



Meeting Memorandum of the Open & Closed Sessions of the WeGO Executive Committee (EXCOM) Meeting 2020



OPEN SESSION

Date/Time: November 17, 2020, 11:00 – 13:00 (Moscow Standard Time)

Venue: Online (Zoom)

Chair: Mr. Sergey Cheremin, Minister and Head of Department for

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

Participants: EXCOM members (10): Addis Ababa (Ethiopia), Beyoğlu (Turkey), Bucharest (Romania), Chengdu (China), Goyang (Korea), Hebron (Palestine), Makati (Philippines), Moscow (Russia), Seberang Perai (Malaysia), and Ulyanovsk Region (Russia)

Summary of the Open Session:

WeGO's Secretary General opened the session and was followed by welcome remarks by the Chair Mr. Sergey Cheremin. Secretary General Lee then introduced all present participants and gave a brief overview of the meeting. Following this, the Chair reviewed the Meeting Memorandum of the preceding WeGO EXCOM Meeting in 2019 and the EXCOM unanimously adopted the current meeting agenda. Finally, the EXCOM members proceeded to the main meeting agenda.

Agenda 1: Review of 2018-2019 WeGO Secretariat Annual Report

The EXCOM reviewed the 2019-2020 annual report presentation made by the WeGO Secretary General.



In the report, Secretary General Lee emphasized that the Secretariat will increase its efforts in creating programs with substance for members. He also outlined the Secretariat's long-term vision for WeGO and the WeGO 2030 Masterplan, which is currently being finalized and to be approved by the General Assembly in 2021. The Chair commended WeGO for quickly adapting its programs in early 2020 to respond to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Agenda 2: Approval of New Memberships & Withdrawals

The EXCOM officially approved the full membership of 14 local governments, 7 corporations, and 5 institutions, and the withdrawal of 2 local governments. The full lists of new and withdrawing members can be found below.

New Members since EXCOM 2019

Name of Entity	Date of Adhesion	Name of Entity	Date of Adhesion
► Local Governments			
Abuja	2019-12-03	Kankai	2020-03-05
Sunawarshi	2020-01-16	Shivasatakshi	2020-03-05
Altai	2020-01-25	Isfahan	2020-05-09
Choibalsan	2020-01-25	Wellington	2020-05-20
Sainshand	2020-01-25	Rabat	2020-06-18
Erdenet	2020-02-04	Tabriz	2020-06-30
Bhadrapur	2020-03-05	Anyang	2020-08-24
► Corporations			
UCWARE	2019-10-28	FATOS Corporation	2020-05-25
WeavAir	2019-11-04	InsightAir	2020-05-29
DamoGO	2019-12-12	beCloud (Belarusian Cloud Technologies)	2020-08-03
Breeze Technologies UG	2020-01-07		
► Institutions			
Healthy City Network of Mongolia	2019-11-07	Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada	2020-01-20
Korea Internet & Security Agency	2019-11-20	Solar Impulse Foundation	2020-03-03
Seoul Digital Foundation	2019-12-16		



Withdrawals since EXCOM 2019

Name of Entity	Date of Withdrawal	Name of Entity	Date of Withdrawal
► Local Governments			
Yakutsk	2020-04-22	Gwangmyeong	2020-09-15

Thus, the number of WeGO members totals 208.

Agenda 3: Annual Assessment of WeGO Regional Offices & Call for New Regional Offices

After viewing the annual report presentations by WeGO's regional offices in East Asia (Chengdu), Eurasia (Ulyanovsk Region), Latin America (Mexico City), and the Mediterranean (Beyoğlu), the EXCOM approved their continuous operation. The WeGO Secretary General expressed words of appreciation to each regional office and announced that the Secretariat will be providing each regional office with a website, enabling them a more active role in promoting WeGO and recruiting members in their respective regions.

Agenda 4: Review of the New Regional Office Proposal

The EXCOM approved the opening of the new WeGO Africa Regional Office in Abuja. The Special Advisor to the Chairman of the Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC), Ms. Abiodun Essiet presented the proposal on behalf of AMAC. She emphasized Abuja's favorable geographical location in Africa and within Nigeria, giving it access to many regional countries and a strong connection with the rest of the 773 local governments in the country. Ms. Essiet introduced the five-year strategic plan for collaboration with WeGO, which included co-development of programs, such as capacity building workshops in Africa, and a financial projection of USD 904,140. Ms. Essiet concluded her presentation by noting the importance of using partnerships with local institutions and international organizations such as the United Nations and the World Bank to further support the attainment of WeGO's mission.

Agenda 5: Review of Proposed Amendments to WeGO Statutes

WeGO explained the background of the proposed statute amendments, noting that to date the only comments received were from the President City Seoul, which the Secretariat is currently reviewing. The final agenda incorporating comments from the EXCOM will be presented at the 5th General Assembly. For this agenda, the EXCOM reviewed the proposed amendments to the WeGO Statutes on a revised set of membership fee scales and subcategories since its last review in 2019.

Secretary General Lee added that the amendment is focused more on WeGO's overall governance structure – which includes the introduction of multiple President Cities.

To this, Dato' Sr Hj Rozali Hj Mohamud, Mayor of Seberang Perai, asked for further explanation of what "multiple President Cities" meant.

The Secretary General explained that under the current governance structure there is only one President City. However, the proposed changes involve the introduction of multiple presidents to share the burden of leadership and increase the levels of accountability towards WeGO. Specific guidelines on co-presidency with



eligibility criteria and operational and financial responsibilities will be developed by the Secretariat and circulated to members in due course.

EXCOM members can share their opinions on the proposed statute amendments with the Secretariat until the next General Assembly.

Agenda 6: Approval of Host of the 5th General Assembly and Information on Elections of President and Appointment of Vice President Cities and Executive Committee Members for Next Term of 2020-2023

WeGO explained the background for the agenda and mentioned that while Makati was selected as the host city for the 5th General Assembly, the city had asked for cancellation due to the current pandemic, which the EXCOM approved. He added that there have been no further bids, hence, the deadline of the call for bids has been extended to May 31, 2021. Alongside this, he explained that the agenda contained the need to extend the tenure of the President, Vice President, and EXCOM members until the elections are executed during the 5th General Assembly.

Secretary General Lee added that he envisioned that the hosting of the next General Assembly in the third quarter of 2021. He added that WeGO member city Agra has expressed its interest in hosting the General Assembly next year, as well as Seoul, the current President City. However, as the new mayor of Seoul will be elected next April, the deadline of the call for bids has been extended accordingly so that Seoul can secure the approval of the new mayor. He emphasized that through such measures, WeGO and the EXCOM members will have a clearer vision of the host city and timeline of the next General Assembly.

EXCOM members approved the proposed extension of the call for bids for the 5th General Assembly and the extension of the tenures of the President City, Vice President Cities, and the EXCOM members until the hosting the same.

Agenda 7: Information on the 6th WeGO General Assembly

The EXCOM took note of the two (2) bids submitted to the Secretariat by Kampala and Mexico City to host the 6th WeGO General Assembly in 2023. Secretary General Lee reminded that EXCOM that the call for bids remains open until the 5th General Assembly in 2021.

Agenda 8: Information on WeGO's 2030 Masterplan

The EXCOM took note of the progress of the WeGO 2030 Masterplan, which included updates on the Advisory Board, the main content of the document, and the review process to date. EXCOM members can review the current version of the Masterplan and provide feedback for the final version, which is scheduled to be approved at the 5th General Assembly.

Agenda 9: Upcoming WeGO Activities for 2021

The EXCOM took note of the proposed plan of activities in 2021, which would focus on the expansion of WeGO's digital products the Smart City Driver and the Smart Health Responder.

The session was concluded with short closing remarks by the Chair and the Moderator.