



GLOBAL CITY TEAMS CHALLENGE

In 2017, the 4th WeGO General Assembly took place, and WeGO resolved to undertake a number of important activities that are geared towards action and project implementation, including the WeGO Thematic Clusters initiative. The WeGO Thematic Clusters are designed to gather cities, private companies, and experts around specific smart city themes, like smart government or transportation, to establish tangible partnerships for the benefit of future projects. All WeGO members have an opportunity to benefit from our numerous thematic activities planned for next year and beyond. As part of the launch of the WeGO Thematic Clusters, WeGO will build crucial momentum for the initiative by acting as an official partner of the Global City Teams Challenge (GCTC) and participate by creating inaugural Thematic Clusters under the auspices of the GCTC.

WeGO cordially invites its members to co-create these inaugural Clusters and join the main GCTC activities with WeGO's coordination. These activities include the [GCTC-SC3 Kickoff Conference on February 6-8, 2018](#), the intermediate event, [Tech Jam](#) in May-June, and the concluding [GCTC Expo](#) in September-October. The aforementioned [GCTC-SC3 Kickoff Conference \(Washington DC, USA, February 6-7, 2018\)](#) will bring together hundreds of municipal governments and technology innovators to establish global teams and address shared issues faced by cities and communities. The agenda can be downloaded on the [WeGO website](#).

Together, the GCTC-SC3 Kickoff Conference, Tech Jam, and Expo will help cities to collaborate to improve their projects in a variety of ways, including formulating KPIs and benchmarking measurables together and by connecting them to Cluster partners including investors, companies, cities, and other smart, sustainable city stakeholders. **To participate in GCTC activities**, please complete and submit a project worksheet to secretariat@we-gov.org. The worksheet template and a sample, fictional example can be found on the [WeGO website](#). This year's GCTC initiatives have an emphasis on cybersecurity and privacy, but other smart city themes are also welcome. Please feel free to contact and address any questions to Ms. Alexandra Sidorova at alexandra@we-gov.org.

The GCTC collaborative platform, led by the National Institute of Standards and Technology at the U.S. Department of Commerce and co-hosted with U.S. Department of Homeland Security, enables local governments, NGOs, academic institutions, technologists, and corporations from all over the world to form project teams, or "action clusters," and "SuperClusters," to work on groundbreaking Internet of Things (IoT) and Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS) applications within the city and community environment. Because many of today's smart city/community development efforts are isolated the Global City Teams Challenge encourages collaboration "to establish and demonstrate replicable, scalable, and sustainable models for incubation and deployment of interoperable, standard-based solutions using advanced technologies such as IoT and CPS, and demonstrate their measurable benefits in communities and cities." To put it simply, this program will help communities benefit from the experience of others to improve efficiency and lower costs. Over 150 cities and 400 private companies from around the world have already benefited from the practical experience of others within this large-scale smart city movement.