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Dr. Ashok Khosla is Chairman of the Development Alternatives Group, a consortium of social enterprises based in India whose mission is to create technologies, businesses and markets for large scale generation of sustainable livelihoods. He is the Founder of the Department of Environment, GOI which later became the Ministry of Environment.

Dr. Khosla was Director of the Office of Environment, Government of India, and Director, Infoterra in the United Nations Environment Programme. He was President of the Club of Rome and has been a Member of the Governing Bodies of the World Economic Forum in Davos, IUCN, WWF, IISD, the Stockholm Environment Institute, WETV and several other Indian and international organizations. He was Special Advisor to the Brundtland Commission and Chairman of the NGO Forum at the '92 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. He has been board member of many government, industry and NGO bodies in India, including the National Security Advisory Board, the Science Advisory Committee to the Cabinet and the National Environment Council.

In 2011, Dr. Khosla was awarded the 'WWF Duke of Edinburgh Conservation Medal'. He has received the Schwab Foundation's Award for Outstanding Social Entrepreneur in 2004. In 2002, he was awarded the Stockholm Challenge Award and the UN Sasakawa Environment Prize.