

Local Voice for Development

Webinar

October 4, 2011

Panelist Sanjay Sinha

India

Sanjay Sinha has devoted his professional life to poverty alleviation. By profession, he is an economist with an alternative view of modern emerging economies. He believes enabling low income families to generate higher incomes should be equally a lever of economic growth along with macroeconomic policies.

In pursuit of that goal he has charted a career applying the economic principles he learnt at Oxford University to understanding and stimulating economic activity by producers at the base of the economy in India and in other countries of Asia. He has established two enterprises that are based on this principle: EDA Rural Systems, which is a research company focusing on understanding and promoting the livelihoods of low income producers and M-CRIL, a leading international rating agency for MFIs and MIVs that is designed to facilitate the flow of microfinance loans to the poor.

In recent years, EDA and M-CRIL have been increasingly concerned about MFIs throughout Asia chasing borrower and portfolio numbers without regard to the real needs of their clients.