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World e-Governments Organization of Cities and Local Governments

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The World e-Governments Organization of Cities and Local Governments (WeGO) is an international cooperative body for cities and local governments around the globe that pursues sustainable urban development based on e-Government.

WeGO is committed to sharing knowledge and good practices in e-Governance; strengthening administrative efficiency and transparency; advancing digital capacity; facilitating civic involvement; bridging the digital divide; and promoting cooperation and solidarity among cities and local governments around the world.

WeGO was established in 2010, and the WeGO Secretariat is based in Seoul, Korea with Regional Offices in Chengdu, China and Ulyanovsk Region, Russia.

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GREETINGS

Won-soon Park

Mayor of Seoul & President of WeGO

Warm greetings! I am Won-soon Park, the Mayor of Seoul. The Seoul Metropolitan Government is honored to serve as the President City of WeGO.

WeGO's mission to promote sustainable urban development through ICT is important because cities from both developed and developing countries are facing unique urban challenges posed by this century's unprecedented urban growth. ICT and e-Government have substantial potential to help cities around the world to meet these challenges.

For example, in today's Information Age, citizens are taking center stage and they have higher expectations for openness, accountability and transparency from their local governments.   Digital governance can play a key role in activating enthusiastic participation from citizens and building their trust through ICT, which is used as a link in mutual sharing and communication. For this reason, the primary WeGO event of 2014 – the 3rd WeGO General Assembly – was held under the theme "Engaging Citizens: Open, Sharing, and Collaborative Cities".

As we look back on the year 2014, it was a critical year in WeGO's history and rich in major events and new collaborative opportunities. As a global leader in digital governance, the Seoul Metropolitan Government promises to continue to work closely with the WeGO Secretariat to promote exchanges and cooperation among cities to find new innovative solutions for enhancing the lives of their citizens. Let us work together to make this happen. I look forward to seeing you at WeGO activities and events in 2015!

Won-soon Park

Gunso Kim

WeGO Secretary General

2014 was a transformative year for WeGO. After relocating from Seoul City Hall to its own office, WeGO hired a whole new team of staff members to invigorate WeGO's programs and help shape the direction of its future. The dedicated core team of the WeGO Secretariat worked hard to reach out to WeGO members more than ever before, build valuable partnerships and international partners, and design activities for 2014.

The highlight of 2014 was surely the 3rd WeGO General Assembly in host city Chengdu, which brought together almost 300 leaders and practitioners from 63 cities around the world. The 2nd WeGO Awards -- WeGO's popular e-Government competition -- turned out to be an especially competitive one this year with the submission of 68 projects reflecting the most exceptional achievements in local e-Government on an international scale.

As a key component for the advancement of digital capacity, WeGO offered e-Government tools and capacity building programs for WeGO members throughout the year. The WeGO Secretariat welcomed members for intensive week-long programs in Seoul, a city that has consistently topped global e-Government surveys, while the WeGO Asia and Europe Regional Offices in Chengdu, China and Ulyanovsk Region, Russia, respectively, hosted their own inaugural knowledge sharing programs.

As WeGO's Secretary General, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our members and partners for making 2014 a memorable year for WeGO with their enthusiastic participation and valuable support. As good as this year was, this support has inspired and encouraged us to work even harder for our members' interests worldwide in our united effort to promote sustainable development through e-Government.

I invite you to look through this report and see for yourself what this year was like through words and photos. Please join us as we look forward to another promising year as WeGO is celebrating its 5th Anniversary this 2015!

Gunso Kim

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2014 WeGO
Highlights

THE 3ʳᵈ WeGO
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Engaging Citizens : Open, Sharing, and Collaborative Cities

WeGO's flagship conference, the 3rd WeGO General Assembly, was held from November 3-6, 2014 and revolved around the theme of "Engaging Citizens: Open, Sharing, and Collaborative Cities", in recognition of the significant role of enhanced civil participation in the development of smarter and more sustainable cities. The General Assembly brought together almost 300 stakeholders from 63 cities and 25 partner organizations around the world to share experiences, best practices, and innovative solutions to the challenges local governments face today.

Election Results:
At the 3rd WeGO General Assembly, WeGO members elected the new WeGO Leadership for the term 2014-2017:

- President City **Seoul**
- Executive Vice President City **Ulyanovsk Region**
- Vice President Cities **Barcelona, Chengdu, Hebron, Jakarta, Khartoum State, Sennar State**
- Executive Committee Members **Agra, Barcelona, Chengdu, Frankfurt, Gimpo, Hebron, Jakarta, Khartoum State, Maputo, Nairobi, Sennar State, Seoul, Ulaanbaatar, Ulyanovsk Region**
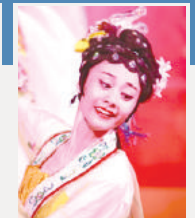
3rd WeGO General Assembly
World e-Governments Organization of
Cities and Local Governments

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OPEN, SHARING
AND COLLABORATIVE CITIES
Chengdu
3-6 November, 2014

3rd WeGO General Assembly Highlights

In addition to the General Assembly and Executive Committee Meetings, where WeGO's leadership decided on key organizational agenda, the rich and varied event program included:

■ The Mayors' Roundtable Meeting, the highlight of the General Assembly, where 26 Mayors and Vice Mayors from communities of many sizes and stages of development gathered to share "Innovation Success, Challenges, and the Way Forward". The high-level open dialogue was chaired and co-chaired by WeGO's President/ Seoul's Mayor Won-soon Park and Chengdu's Vice Mayor Xie Ruiwu, respectively

■ Matchmaking Meetings, which consisted of 33 pre-arranged City-to-City and City-to-Organization / Corporation meetings, where participants with similar interests easily connected with each other to explore collaboration opportunities in the field of e-Government

■ The 2nd WeGO Awards Ceremony honoring and celebrating the WeGO Awards Winners

■ Workshops and Master Classes in collaborative governance, citizen-centric technological innovation, partnering for smart cities, and useful e-Government tools chaired by distinguished experts from the World Bank, United Nations Project Office on Governance (UNPOG), Cities Development Initiative for Asia (CDIA), Turkey's TODAIE e-Government Center, and Korea's National Information Society Agency (NIA)

■ Technical Tour of the top tourist attractions of Chengdu and Sichuan Province
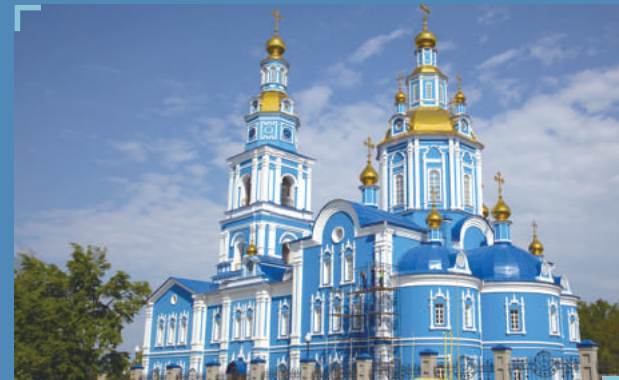
Host City of the 3rd WeGO General Assembly 2014:
Chengdu, Can Do!

The dynamic city of Chengdu hosted the 3rd WeGO General Assembly. Chengdu was recently ranked as the most livable city in China and is the provincial capital of Sichuan Province. Traditionally well-known for its spicy cuisine and giant pandas, Chengdu is now home to half of the Fortune 500 companies and rapidly developing into a new high-tech hub. Chengdu proudly hosts the WeGO Asia Regional Office.

Host City of the 4th WeGO General Assembly 2017:
Ulyanovsk Region, Russia!

Following the General Assemblies in Seoul (2010), Barcelona (2012), and Chengdu (2014), the Ulyanovsk Region in Russia - host of the WeGO Europe Regional Office - has been elected as the host city of the next WeGO General Assembly in 2017. The Annual Executive Committee Meeting 2015 will likewise be held in the Ulyanovsk Region, which has been a champion for Open Data initiatives. The region is situated at the heart of the middle Volga Region and is known as the birthplace of Vladimir Lenin.

It was indeed a pleasure and privilege for me to contribute to the success of this extremely well-organized event. I very much enjoyed participating in it.

Randeep Sudan,
Practice Manager for ICT, World Bank

Thank you very much for the fabulous 3rd WeGO General Assembly! Thank you for the rewarding programs and well-planned matchmaking meetings. We learned a lot, made new partnerships, and enlarged our international networks.

Delegation from Helsinki,
Finland

It was great to be able to have in-depth conversations with so many peers from around the world.

Debra Lam,
Chief of Innovation & Performance, Pittsburgh, USA

THE 2nd WeGO
AWARDS

Officially launched by WeGO in 2012 to recognize excellent e-Government practices of cities and local governments around the world, the WeGO Awards has developed into a popular international e-Government competition. Evaluated by a distinguished Panel of Judges, the WeGO Awards honors winners with the *Best e-Government Prize* and *Outstanding e-Government Prize* in the five categories of:
(1) Services (2) Efficiency (3) Open City (4)Urban Management (5) Digital Divide

The 2nd WeGO Awards 2014

turned out to be a particularly competitive year with an unprecedented number of applications of exceptional quality. Therefore, the WeGO Secretariat, in consultation with the Panel of Judges, created the *Most Promising e-Government Prize* for each WeGO Awards category to recognize notable e-Government practices that are expected to have immense potentials to impact society. The fifteen exceptional WeGO Awards Winners received their trophies at the 2nd WeGO Awards Ceremony held on November 5, 2014 at the 3rd WeGO General Assembly in Chengdu, China.

The 2nd WeGO Awards
Panel Of Judges

CANADA	CHINA	FINLAND	INDONESIA	RUSSIA	SOUTH KOREA	SUDAN
Chris Moore	**Tang Zhiwei**	**Joonas Pekkanen**	**Giulio Quaggiotto**	**Nadezhda Glebovna Yarushkina**	**Jong-Sung Hwang**	**Mustafa Omar Nawari**
Principal Consultant	Vice Dean, School of Political and Public Administration	Founder and President	Manager	Vice-President of Research	Head, Korea Big Data Center	Professor, Dynamical Systems
AcuitasGov	Univ. of Electronic Science and Technology of China	Open Ministry	Pulse Lab Jakarta (UN Global Pulse)	Ulyanovsk State Technical University	National Information Society Agency	University of Khartoum

The 2ⁿᵈ WeGO Awards
Winners

Best
e-Government Prize

Outstanding
e-Government Prize

Most Promising
e-Government Prize

	Best	Outstanding	Most Promising
Services	**Taipei** Chinese Taipei	**Songpa** Republic of Korea	**Beyoglu** Turkey
Efficiency	**Bangalore** India	**Barcelona** Spain	**San Fernando, La Union** Philippines
Open City	**Helsinki** Finland	**Hong Kong SAR** People's Republic of China	**Chengdu** People's Republic of China
Urban Management	**Seoul** Republic of Korea	**Gimpo** Republic of Korea	**Ankara** Turkey
Digital Divide	**New Taipei** Chinese Taipei	**Da Nang** Vietnam	**Singapore** Singapore

CAPACITY
BUILDING

Capacity building is a crucial component of WeGO programs for the advancement of digital capacity and bridging the digital divide.

April 7-11, 2014

May 26-27, 2014

September 16, 2014

APRIL 7-11, 2014

e-GOVERNMENT TRAINING PROGRAM IN **SEOUL**

This year, WeGO's annual one-week "Seoul Program"- a popular e-Government Training Program in partnership with the Seoul Human Resource Development Center (SHRDC) in Seoul, Korea- featured lectures and interactive sessions on smart e-Government, intelligent transportation systems, administrative reform and open innovation, as well as site visits to Seoul's state-of-the-art e-Government facilities and cultural excursions for 15 public officials of 8 WeGO member cities.

2014 was particularly noteworthy as the WeGO Regional Offices in Asia and Europe rolled out their own e-Government capacity building programs for the first time:

MAY 26-27, 2014

e-GOVERNMENT TRAINING PROGRAM IN **CHENGDU**

Venue : Nordic International Management Institute (NIMI) Chengdu, China
Topic : Chengdu's e-Government Development, Digital Smart City System
Expert : University of Electronic Science and Technology of China
Participants : 19 participants from Bangladesh, East Timor, Georgia, Korea, Kyrgyztan, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Sudan

SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

ULYANOVSK e-GOVERNMENT WEBINAR

Topic : Open Data and Open Government
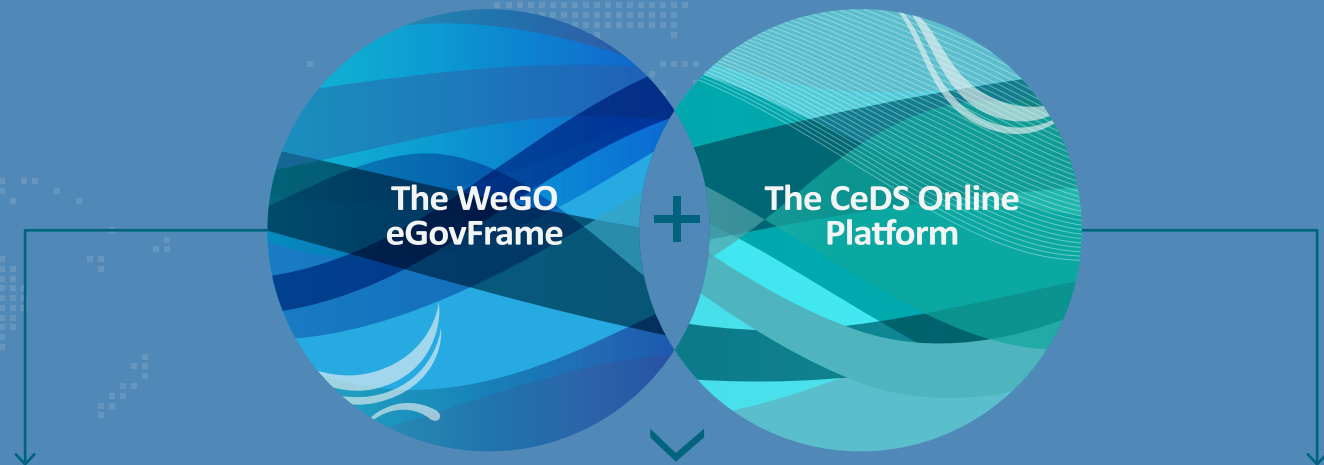**Speakers** : Open Knowledge Foundation, Microsoft, etc.
Participants : 50 people from 19 cities and 10 countries

WeGO led two webinars in the World Bank Institute's Smart Cities Series in 2014

- "Improving City Management through Data and Analytics", June 23, 2014
- "e-Government Self-Assessment Tool for Cities", December 16, 2014

e-GOV
TOOLS

WeGO continued to offer cost-efficient and easy-to-use e-Gov Tools to members in 2014.

The WeGO eGovFrame   **+**   **The CeDS Online Platform**

Pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between WeGO and the National Information Society Agency (NIA)- the core agency for providing technical policy advice in Korea- the WeGO eGovFrame became available to WeGO members in 2014. Initially developed by NIA as an ambitious USD 18 million multi-year project, the WeGO eGovFrame is a standardized and open source software framework that provides a general technical infrastructure and smart development tools, as well as hundreds of reusable common components, to enhance the efficiency and interoperability of e-Government systems of local governments and resolve their dependency on specific IT vendors.

WeGO and NIA will offer comprehensive support through training and technical assistance to WeGO members using the WeGO eGovFrame.

The City e-Government and Diagnostic Solution (CeDS) Toolkit was jointly developed by WeGO, the World Bank, Seoul Metropolitan Government, and IT consultants from 2012-2013 as the first of its kind toolkit focusing on the e-Government agenda of local, rather than national, governments. Originally based on an intricate Excel-spreadsheet, the CeDS was created to enable city officials with limited ICT knowledge to evaluate the status of their city's e-Government maturity level and conceptualize plans for the future development of their e-Government system without consulting outside experts.

In 2014, WeGO embarked on converting the original Excel-based CeDS into an online data platform with more sophisticated data analysis, easier-to-use features, and interactive elements. WeGO will unveil the CeDS Online Data Platform exclusively for WeGO members and partners in the first half of 2015.

KNOWLEDGE
SHARING

April 29-30, 2014

◎ Jakarta, Indonesia

Indonesia Green Infrastucture Summit 2014

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At the Indonesia Green Infrastructure Summit, co-hosted by the Indonesia Chamber of Commerce and the World Bank, Secretary General Gunso Kim spoke about the "Importance of Big Data & ICT in Building Green Infrastructure for Improving the Quality of Citizens". Dr. Kim also signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) with the province of Kepulauan Riau (Kepri) with Kepri subsequently joining WeGO as a Full Member later in the year.

April 28- May 1, 2014

◎ Seoul, Korea

Metrolab- Seoul Global Exchange

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The Metrolab- Seoul Global Exchange, organized by the World Bank, World Bank Institute, and the Seoul Metropolitan Government, brought together city leaders to discuss innovations in city planning and governance. WeGO Assistant Secretary General Suzin Ahn presented WeGO's City e-Government Diagnostic and Solution (CeDS) Toolkit as a valuable e-Government tool for raising the maturity of cities' e-Government environments.

As a relatively new yet representative organization in the rapidly developing field of e-Government/ICT for local governments, the WeGO Secretariat continued to raise its international profile and pursue meaningful knowledge sharing and network building with diverse partners and stakeholders throughout 2014.

September 3-6, 2014

Taipei, Taiwan

The 5th UCLG ASPAC Congress

During the 5th United Cities and Local Governments Asia-Pacific (UCLG ASPAC) Congress, Dr. Kim shared the latest developments in Seoul's Big Data projects in his presentation on "How has Big Data Contributed to Addressing Urban Issues?" As the largest local government organization in the world advocating democratic local self-government, UCLG is an important partner for WeGO. Later in the year, Dr. Bernadia Tjandradewi, Secretary General of UCLG ASPAC, participated in the 3rd WeGO General Assembly as a featured speaker.

December 11-14, 2014

Moscow, Russia

The 4th Moscow Urban Forum

The Moscow Urban Forum is an annual international event held under the auspices of the Government of Moscow. This year, the 4th Moscow Urban Forum included a conference on the theme of "Government and Citizens: Technologies of Cooperation" for the first time, demonstrating the increasing relevance of technology's role in sustainable urban development. WeGO's Secretary General Dr. Kim shared Seoul's experience of transforming into a "best smart technology city" hand-in-hand with Seoul's citizens, with a focus on the city's upcoming Internet of Things (IoT) project in pilot city districts. A fruitful meeting with Moscow Deputy Mayor Anastasia Rakova at the Mosocow Urbam Forum is expected to lead to active collaboration with the City of Moscow in 2015.

PARTNERSHIP
BUILDING

Fresh Partnerships

In addition to numerous connections made at networking events, seminars, and international conferences in 2014, WeGO forged formal partnerships with the National Information Society Agency (NIA), the lead government agency for Korea's e-Government initiatives, and the International IT Policy Program (ITPP) of Seoul National University, Korea's top academic institution.

NIA
한국정보화진흥원

MOU between WeGO and the National Information Society Agency (NIA)
Dated August 28, 2014

- Commencement of cooperation on the standard e-Government Framework- the WeGO eGovFrame - developed by NIA
- Organization of a Master Class on the WeGO eGovFrame led by NIA at the 3rd WeGO General Assembly

ITPP
Seoul National University

MOU between WeGO and the International IT Policy Program (ITPP), Seoul National University
Dated December 23, 2014

- Participation by WeGO at ITPP's International Symposia of Green, Smart, Development Vision 2014
- Discussions on a joint research project on emerging trends in Open Data for smart cities to be conducted in 2015

Long-standing Partnerships

WeGO strengthened its long-standing partnerships with the UN -- in particular,
with respect to the United Nations Public Administration Network (UNPAN) -- and the World Bank in 2014.

United Nations Division for Public Administration and Development Management (UNDPADM)

- WeGO's participation in the 13th Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA), April 7, 2014, New York, USA
- WeGO's attendance of the UNPAN Partners' Meeting at the 2014 United Nations Public Service Forum, June 23-24, 2014, Seoul, Korea
- Presentation ("Open Government Data: Global Trends and Emerging Issues") at the 3rd WeGO General Assembly by UNDPADM/ the United Nations Project Office on Governance (UNPOG)

The World Bank

- WeGO's presentation ("Seoul, the Smart City: What Can We Do with Big Data for Citizens?") at the World Bank's Brown Bag Lunch Series, April 2, 2014, Washington DC, USA
- World Bank's Keynote Speech at the 3rd WeGO General Assembly by Mr. Randeep Sudan (Practice Manager for ICT), November 5, 2014, Chengdu, China
- WeGO's attendance of the World Bank's CitiSense Forum, November 16-17, 2014, Barcelona, Spain
- WeGO's presentations in the Smart Cities webinars of the World Bank Institute, June 23, 2014 and December 16, 2014
- Commencement of WeGO's Online CeDS Platform project based on the joint CeDS Toolkit, end of 2014

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2014 WeGO
Secretariat and
Membership Developments

NEW WeGO
MEMBERS

IN 2014,
17
CITIES JOINED
THE WeGO
NETWORK

erbil

pokhara

gimpo

dharan

rajshahi city

gazira state

hanoi

san fernando, la union

south gezeera locality

da nang

gadarif state

gadarif city

kepri

serang

bandung

asuncion

porto alegre

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014, WeGO HAS A ROSTER OF
83
MEMBERS

WeGO Members **2014**

ABU DHABI
ADDIS ABABA
AGRA
ANKARA
ANTAKYA
ASTANA
ASUNCION

BAKU
BANDUNG
BANGKOK
BARCELONA
BATAM
BAUBAU
BERLIN
BIRGUNJ
BUCHAREST

CARACAS
CHENGDU

DA NANG
DAKAR
DAR ES SALAAM
DHAKA NORTH
DHAKA SOUTH
DHARAN

ELKHAWI LOCALITY
ERBIL

FRANKFURT

GADARIF CITY
GADARIF STATE
GAZIRA STATE
GALLE
GIMPO

HANOI
HARARE
HASAHISA
HEBRON
HELSINKI
HONG KONG

ISLAMABAD
ISSY-LES-MOULINEAUX

JAKARTA

KABUPATEN SERANG
KASSALA STATE
KATHMANDU
KEPRI
KHARTOUM STATE

MANILA
MAPUTO
MEXICO CITY
MINSK
MOSMAN
MUSCAT

NAIROBI
NANJING
NINGBO
NORTH KORDOFAN STATE

PARIS
POKHARA
PORTO ALEGRE

QUEZON

RAJSHAHI CITY
RIVER NILE STATE
ROTTERDAM

SAGA PREFECTURE
SAN FERNANDO, LA UNION
SAN FRANCISCO
SAO PAULO
SEBERANG PERAI
SENNAR STATE

SEOUL
SHAIKAN LOCALITY
SOUTH GEZEERA LOCALITY
SRI JAYAWARDENAPURA KOTTE
SUVA

TASHKENT
THUA THIEN HUE
TUNIS

ULAANBAATAR
ULYANOVSK REGION
UMELGOURA LOCALITY

VLADIVOSTOK

WHITE NILE STATE

ZHEJIANG PROVINCE

RENEWED
SECRETARIAT

Since its establishment in 2010,

the WeGO Secretariat has been embedded within Seoul City Hall's Information Planning Department. The year 2014 marked a dynamic new phase for WeGO,which saw the Secretariat's move from Seoul City Hall to its own office and the recruitment of a core team of dedicated staff members for the revitalized development, implementation, and promotion of WeGO events and activities.

The Opening Ceremony

April 11, 2014

To commemorate this fresh page in WeGO's history, the "new" Secretariat threw an Opening Ceremony on April 11, 2014 with preeminent guests from organizations like the UNHCR, UNDP, the National IT Industry Promotion Agency (NIPA), and the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST).

A strong and stable secretariat is the cornerstone of any successful organization. With the support of WeGO's membership, the new team has embarked on redoubling WeGO's efforts to achieve the most effective services and benefits for its members in pursuit of the organization's mission to enhance the lives of citizens through ICT.

The WeGO
Staff

Dr. Gunso Kim
Secretary General

Ms. Suzin Ahn
Assistant Secretary General

Program Team

Ms. Nayoung Kwon
Senior Program Officer

Mr. Earl Burgos
Program Officer

Ms. Alexandra Sidorova
Program Officer

Administration Team

Mr. Luis Kim
Senior Administrative Officer

Ms. April Jang
Administrative Officer

The Young International Leaders Program

Over 10 young students and professionals from China, Singapore, Malaysia, Sweden, Philippines, Nepal, France, Russia, Bangladesh, USA, and Korea participated in WeGO's internship program- the Young International Leaders Program- in 2014.

OPENED WEGO
REGIONAL OFFICES

WeGO Europe Regional Office,
Ulyanovsk Region, Russia
Secretary General : Ms. Svetlana Openysheva
Website : wego.ulregion.ru

Opening of the WeGO Regional Office in Asia & Europe

The WeGO Asia and Europe Regional Offices officially opened in early 2014 in Chengdu, China and Ulyanovsk Region, Russia, respectively. Pursuant to the approval of the Executive Committee Meeting in September 2013, the Regional Offices are affiliates of the WeGO Secretariat and help advance the organization's mission in Asia and Europe.

Each Regional Office will :

- Operate under the direction of the WeGO Secretariat.
- Liase between the WeGO Secretariat and each of the WeGO members in the region where it is located and support the WeGO Secretariat in securing new members in the region.
- In consultation with the WeGO Secretariat, develop the Regional Office's own programs, such as training programs, educational sessions, and information forums on e-Governance, to promote exchanges of expertise and cooperation on e-Governance among all WeGO members.
- Develop partnerships with local organizations on WeGO's behalf and expand the global network of WeGO.

WeGO Asia Regional Office,
Chengdu, China
Secretary General : Mr. Guangliang "Charlie" Wang

REVITALIZED
COMMUNICATION

2014 was a year in which WeGO directed its focus on revitalizing its communications with WeGO members and partners, with a view to achieving more active member involvement and closer alignment of WeGO's programs with members' actual interests and needs. This communications initiative included "telephone campaigns" to reach out to focal points of WeGO members and enhancing the database of WeGO member information.

[e-Newsletter]

Relaunch of the WeGO e-Newsletter

As part of the communications plan, the WeGO Secretariat also re-launched the WeGO e-Newsletter with the summer issue in July 2014.

Email「secretariat@we-gov.org」to subscribe!

Restructuring of the WeGO Website

An integral component of WeGO's communications initiative for 2014 was a restructured WeGO website (www.we-gov.org). WeGO's renewed website was designed to be more informative, interactive, and user-friendly, with new features that include:

- The WeGO Gazette, a collection of articles on e-Government and smart cities written by experts and WeGO member cities themselves.
- Enhanced WeGO members' city profiles with a highlight of their best e-Government practices.
- Members' only WeGO Online Forum for exchange and collaboration among members.
- The CeDS Online Platform (to be officially launched in early 2015), a tool for cities to self-assess the maturity of their holistic e-Government environment.
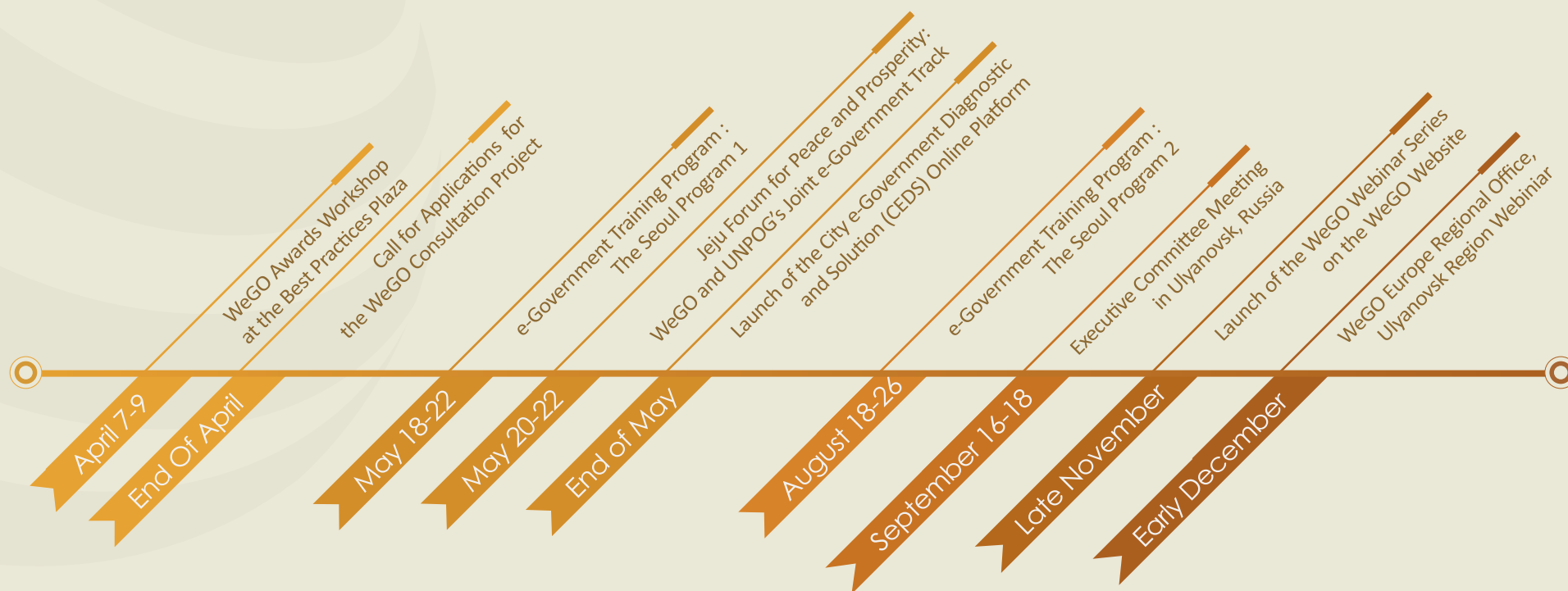
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Forward to
2015

FORWARD TO
2015

April 7-9 — WeGO Awards Workshop at the Best Practices Plaza

End Of April — Call for Applications for the WeGO Consultation Project

May 18-22 — e-Government Training Program : The Seoul Program 1

May 20-22 — Jeju Forum for Peace and Prosperity: WeGO and UNPOG's Joint e-Government Track

End of May — Launch of the City e-Government Diagnostic and Solution (CEDS) Online Platform

August 18-26 — e-Government Training Program : The Seoul Program 2

September 16-18 — Executive Committee Meeting in Ulyanovsk, Russia

Late November — Launch of the WeGO Webinar Series on the WeGO Website

Early December — WeGO Europe Regional Office, Ulyanovsk Region Webiniar

WeGO Calendar of
Activities

WeGO Awards Workshop at the Best Practices Plaza

April 7-9

The WeGO Secretariat will host a WeGO Awards Workshop at the Best Practices Plaza during the III Meeting of Municipalities with Sustainable Development in Brasilia, Brazil, which is organized by the National Front of Mayors in Brazil, to encourage good practice sharing among cities. At the Workshop, the WeGO Secretariat will introduce its popular WeGO Awards and past WeGO Awards winners, Seoul and San Fernando (La Union), will showcase their best e-Government practices. Over 500 Mayors and senior officials from local governments in Brazil are expected to attend the event.

Call for Applications for the WeGO Consultation Project

End of April

Since 2011, WeGO has provided e-Government consultation services to WeGO members through Feasibility Studies (F/S) on city e-Government development. In 2015, one WeGO member city will be selected for a project focusing on Civic Participation Systems. Selection of the beneficiary WeGO member city and IT consultant will be made in the summer and the F/S project will be completed by the end of the year.

e-Government Training Program: The Seoul Program 1

May 18-22

The Seoul Program highlights best practices and emerging trends in e-Government, with cultural and technical tours of the city Seoul, a world leader in e-Government. The e-Government Training Program in May will be exclusive to WeGO member cities and offer a special five-day program: after a three-day workshop in Seoul, all participants will travel to the beautiful Korean island of Jeju to join the Jeju Forum for Peace and Prosperity for two days.

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Jeju Forum for Peace and Prosperity: WeGO and UNPOG's Joint e-Government Track

May 20-22

The Jeju Forum for Peace and Prosperity is recognized as one of Asia's key international forums where political, business, cultural, and academic leaders gather together on Jeju Island, Korea to exchange ideas on multilateral cooperation for common peace and prosperity. The Jeju Forum attracted over 3,000 leaders from 58 countries in 2014 and is celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2015. WeGO, in collaboration with the United Nations Project Office on Governance (UNPOG), will co-host the Jeju Forum's first ever e-Government track – consisting of informative workshop sessions and a high-level Executive City Dialogue -- to focus the discussions on the role of e-Government and its impact to create trust, sustainable development, and harmony within society at both national and local levels.

Launch of the City e-Government Diagnostic and Solution (CEDS) Online Platform

End of May

The City e-Government Diagnostic and Solution (CeDS) toolkit, based on a partnership between the World Bank, the Seoul Metropolitan Government and WeGO, is a fast and user-friendly diagnostic tool for cities to self-assess their city e-services in a cost-efficient manner. WeGO will be unveiling the CeDS Online Platform – with exclusive user accounts for WeGO members only – through the WeGO Website (http://we-gov.org) in the first half of 2015.

e-Government Training Program: The Seoul Program 2

August 18-26

This second e-Government Training Program offered by WeGO in partnership with the Seoul Human Resource Development Center in 2015 will be open to all cities in the world, including WeGO member cities. The Seoul Program II will consist of informative and interactive lectures/sessions on best practices and emerging trends in e-Government, with cultural and technical tours of the city Seoul, a world leader in e-Government.

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Executive Committee Meeting in Ulyanovsk, Russia

September 16-18

The Ulyanovsk Region, host of the WeGO Europe Regional Office and the next 4th WeGO General Assembly 2017, will be the venue of the 2015 Executive Committee Meeting. Over the three-day event, Executive Committee (EXCOM) Members will discuss and make decisions on key WeGO agenda and the program will include a best practice sharing session as well as a workshop on Open Government Data with CIOs from Russian cities. WeGO expects the EXCOM Meeting 2015 to provide rich opportunities for networking and exchange amongst WeGO members and Russian CIOs in Ulyanovsk.

Launch of the WeGO Webinar Series on the WeGO Website

Late November

As an effective way to reach a maximum number of WeGO members and partners, the WeGO Webinar Series will be WeGO's new online capacity-building program. ICT Experts and stakeholders will come together to discuss and share pertinent issues on e-Government in specific thematic areas in a "virtual classroom" setting. The Inaugural WeGO Webinar to be launched in November will focus on Emerging Trends in Open Data for Smart Cities, based on a joint research project conducted between WeGO and the Seoul National University's International IT Policy Program (ITPP) in 2015.

WeGO Europe Regional Office, Ulyanovsk Region Webinar

Early December

Following up on the successful "Open Data and Open Government" webinar of 2014, the WeGO Europe Regional Office, Ulyanovsk Region will be offering an e-Government Webinar in December 2015.