

Session 6 – Contributors’ actions and reflections

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Introduction

Welcome to the sixth session of the Doughnut Economics Action Lab’s co-creative process to adapt the ‘City Portrait’ methodology so that it is relevant and useful to global South priorities and interests. You can find a repository of all the materials related to this co-creative process at

<https://doughnuteconomics.org/cocreating-global-south-portrait>

The purpose of this co-creative working document is to provide an overview of **Session 6: Contributors’ Actions and Reflections**, and to provide a space for contributors to provide inputs and share resources, suggestions, comments, questions, or anything else related to this sixth session.

Thank you for agreeing to revise the co-creative process by adding this sixth session to provide a space to hear from each other’s contexts. It arose as we were planning for the fifth session and realised there would be limited opportunity to hear from you all within this space of trust and collective learning that we have been building together over the past months. We’d love to hear from you! For example:

- Tell us about ideas / plans for localising the Doughnut in your city / region / nation.
- How are you engaging stakeholders of all kinds and building interest and traction around the concepts and approach?
- What questions are you holding that you could benefit from the group’s inspiration to help answer?

We propose that the whole sixth session is in plenary (i.e. no breakout groups). Contributors will share their actions and reflections in concise 8-minute interventions, while the group responds with feedback in the Chat Box and during 3-minute Q+A periods. We do hope you understand that the slots will have to be brief in order to hear from everyone -- it’s very exciting!

Contributors can also share reflections and questions for each group in the tables below.

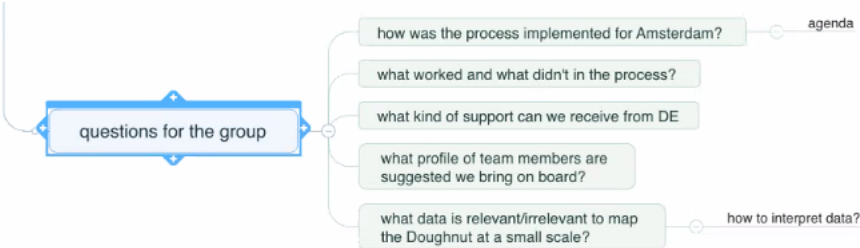
Please see the agenda below for the contributors’ who have volunteered to share. All of the contributors’ presentation materials that we DEAL have received are available [here](#) in our shared Google Drive folder, and the video recording will be uploaded after the session.

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Contributors' reflections and questions

This is a space for participants to add and reflect upon the interventions shared during the session. Please add your name so that we can acknowledge your contribution.

1. Costa Rica Regenerativa	
Name	Reflections
Alvaro/CRR	
00:17:47 KR:	STARTING: COSTA RICA :) Let's go...
00:18:36 KR:	'Nothing extraordinary comes out of a comfort zone'
00:22:26 [Contributor]:	we share the olive ridley turtles that come on our east coast once a year to lay their eggs.
00:22:59 [Contributor]:	* what are the reasons for the 92% dropout? focus on education (LivMundi KKnowledge?)
00:23:28 [Contributor]:	Poverty, lack of true opportunities in terms of jobs
00:23:49 RS:	How to present the process to the community
00:24:11 [Contributor]:	Based on the initial engagement sessions do you have an ingoing hypothesis what the key topics are that the different stakeholders and communities have in mind?
00:24:18 [Contributor]:	There is a contradiction between development that provides "jobs" and the well being of the people
00:25:18 [Contributor]:	Agree! But these towns still live in the old paradigm and tourism development is considered a job creator, not necessarily wellbeing.
00:25:57 KR:	Rather than Amsterdam (which was first and so began differently), I think learning from Brussels and Melbourne could be more useful - they both began in a very participatory way.
00:26:07 [Contributor]:	how do national or sub-national plans for the district align with the local community visions and aspirations in addition to the natural capital conservation? And can there be solutions that provide benefits to all?
00:26:20 KR:	The smallest scale we currently know is a neighbourhood in the

city of Birmingham in the UK.

00:26:49 [Contributor]: This pilot project will rapidly scale to the national level.

00:27:22 RS: Civic Square Birmingham, UK - <https://doughnuteconomics.org/stories/33> & <https://civicsquare.cc/>

00:27:32 [Contributor]: Are there recorded sessions from the workshops in DEAL?

00:27:35 [Contributor]: **How would economic benefits from any intervention here be comparable to what is being planned already in time and scale**

00:29:47 [Contributor]: [Here is a working draft](#) for a national approach for Costa Rica.

2. Curacao Doughnut Economy

Name	Reflections
00:28:40 KR: CURACAO ISLAND DOUGHNUT...	
00:29:38 LG: The engagement process of talking to stakeholders and the community could perhaps be used not just for asking questions and learning, but also for identifying potential partners to join the collaboration and potential implementation...to build a wider local coalition	
00:30:05 [Contributor]: ([Contributor], very sorry to see Curaçao eliminated from the FIFA World Cup qualifier yesterday!)	
00:30:37 [Contributor]: Me too [Contributor] :-(Next time better!	
00:31:23 [Contributor]: When we cast the doughnut net we were amazed at the types of persons who came forward.- change makers for sure.	
00:32:54 [Contributor]: resonating with [Contributor]'s points - investments at national level rarely come in because local community needs - mostly because of GDP and corporate view of profit potential!	
00:33:00 [Contributor]: I think the pre-existing economic models of tourism are so relevant across many of us in the global south (as one prioritizing growth vs thriving/wellbeing) . Very interested in this. Working on this in Thailand atm, but critical topic for many in the south/south-east Asia	
00:33:07 KR: Yes, [Contributor], there are recorded webinars, and DEAL will be	

inviting and hosting more in future because they are such great inspiration.

00:33:45 KR: And if you tell us the kinds of Doughnut-related webinars you would like to attend, then we can arrange them.

00:35:31 [Contributor]: **With Covid, tourists became local citizens in these small cities, with no infrastructure to support the influx.**

00:35:53 [Contributor]: Groupe like this one may provide the grounding to move forward because of the support and inspiration.

00:38:18 [Contributor]: @[Contributor] **exactly, this has been perceived in Nosara** indeed. For example, the high tourist season of 2020-2021 was supposed to finish in April. It did for hotels, but not for house or car rentals. Many tourists decided to stay as long as their visas allowed, some others went for a "border run" to Nicaragua to reenter the country and renew their visas, and I have already spoken with four people that have hired legal services to apply for residence. There is also a bill in Congress to create a digital nomad visa which will increase the possibility of workers staying here as locals for a year or two, increasing the pressure on the natural landscape.

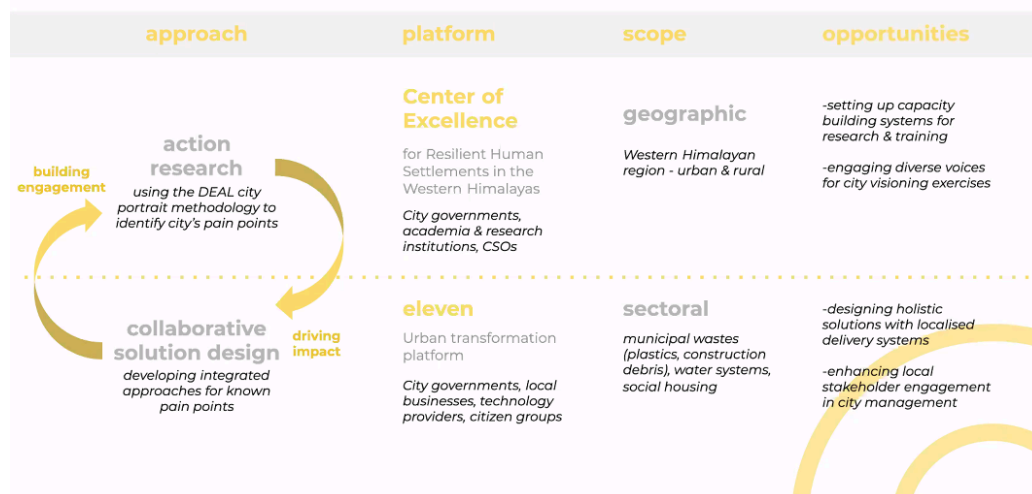
00:38:53 [Contributor]: **Alvaro's description of the situation in Nosara - the high natural capital and low levels of sl development (which attracts inflows of investment that are not in the interest of either the natural capital or the local population is similar to that of developing countries on the brink of becoming a major tourist destination..**

00:40:17 [Contributor]: @[Contributor] absolutely right! We are still on time to do things the right way, particularly in Nosara and generally for all of the Costa Rican coastal communities

3. Development Alternatives (India)

Name	Reflections
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Localising the Doughnut in India - Development Alternatives



[Contributor] **echoing** [Contributor]: **what will happen to this co-creative team afterwards?**

00:36:20 KR: INDIA

00:38:45 KR: this combo of action research and collaboration solution design looks great!

00:39:01 [Contributor]: very scalable

00:39:52 KR: That's a great idea, Zeenat - how can this group continue to learn and support each other.

00:40:09 KR: This session is definitely not the end :)

00:41:21 [Contributor]: Agreed, it's exciting that the ideas are so diverse and innovative. This continuous exposure will support all of us :)

00:42:24 [Contributor]: [Contributor], have you heard of Start up in Residence?

00:42:58 [Contributor]: <https://startupinresidence.com/>

00:43:08 [Contributor]: communicating success cases could be a good strategy to engage the "marketplace"

00:43:10 KR: This work of breaking municipal services into smaller contracts is at the heart of 'Community Wealth Building' that is being pioneered in the UK in the city of Preston. They are showing that municipalities can do a lot with their procurement power to keep spending local, investing in creating a rich locally oriented economy.

00:43:43 KR: Here's the event we did with them:
<https://doughnuteconomics.org/stories/71>

00:43:56 [Contributor]: Moving from a global economy to local economies is key!

00:44:00 RS: If anyone has any examples of good peer-to-peer learning community

formats, please do share!

00:44:44 KR: But Preston have not yet got on top of thinking about resource circularity - so if DA in India can bring them together, that would be excellent. Both regenerative and distributive practice - very Doughnut!

00:44:50 [Contributor]: @[Contributor] no, please do share

00:45:03 [Contributor]: Will the Urban Transformation Platform house the city's solutions to these sectoral issues? That would also provide amazing cohesion and transparency

00:45:04 [Contributor]: <https://startupinresidence.com/>

00:45:23 [Contributor]: Procurement proces for start-ups in cities and provinces in NL

00:46:36 [Contributor]: Collecting a pool of solid examples will be very helpful to everyone.

00:46:53 [Contributor]: Yes [Contributor], that is one of the things we hope it will do

00:49:03 [Contributor]: @KR, **making government procurement processes accessible for small/local players would be a great win. Also helping to build financial instruments to navigate to sweet spot of the doughnut.**

00:49:08 [Contributor]: @KR, yes, we just provided some inputs on small scale conversion of C&D wastes at small town level and also trying get some start-ups that work on waste water management where you can derive both water as well as nutrients with a couple of city municipalities.

00:50:31 KR: @[Contributor] - absolutely agree, and creating finance that is aligned with all of this is key! We are currently recruiting DEAL's Business and Enterprise Lead and this will bring us closer to this conversation and work as an organisation.

00:51:58 [Contributor]: Great. Would love to help design.

00:54:41 [Contributor]: @[Contributor] this would be great - aligning finance and public procurement brings in both supply and demand support. We may need to design aggregation of social and ecological benefits for green finance to flow in and support to enterprises and start ups to demosntate the ecological and social balance sheet

AF: On the Community Wealth Building discussion and JC's "Startup in Residence" example, there's a similar programme that started in San Francisco, which has been scaled to other US cities:

<https://www.innovation.sfgov.org/stir> . An organisation leading this work is City Innovate: <https://www.cityinnovate.com/>

3. LivMundi (Brazil)

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00:47:09 KR: Next up - LIV MUNDI, in BRAZIL

00:47:21 KR: Welcome [Contributor]!

00:47:49 AF: And welcome [Contributor] and [Contributor]!

00:48:16 [Contributor]: It is a pleasure to be here. Hello everybody

00:54:08 [Contributor]: **How about an online Doughnut Festival for the South organised by this group?**

00:54:40 [Contributor]: Will be a pleasure :) !

00:55:19 [Contributor]: LivMundi has some interesting approaches to awareness-building and food security that we can certainly draw on. **So how can DEAL facilitate the sharing of these experiences at the level of practice.?**

00:56:47 [Contributor]: **A repository that will expand and provide inspiration and direction.**

00:56:48 KR: @[Contributor] - that's an inspiring idea! We will all be launching the methodology that we are co-creating here, so how could that be the beginning of something big?... lots of ideas to consider..

00:57:11 AF: +++

00:57:17 KR: (AF will bring us back to this topic of launching the methodology later in this session)

00:58:00 [Contributor]: Great that the list of opportunities is longer than the challenges.

00:58:21 KR: great point [Contributor]! May our opportunities always be longer than our challenges :)

00:58:25 [Contributor]: True!

00:59:32 [Contributor]: **An interesting part of the methodology might be to list the Challenges (similar to here) and how it has been addressed across the countries.** This will be very relatable and inspiring for many other cities - we share your pain! :)

00:59:41 KR: interesting point from [Contributor]: **does it make sense to downscale the Doughnut across a community that has vast inequalities within it - this could be a criterion to consider in determining the best scale.**

00:59:56 KR: wonderful! thanks Ana.

01:01:03 LG: May be useful - **Slum Dwellers International have good examples and processes for community-led data collection in informal settlements where there is no official data**

01:01:26 [Contributor]: The realities of Brazil in terms of the enormous inequality in the country, even in Rio, and the present horrendous political situation suggests how DEAL can be introduced despite these conditions

01:01:49 [Contributor]: To build on what's working - terrific!

01:01:59 [Contributor]: A glimmer of Hope

01:02:26 [Contributor]: In a very dark moment

01:02:39 KR: great point, LG - let's be sure to include the examples of alternative data collection from Slum Dwellers International in our methodology guide.

01:02:58 [Contributor]: I agree, [Contributor]!

01:03:28 KR: **showing how bringing a water tank to a community touches on so many aspects of bringing a community into the Doughnut.** could be powerful!

01:03:44 [Contributor]: **If DEAL can help amplify the voices of those without political voice it would be amazing**

01:03:49 [Contributor]: Hello! On this link, you can see the [LivMundi presentation](#)

01:04:06 KR: Do say more of what that would look like, [Contributor].

4. North Macedonia Development Strategy

Name	Reflections
01:05:11 KR: N. MACEDONIA	
01:06:08 [Contributor]: These are all so interesting and important examples to inspire action. I wonder if we can timeline these all doughnuts so we know when they pop up! Tag each other on social media channels. And keep sharing each other's successes online.	
01:07:07 AF: another great idea, thanks [Contributor]	
01:07:34 [Contributor]: http://www.icccad.net/voices-from-the-frontline/ (Note from AF: the website Rezaie has shared is a rich repository of powerful stories from community-led actions across the global South on the challenges of, and the responses to, the pandemic and the consequent lockdown. Joint initiative by ICCCAD and CDKN)	
01:09:44 [Contributor]: And don;t forget AF, [Contributor]. He's a co-author @ Leeds :-)	

01:10:48 [Contributor]: "manage known risks" - great obs

01:12:07 KR: Great point [Contributor] - people in countries without oceans often think 'we don't have anything to do with ocean acidification' but of course they do, through their local and global CO2 emissions. The Doughnut can be a powerful tool for helping people to understand earth systems for the first time, and how we all impact them.

01:12:43 [Contributor]: Raising awareness is a big part of the process

01:13:50 [Contributor]: using the Doughnut for "localizing SDGs".

01:14:54 [Contributor]: Great idea [Contributor] of using the Doughnut for localising SDGs

01:15:54 [Contributor]: **Would be great if DEAL can standardise some basic recommendations on global indices, standards and indicators that are collected on a consistent, periodic basis for measurement of specific aspects - for both social foundation and ecological ceiling**

01:16:51 KR: Thanks for that suggestion, [Contributor], great to hear that this could be useful (while always recognising the need for local flexibility - not imposing top down)

01:17:05 [Contributor]: **communication seems to be a common opportunity, to amplify these opportunities and cases**

01:20:36 [Contributor]: the building of the selfie is a challenge: from choosing the most adequate indicators to continuous monitoring in a reliable way

01:20:59 [Contributor]: Which statistics does Macedonia have?

01:21:51 KR: Really rich messages and challenges, [Contributor], thanks so much.

01:22:10 KR: **And to hear the importance of communicating the core ideas in ways that everyone can understand.**

5. Regenerate Barbados

Name	Reflections
01:22:25 KR: BARBADOS...	

01:22:42 KR: The courage of people to persist! Here's to that, in everyone on this call and beyond :)

01:24:31 KR: Great to hear how just starting to write about the ideas in the newspaper, and setting up a Facebook page, starts to bring change makers together. A great example of how to get started!

01:25:26 KR: (of course not everyone has the ability to get an article in the news papers! but anyone can post an event on DEAL's website, and we will at least advertise it on our platform and on Twitter, Facebook...)

01:26:32 KR: I think this is the video that was used at the first workshop <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YCqGf7T9ABo> (Note from AF: actually it was KR's TED talk, you can find the launch event story/recordings here: <https://doughnuteconomics.org/stories/78>)

01:26:38 [Contributor]: "you've got to amplify the voice of the most marginalised"

01:27:27 [Contributor]: **Connect and articulate existing initiatives is key!**

01:27:53 [Contributor]: **reaching out to influential stakeholders as well as the wider public**

01:27:56 KR: Great point by [Contributor] - **there is no need for the initiative's name to include 'Doughnut' - use the name that is most effective for your context. Let the Doughnut thinking be a tool in service to that wider work.**

01:28:22 KR: Of course you *can* call it 'Doughnut' if that is useful / effective - very welcome - but it is not essential.

01:28:29 [Contributor]: Yes [Contributor]! Very important is "taking the time needed." **How can DEAL help us with a process of "slowing down", which will help with the adoption of Doughnut principles. COVID helped slowing down, but what lessons can be learned from it?**

01:29:04 AF: changing your initiative name is a great example to me of listening, reflecting, and adaptability ++

01:29:29 KR: Great point, [Contributor]. **At DEAL we know we need to put together some suggested steps of 'how to get started' for new places** that are approaching us all the time. Of course everything that you are all sharing here is invaluable learning.

01:30:01 [Contributor]: The Barbados example is very useful in the "just do it" approach. Very inspiring

01:30:08 [Contributor]: inspiring

01:30:13 KR: yes! agree, [Contributor].

01:30:37 [Contributor]: piggy back on existing projects

01:31:56 [Contributor]: **Connecting our initiatives is already a powerful next step.** More than happy to share LivMundi's experience with you @[Contributor], with DE lenses

01:31:58 [Contributor]: **Islamic finance might be an interesting alternative finance avenue to explore for some countries - Sustainability Sukuk, Waqf, etc**

01:32:13 [Contributor]: Yes. **Access to international level is indeed a very**

important value of DEAL.

01:32:17 [Contributor]: I like that "just do it"

01:32:49 [Contributor]: **Rio+30 would be a wonderful stage for that!**

01:33:03 KR: [Contributor] says: **one of DEAL's valuable attributes is having access to working at the international level.** We all feel stuck in the neoliberal framework so we have to engage at that 'macro' level too. **So what more can DEAL do? Do we have a strategy?... (yes!) What is DEAL's own strategy in terms of purpose, networks, governance, ownership and finance** - fabulous questions for us, [Contributor]! Thank you.

01:33:31 [Contributor]: Very important reflections @[Contributor]!

01:34:12 [Contributor]: Hi All, unfortunately I have to leave early today. Please keep me updated! See you all soon!

01:34:31 AF: OK [Contributor], thank you so much -- you know we'll be in touch!

01:35:29 KR: Just for the (quick) record, yes KR / DEAL has presented - **always on invitation** - at: WEF, World Bank, World Trade Organisation, Biden's Treasury Transition Team, European Commission, and ministers / senior civil servants in many countries including UK, Netherlands, Canada, New Zealand...we agree, this **engagement with national and international institutions is part of our responsibility and also our strategy for influence.**

01:37:25 KR: (what's interesting to us is that these institutions are now inviting us, saying that they want to think and listen more widely...)

6. Thoughts in Gear (Malaysia)

Name	Reflections
01:38:34 KR:	MALAYSIA - IPOH
01:38:38 [Contributor]:	Someone want my contact information. Happy to share
01:38:44 [Contributor]:	Make easier in format and content
01:39:52 [Contributor]:	The consulting world offers a structured process.
01:40:05 [Contributor]:	@[Contributor], will it be possible to access these slides after this discussion today ? or may be just through the recording of today
01:40:06 AF:	Thanks [Contributor]. Also, here is the List of Contributors' bios

and contact details

01:41:02 KR: Just to be sure that everyone knows: this workshop is definitely not our last! We still have to bring together the methodology that we have been co-creating, and then launch it together. So much more collaboration lies ahead :)

01:41:11 KR: Amazing, [Contributor]. that was great to see.

01:42:35 [Contributor]: **Maybe try to touch the values people have to evangelize. What do they feel passionate about?**

01:47:12 [Contributor]: @[Contributor], is your group still in a volunteer base?

01:47:16 [Contributor]: That's a great point, AF - if DEAL can provide ideas for alternative financing and even sources for international funding

01:48:42 [Contributor]: @[Contributor], at the moment yes. We are convinced it is the right way to go. But we will look to put together a project team after successfully pitching the idea :)

01:49:12 [Contributor]: Not sure if this helps but DML are looking at long term financing for climate issues in general. We have an in house finance team and one of the North Macedonia team, X, that [Contributor], [Contributor], et al know, works with that team. I can share some blogs we have written on financing

01:49:36 [Contributor]: good luck! I'd like to follow up your progress :)!

01:49:43 KR: That would be great, [Contributor].

01:50:10 AF: Re. [Contributor]'s comment: DML = Dark Matter Labs, fyi

01:50:19 [Contributor]: Thanks, [Contributor]! We have so much to learn from you!

7. UNDP

Name	Reflections
01:46:40 KR:	UNDP Contribution...
01:48:18 KR:	The Doughnut is universally applicable but without imposing uniformity - great point.
01:49:07 KR:	'No one left behind' is indeed key in the Doughnut - this is why

the social foundation focuses on leaving no one in the hole in the Doughnut.

01:51:44 [Contributor]: **Useful to think of the parameters that provide the most enabling environment for the introduction of a DEAL. Certainly a progressive government helps but the contest between Brazil and Barbados shows that in the most disabling of environments you can find spaces - a village (as in Costa Rica) a favela - in which to introduce DEAL. So I would add to the parameters Cultural Values and History**

01:52:18 [Contributor]: "liveability of the territory"

01:53:15 KR: great point, [Contributor]. And some of the places that reach out to us worldwide are places that have faced really deep challenges / difficult events.

01:53:53 [Contributor]: The beauty of the doughnut is that it does apply universally at all levels.

01:57:27 [Contributor]: **A question for UNDP Innovation Lab: How do your ideas percolate through the UN system? I haven't seen any interest from UNDP here [Barbados] yet?**

01:57:28 [Contributor]: @[Contributor], please do engage - Malaysia has also recently (regulators and private sector) made Islamic and Sustainability-linked financing more plausible. We also have an Islamic finance expert on the team who would be ideal to have a much deeper conversation with if you are interested

01:57:50 [Contributor]: Thank you so much for this powerful session. **I have learnt so much and feeling very inspired to begin the journey in Lusaka Zambia and hopefully getting other cities in Africa through our Ubuntu.Lab programme involved.** I am sorry that I have to leave now. Looking forward to staying connected with you all. Bye

01:58:12 AF: Bye [Contributor], we'll be in touch!

01:58:29 [Contributor]: Glad to see "deep listening" as an approach by the UN.

01:58:50 [Contributor]: Good advice for us all.

01:59:20 [Contributor]: Sharon, it's my absolute favorite approach :) It brings amazing richness into our understanding of what is

01:59:29 KR: On fragile contexts - we DEAL recently had a conversation with UN Office of Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, asking quite similar questions.

01:59:59 KR: **There is also the Stockholm + 50 event happening 2-3 June 2022 - this could be a relevant moment for us all.**

02:00:00 [Contributor]: **We need serious discussion on Leadership - this is a fundamental dimension of the possibilities for change**

02:00:44 [Contributor]: our platform: <https://city2city.network/>

02:01:07 [Contributor]: Our 15 UN agency and partners coalition platform: <https://www.local2030.org/about-us.php>

02:02:00 [Contributor]: @[Contributor] yes, Leadership! Only way forward.

02:02:01 [Contributor]: **How to encourage values of commitment to equity, including gender equity, inclusivity, listening to the voices of marginalised**

groups etc.

02:02:16 [Contributor]: @[Contributor], is Rio+30 already in the radar?

02:02:46 [Contributor]: **It seems that building a common events calendar could be useful**

02:05:07 [Contributor]: How do you have a festival without offering unhealthy doughnuts?

02:05:21 [Contributor]: @[Contributor] - fully agree on the relevant calendar. Need to see how the Rio+30 and Stockholm +50 are aligned.

02:07:25 [Contributor]: Thank you everyone! Good luck with everything!

02:07:26 [Contributor]: Enjoy everybody!

02:07:31 [Contributor]: Thank you AF

Any other issues arising...

This is a space for participants to suggest resources and ideas, raise questions and comments, or provide other inputs before, during, and after this session. Feel free to include links to online materials, or suggestions and ideas for subsequent sessions, or comments on the overall process more generally. We at DEAL are grateful for these inputs - we will review them all with careful consideration.

Name	Resources, Ideas, and Questions