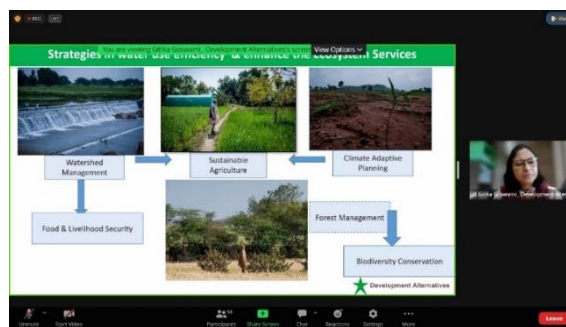
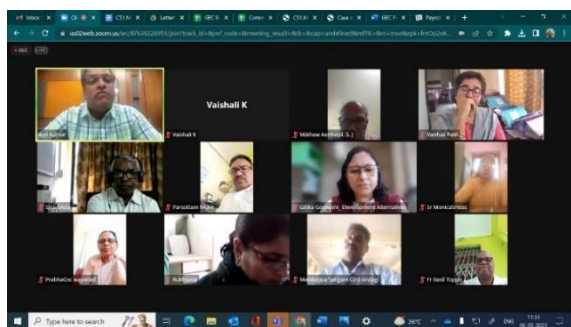


Development Alternatives Nudging Policy through Research in the Space of Climate Change Adaptation and Plastic Circularity

Over the month of March, Development Alternatives (DA) participated in various webinars, conferences, and other similar events with the aim to put out policy recommendations and research outcomes of our projects in the space of climate adaptation-mitigation and plastic circularity. Participating in these events enhanced the visibility of the policy research work done in DA and grew prospects of forming strong networks amongst other development organisations and practitioners.

Ms. Gitika Goswami, Associate Vice President & Lead, Policy Research and Planning, Development Alternatives, presented at a Technical Consultation session on 'Climate Change: Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies' on 6 March 2023. The session was organised by the Jesuit Conference of India/South Asia in New Delhi. Ms. Gitika presented 'Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Strategies- Insights from Development Alternatives'. She enumerated DA's innovative strategies to address climatic and socio-economic vulnerabilities by improving water efficiency, and ecosystem services, building water harvesting structures for agriculture, green and affordable construction, and creating a policy framework for managing plastic waste.



Ms. Gitika Goswami presenting at the Technical Consultation session on 'Climate Change: Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies'

Ms. Gitika also attended a 5-day training programme on 'Climate Change: Challenges and Responses' as a guest speaker. It was organised by the Centre for Disaster Management and Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration Mussoorie, Uttarakhand for Women Scientists & Technologists in the government sector with an aim to support them to become efficient and empathetic administrators and enable a transfer of technologies from lab to land.

Ms. Goswami discussed 'Community-based Approaches to Climate Change Adaptation & Mitigation', for which she presented Development Alternatives' work on climate change adaptation in Bundelkhand region and the organisation's Adaptation Fund NGO Network's work in West Bengal in partnership with Development Research Communication and Services Centre (DRSCS), India. There was traction from women scientists on models that Gitika presented, as they showed interest in DA's work.

On 27 March 2023, Ms. Goswami spoke at a session titled, 'Accelerating Plastic Circularity - Policy Perspectives' at the launch event of FINILOOP PLASTIC LAB. This event was organised by Aspire Labs in partnership with the IKEA Foundation, WASTE, and Trust of People.



Ms. Goswami at LBSNAA, Mussoorie

Ms. Goswami, in her presentation, highlighted DA's work on the Plastic Circular Economy, such as our initiative to promote countermeasures against Marine Plastic Litter in South and Southeast Asia with case studies from Haridwar and Prayagraj, our work in Agra along with the city municipality to curb plastic pollution under the Nirmal Agra Project, and the India – Australia Industry and Research Collaboration for Reducing Plastic Waste which is coordinated by the CSIRO, that DA is a part of. The recommendations put forth during this presentation were – to develop a circular economy transition body, include all plastic types, recognise and engage all stakeholders, phase out low value plastics, and set up decentralised, locally relevant, and equitable policies.



Ms. Goswami speaking at the Launch of Finiloop Plastic Lab