

## Speaker Bio

### **Awinash Bawle** **Deputy Director for International Affairs and Business Development** **GO-Biz**

Awinash Bawle spent over seven years serving as an international trade specialist in the Office of South Asia at the U.S. Department of Commerce in Washington, DC. In this capacity, he helped reduce U.S. industry trade barriers to India, and to enable effective market access there in the infrastructure, energy and environment, and financial services sectors. Mr. Bawle advised senior Commerce officials on the agency's role in the U.S.-India Partnership to Advance Clean Energy initiative to help boost U.S. exports to India's clean technology market, valued at \$175 million. Mr. Bawle also developed advocacy arguments which successfully removed Indian market access restrictions for U.S. water heater exports valued at \$10 million and U.S. scrap metal exports valued at \$600 million. Mr. Bawle managed the U.S. Government's recruitment and selection process of U.S. private sector members for the U.S.-India CEO Forum, a mechanism designed to foster policy recommendations for bolstering the bilateral economic relationship. Mr. Bawle also undertook two temporary rotations while at Commerce: first, working as an economics officer for the State Department at the U.S. Consulate in Mumbai, India, where he focused on financial inclusion; and second, as a commercial attaché to the U.S. Executive Director's office at the World Bank, where he focused on helping U.S. industry understand the global carbon credit market.

Mr. Bawle most recently served as a team leader for high school students at the Green School, in Bali, Indonesia, who were assigned to incorporate design thinking principles to attempt to solve a local practical problem in the environmental sustainability area. He also served as a volunteer teacher for Middle Eastern refugee children at a refugee community center on the island of Lesbos, Greece. This latter endeavor led Mr. Bawle to join a team enrolled in the MIT Solve crowdsourcing competition to propose a solution to improve educational quality and access for Middle Eastern refugees across Europe; his team was subsequently selected as one of the winners of that competition. Mr. Bawle began his tenure as the Deputy Director for International Affairs and Business Development with GO-Biz on May 22, 2017.

Mr. Bawle holds a Master's degree in international affairs from the Monterey Institute for International Studies, which included one semester as a visiting scholar at the Jawaharlal Nehru University School of International Studies in New Delhi, India. He also holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan.