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Dr. Romesh Ranawana is the Group Chief Analytics and AI Officer at Dialog Axiata. He earned his DPhil in Artificial Intelligence from the University of Oxford. Dr. Ranawana has experience as an academic, entrepreneur, and business leader. At Dialog Axiata, he was instrumental in setting up an AI and analytics division, enhancing the company's operational efficiency and customer service.

He founded Enterprise Machine Learning (Pvt) Ltd, providing AI implementation support to various organizations. Dr. Ranawana also founded SimCentric Technologies, a simulation software company, and successfully exited the business after establishing it as a leader in its field. His efforts span multiple sectors, including simulations, gaming, drug design, telecommunications and UAV technology.

In addition to his business achievements, Dr. Ranawana is the Chairman of the AI Advisory committee to the ICTA, the former chairman of the National Committee to formulate an AI Strategy for Sri Lanka and the former Chairman of SLASSCOM AI Center of Excellence. He has authored 14 peer-reviewed international publications.