

## Meeting Memorandum of the WeGO Executive Committee Meeting 2018



**Date/ Time:** October 17, 2018, 15:00-17:30

**Venue:** Quezon 1 Hall, Seda Vertis North Hotel, Quezon City, Philippines

**Chair:** Mr. Tae Kyoon Kim, Director-General of Information System Planning Bureau, Seoul Metropolitan Government

**Moderator:** Mr. Kyong-yul Lee, Secretary General of WeGO

**Participants** (*the full list attached as Annex 1*): 47 people

**WeGO Executive Committee Members (13):** Addis Ababa (Ethiopia), Beyoğlu (Turkey), Chengdu (China), Goyang (Korea), Jakarta (Indonesia), Khartoum State (Sudan), Makati (Philippines), Mexico City (Mexico), Nairobi (Kenya), Seberang Perai (Malaysia), Seoul (Korea), Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia), and Ulyanovsk Region (Russia)

**Observer cities (8):** Baguio (Philippines), Bharatpur (Nepal), Bizerte (Tunisia), La Union (Philippines), Maputo (Mozambique), Quezon City (Philippines), Sao Paulo (Brazil), and Sundarharaicha (Nepal)

**Observer organizations (4):** Bizerte 2050 (Tunisia), National Information Center (Sudan), Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (Sudan), and Open Government Partnership

### **Summary:**

The session kicked off with the opening remarks by the Chair, Mr. Tae Kyoon Kim, and the welcome remarks by the representative of Host Quezon City, Ms. Regina Samson. Then the

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Moderator, Mr. Kyong-yul Lee introduced all present participants and gave a brief overview of the meeting. The Chair reviewed the Meeting Memorandum of the preceding Executive Committee Meeting in 2017, and the Executive Committee unanimously adopted the current meeting agenda.

Mr. Kyong-yul Lee then took the floor to deliver the presentation of the WeGO Annual Report, after which the Executive Committee members finally proceeded to the discussions of the main meeting agenda.

### **Agenda 1: Approval of New Memberships & Withdrawals**

The Executive Committee approved the full memberships of 15 new cities, 1 friendship organization, and 10 corporate companies. The new full members are enlisted below.

#### City Membership:

- Magas, Russia (2017-06-28)
- Peshawar, Pakistan (2017-06-29)
- Villa Tapia, Dominican Republic (2017-07-06)
- Accra, Ghana (2017-07-12)
- Dhulikhel, Nepal (2017-07-20)
- Penang Island, Malaysia (2017-08-25)
- Kasama, Zambia (2017-10-04)
- Ramgram, Nepal (2017-10-13)
- Stavropol, Russia (2017-11-17)
- Sunwal, Nepal (2018-01-02)
- Shiraz, Iran (2018-01-03)
- Lunte, Zambia (2018-01-09)
- Sundarharaicha, Nepal (2018-02-14)
- Tarakeswor, Nepal (2018-05-08)
- Brussels, Belgium (2018-09-03)

#### Friendship Membership:

- Bizerte 2050, Tunisia (2018-08-08)

#### Corporate Membership:

- Korea Smart Card (2018-02-08)
- Gabotech (2018-02-26)
- SRPOST (2018-03-13)
- NTSYS (2018-04-11)
- Hancom (2018-04-16)
- IGB&Company (2018-04-17)
- Sycros (2018-04-20)

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- KBSYS (2018-06-15)
- Shandong International Investment Management (SIIM) (2018-09-05)
- Fantom Foundation (2018-09-06)
- XnTree (2018-10-15)

Additionally, the cities of Helsinki, Finland and Barcelona, Spain formally withdrew from WeGO.

## **Agenda 2: Regional Office Strategy and Updates to the Terms of Reference for the WeGO Regional Office**

The Executive Committee members discussed the new regional office strategy. The WeGO Secretariat proposed modifying the subdivision of WeGO regional offices' boundaries to increase the number of high-quality regional programs and to help gain more WeGO members. The newly-proposed subdivisions include Africa, Europe, Eurasia, Southeast Asia, East Asia, Mediterranean, and Latin America. North America, Oceania and further subdivisions of Africa are other possibilities. Open calls for the prospective vacant regions of Africa, Europe, and Southeast Asia will be made in 2019. The establishment of the new regional offices, if any, will be tabled for approval of the Executive Committee at the next WeGO Executive Committee Meeting.

In accordance with the new statute amendments in 2017 that instituted a term of five years with the possibility of renewal and the newly proposed subdivisions, Chengdu was recommended to apply for the East Asia Regional Office, while the Ulyanovsk Region was recommended to apply for the Eurasia Regional Office.

## **Agenda 3: Renewal of Regional Offices for Asia and Europe (East Asia & Eurasia)**

After viewing the bidding presentations delivered by both the Asia and Europe Regional Offices, Chengdu and the Ulyanovsk Region, respectively, the Executive Committee officially approved the renewal of the regional offices with the updated names. Chengdu and the Ulyanovsk Region will thus serve as the WeGO East Asia Regional Office and WeGO Eurasia Regional Office, respectively, for the next term of 2018-2023. No bids were submitted by other WeGO members.

## **Agenda 4: Annual Assessment of Regional Offices for Latin America and the Mediterranean**

After viewing the annual report presentations by Mexico City and Beyoğlu Municipality, the Executive Committee officially approved the continued operation of the WeGO Latin America Regional Office and the WeGO Mediterranean Regional Office, respectively.

## **Agenda 5: Review of WeGO Financial Report and Financial Strategy**

The Executive Committee reviewed the report on the organization's revenue, including membership fees collected and contributions from President City Seoul, and its expenditures for the past year as well as the current balance. The organization's financial strategy was then discussed. Apart from involving the corporate sector in the organization's activities, the WeGO

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Secretariat first urged WeGO members to duly pay membership fees and asked for the regional offices' assistance in collecting membership fees in their respective regions. Second, a scheme of incentives and demerits was proposed: incentives include possible fee exemption on certain conditions, while demerits may allow possible loss of the non-paying member's voting rights or eligibility to be elected in WeGO's decision-making bodies. Finally, the secretariat stated the importance of expanding partnerships with stakeholders that are capable of supporting the secretariat in maximizing benefits for member cities in various ways, including financial aids.

A few comments and suggestions were made by the present Executive Committee members and observers. Seberang Perai stressed the need for closer collaboration with the private sector to provide services and benefits in member cities. Mexico City suggested introducing online educational courses on smart city topics with the possibility of certification for a certain fee. Chengdu shared their observations on how other international organizations run and advised to look into the opportunities of reaching out to foundations, which was later reiterated by observing Open Government Partnership, introduce franchise fees for hosting events or training centers, and initiate other sub-networks led by major cities to sponsor the networks' activities.

#### **Agenda 6: Approval of Membership Fee Use for 2019**

The Executive Committee reviewed the given expenditure proposal and approved the membership fee expenditure of 132,340 USD\* for 2019. Upon the secretariat's request, it also granted 10% flexibility in budget allocation between operational and program expenses. In addition to more high-quality programs for WeGO member cities, the secretariat proposed more financial support for WeGO members, including special funds available for regional offices, a global internship program, and operational expenses.

*\*USD is estimated based on KRW exchange rate*

#### **Agenda 7: Host City for Executive Committee Meeting 2019**

The Executive Committee members took note of the ongoing call for bids for hosting the WeGO Executive Committee Meeting 2019, which had to be announced due to no official submissions during the initial round of the call for bids. They will review all bidding proposals received in a timely manner for an official selection by written consent. The Ulyanovsk Region also expressed on behalf of the City of Magas that the city was interested in hosting the meeting.

#### **Agenda 8: Upcoming WeGO Activities for 2019**

The Executive Committee members took note of the proposed plan of activities in 2019.

The session was concluded with short closing remarks by the Chairman and the Moderator and a group photo.

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**Annex 1. Full list of participants**

**Executive Committee Members**

#	Participant's Name	Position	City/ Organization
1	Mr. Kyong-yul Lee	Secretary General	WeGO
2	Mr. Jongheon Yu	Administrative Director	WeGO
3	Ms. Eunbyul Cho	Program Manager	WeGO
4	Mr. Earl Burgos	Senior Program Officer	WeGO
5	Ms. Alexandra Sidorova	Senior Program Officer	WeGO
6	Ms. Alizee Rousset	Program Officer	WeGO
7	Ms. Hyunjoo Shin	Administrative Officer	WeGO
8	Mr. Dereje Degefa Demissie	Director General, Information Communication Technology Agency	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
9	Ms. Melis Kaplangı	Head, Foreign Affairs	Beyoğlu, Turkey
10	Mr. Guangliang Wang	Division Chief, International Exchange Division	Chengdu, China
11	Mr. Hwan Young Jang	Assistant Director, Smart City Team	Goyang, Korea
12	Mr. Young Uk Bang	Officer, Smart City Team	Goyang, Korea
13	Mr. Setiaji	Head, Jakarta Smart City Management Unit	Jakarta, Indonesia
14	Mr. Andriyan	Head, Section for Economic, Financial, and Development Management	Jakarta, Indonesia
15	Ms. Dewinta Puristia	Staff, Bureau for Gubernatorial and International Cooperation	Jakarta, Indonesia
16	Mr. Mohammed Gorashi Abdalla Ali	Director of Strategy, Information and Smart Government Authority	Khartoum State, Sudan
17	Ms. Joyce Sy	Planning Officer, Urban Development Department	Makati, Philippines
18	Mr. Ismael Villegas	Director General, General Direction of Governance and ICT	Mexico City, Mexico
19	Ms. Benter Ogot	Director for ICT, ICT & e-Government	Nairobi, Kenya
20	Dato' Sr Hj Rozali Mohamud	Municipal President	Seberang Perai, Malaysia
21	Mr. Wan Junaidy Yahaya	Director, Corporate and International Affairs	Seberang Perai, Malaysia
22	Mr. Tae Kyoon Kim	Director General, Information System Planning Bureau	Seoul, Korea
23	Mr. Kwang Duck Jang	Assistant Manager, Information Planning Division	Seoul, Korea
24	Mr. Chinzorig Otgonsuren	Head, Metropolitan Department of Information Technology	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
25	Ms. Svetlana Openysheva	Director, RSPI (Government for Citizens)	Ulyanovsk Region, Russia

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26	Ms. Anastasia Vetrova	Translator, RSPI (Government for Citizens)	Ulyanovsk Region, Russia
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**Observer Cities**

#	Participant's Name	Position	City/ Organization
1	Ms. Maria Mylen Victoria Yaranon	Councilor	Baguio, Philippines
2	Ms. Severina de Leon	City Budget Officer, City Budget Office	Baguio, Philippines
3	Mr. Mario Rosendo Diaz	Information Technology Officer, Management Information Technology Division	Baguio, Philippines
4	Mr. Johnrey Alperez	Information Systems Analyst, City Budget Office	Baguio, Philippines
5	Mr. Narendra Kumar Kandangwa	Ward Chair Person, Ward Office	Bharatpur, Nepal
6	Mr. Deepak Lama	Ward Chair Person, Ward Office	Bharatpur, Nepal
7	Mr. Lofti Sahli	Deputy Mayor	Bizerte, Tunisia
8	Mr. Gerry Binas-o	Technology Officer II, Information and Communications Technology Unit	La Union Province, Philippines
9	Mr. Neil Clyde Quibin	Administrative Aide VI, Information and Communications Technology Unit	La Union Province, Philippines
10	Mr. Sylvester Flores	Administrative Aide VI, Information and Communications Technology Unit	La Union Province, Philippines
11	Mr. Xavier Samuel Mahumane	Director, Information Systems Directorate	Maputo, Mozambique
12	Mr. Nilton Alexandre Mate	Technician, International Relations Division	Maputo, Mozambique
13	Ms. Regina Samson	Head, Communication Coordination Center; Local Investment Officer	Quezon City, Philippines
14	Ms. Divina Gracia P. Pascua	Officer-in-Charge, Cultural and Tourism Affairs Office	Quezon City, Philippines
15	Ms. Nida Perreras	Consultant, Information Technology Development Office	Quezon City, Philippines
16	Mr. Rodrigo Silva	Secretary, Secretariat of International Affairs	São Paulo, Brazil
17	Mr. Shiva Prasad Dhakal	Mayor	Sundarharaicha, Nepal

**Observer Institutions**

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1	Mr. Akil Sadkaoui	Vice President, International Cooperation	Bizerte 2050
2	Ms. Nahla Ahmed	Smart Cities Department Manager	Ministry of Communications & Information Technology, Sudan
3	Mr. Abubakr Alrawa	Manager, e-Services and Portals	National Information Center (NIC), Sudan
4	Ms. Ivygail Ong	Partnerships and Events Consultant for Asia-Pacific	Open Government Partnership (OGP)