organisational Science.

His work inspires confidence in citizens the world over especially those living in poor and excluded communities. He is one of the founding fathers of Participatory Research (conducted in Australia by Chain Reaction Foundation).and established the Society for Participatory Research in Asia in 1982. His work in this field has given new meaning to relationships between the researcher and researched subjects.

A firm believer in the innate capacities of individuals and democratic institutions he has built world-wide networks associations and institutions enabling capacity building and strengthening community initiatives.

Dr Tandon has spear-headed campaigns for participation policies between governments and multilaterals. He is Chairperson of the NGO Committee working with World Bank, Chairperson of the Montreal International Forum, Convenor of the Task Force for Civil Society in the New Millennium Project, and Program Director for the Citizens and Governance Program of the Commonwealth Foundation.

Dr Tandon was one of the founding Directors of CIVICUS the World Alliance for Citizen Participation (together with Margaret Bell of Australia) and was President of CIVICUS during its formative years 1995-2002. He serves on the governing boards of directors of many national and international organisations and is one of several International Consultants to Chain Reaction Foundation in Australia.

Through his research, practice and writings Dr Tandon has contributed to the evolution of new thinking in people-centered creative community development. His studies writings and training programs have helped advance the concept of strengthening civil society and ensuring stronger citizen participation in community engagement world-wide.

Dr Tandon has been named by the United Nations as one of the significant social leaders of our times.