Co-creating methods to downscale the Doughnut
Organiser: Doughnut Economy Action Lab (DEAL)

Doughnut Economics Action Lab (DEAL) organised a webinar on "Co-creating methods to downscale the Doughnut: Share your thoughts!" on 29 July 2021, to bring together people with a shared interest in translating the Doughnut methodology to different scales and geographies—from neighbourhoods to cities to nations across the Global North and South. The aim of this webinar was to invite contributions from the DEAL Community in the Asia and Oceania time zones to share experiences and strategies.

The DA team has been working closely with DEAL and other global experts for the past months on adapting their City Portrait methodology for the Global South to help create healthy, thriving cities in developing countries. As members of this core group, Ms. Zeenat Niazi, VP, DA, and Mohak Gupta, Senior Manager, Policy and Planning Domain, DA, participated in the webinar to share updates and reflections from the co-creative process. They also presented their vision for applying the concept to Indian cities using a reiterative approach combining action research, collaborative solution design and matchmaking for connecting city governments with solution providers.

On behalf of DEAL, Kate Raworth (author of Doughnut Economics: Seven Ways to Think Like a 21st-Century Economist) and Andrew Fanning guided the group through a consultation to gather thoughts and suggestions for localising and contextualising the Doughnut methodology for different regions. These inputs will be used by the DEAL team to prepare a Draft Methodology Report for application of the concept in cities across the global South.