

Meeting Memorandum of the Open Session of the WeGO Executive Committee (EXCOM) Meeting 2019



Date/Time: October 14, 2019, 14:00-17:30

Venue: Gyeonggi Center for Creative Economy & Innovation (GCCEI), Floor B1, Conference Hall

Chair: Ms. Kübra Güllal, Vice Mayor, Beyoğlu, Vice President City

Assistant to Chair: Ms. Melis Kaplangi, Head of Foreign Affairs, Beyoğlu, Vice President City

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

Participants:

EXCOM members (11): Addis Ababa (Ethiopia), Beyoğlu (Turkey), Chengdu (China), Goyang (Korea), Hebron (Palestine), Mexico City (Mexico), Nairobi (Kenya), Seberang Perai (Malaysia), Seoul (Korea), Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia), and Ulyanovsk Region (Russia)

Observing local government members (12): Andek (Cameroon), Batibo (Cameroon), Cauayan (Philippines), Gaziantep (Turkey), Jeju (Korea), Kampala (Uganda), Muscat (Oman), Sejong (Korea), Seongnam City (Korea), Tshwane (South Africa), Tubah (Cameroon), Yakutsk (Russia)

Observing local government non-members (3): Aurora (USA), Milan (Italy), New York City (USA)

Observing institutional members (4): Digizens Collaborative Platform (Nigeria), National Information Center (Sudan), Seoul Business Agency (Korea), Seoul Housing & Communities Corporation (Korea)



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Observing institutional non-members (4): Asian Mayors Forum, European Network of Living Labs, GloWViCC Plc, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Korea), Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (India), NYC Grand Central Tech (USA), Re-Imagining Cities Foundation, Seoul Urban Solutions Agency (Korea), Smart Cities Council, Union of Municipalities of Turkey (Turkey), Yakutsk Center "My Documents" (Russia)

Observing corporate members (3): Manageon, SRPOST, Umay

Summary of the Open Session:

Following a group photo, the session kicked off with opening remarks by the Assistant to the Chair, Ms. Melis Kaplangi, and welcome remarks by the representative of Host Seongnam City, Mr. Sangcheol Cha, Director-General of Finance and Economy Bureau. The Moderator, Mr. Kyong-yul Lee, introduced all present participants and gave a brief overview of the meeting. The Assistant to the Chair then reviewed the Meeting Memorandum of the preceding WeGO EXCOM Meeting in 2018, 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 2018-2019 annual report presented by the Secretariat.

Agenda 2: Approval of New Memberships & Withdrawals

The EXCOM officially approved the full memberships of 15 local governments, 16 corporations, and 8 institutions. The new full members are listed below.

Local Governments:

- Belbari 11/29/2018
- Patharishanishchare 12/11/2018
- Menzel Jemil 1/24/2019
- Ratuwamai Municipality 2/3/2019
- Tshwane 3/12/2019
- San Antonio de Areco 3/28/2019
- Ghazni 4/7/2019
- Pul-i-Alam 4/10/2019
- Ramallah Municipality 4/22/2019
- Itahari Sub Metropolitan City 5/3/2019
- Coatzacoalcos 7/2/2019
- Jeju 8/13/2019
- Batibo 9/30/2019
- Andek 10/8/2019
- Tubah 10/8/2019



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Corporations:

- Danfoss 12/6/2018
- Winitech 12/11/2018
- LifeBlocs 12/18/2018
- TG Co., Ltd. 1/25/2019
- ICONLOOP 2/11/2019
- GACHAIN Technology 2/21/2019
- Haezoom 3/4/2019
- Data Alliance Co. Ltd. 4/12/2019
- SCANETCHAIN Co. Pte. Ltd 4/15/2019
- Manageon Inc. 4/30/2019
- UMay Inc. 5/14/2019
- PT Qlue Performa Indonesia 5/20/2019
- USIS 6/18/2019
- GEOMEXSOFT 6/19/2019
- Winnertech 7/15/2019
- INTERINNOV S.A.S 8/5/2019

Institutions:

- Botswana Communications Regulatory Authority 11/19/2018
- Engineering School of Kabul University 11/26/2018
- African Smart Cities Innovation Foundation 3/20/2019
- Enactus IIT Delhi 5/30/2019
- FIWARE Foundation 8/21/2019
- Digizens Collaborative Platform 8/30/2019
- Seoul Housing & Communities Corporation 9/9/2019
- Seoul Business Agency 10/14/2019

Additionally, the city of Stavropol, Russia, formally withdrew from WeGO. Thus, the number of WeGO members totals to 183.

A signing ceremony for the Memorandum of Understanding between WeGO and Seoul Business Agency took place after the approval.

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 officially approved their continued operations. The WeGO Secretary General expressed words of appreciation to each regional office and encouraged them to make full use of the funds annually allocated to them by the Secretariat.

Tubah stressed the necessity of establishing a regional office of WeGO in Africa.



Agenda 4: Review of Proposed Amendments to WeGO Statutes

The EXCOM reviewed the proposed amendments to the WeGO Statutes, including but not limited to:

- Members to be divided into local governments, corporations, and institutions. Membership fee amounts in the aforementioned categories to be revised.
- Guidelines to be introduced as to the nonpayment of membership fees and subsequent actions.
- Limitation on number of President Cities to be removed.
- Minimum number of Vice President Cities to be reduced to six.
- EXCOM composition to include one corporate member and one institutional member.
- Membership fee waiver for one year to be extended to EXCOM members upon their hosting of a regular meeting.

Agenda 5: Approval of Dates of the 5th WeGO General Assembly

The EXCOM officially approved the dates for the 5th WeGO General Assembly as the first and/or second week of September 2020.

The themes suggested by the host city include “Future Cities: Smart and Sustainable,” “Digital Cities: Enabled and Connected People,” and “Cities and Technology Beyond 2020.” Nairobi supported the last theme, while Mexico City made a suggestion to include the aspect of climate change.

Agenda 6: Information on WeGO’s Mission and Three-Year Strategic Plan of 2020-2023

The EXCOM took note of the Secretariat’s plans to update the three-year strategic plan for 2020-2023 at the next General Assembly.

Agenda 7: Information on Elections of President and Executive Committee Members & Appointment of Vice President Cities for Next Term of 2020-2023

The EXCOM took note of the new concept of a “co-presidency” and the upcoming elections (President, EXCOM members) and appointments (Vice Presidents) at the next General Assembly.

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.

Among the present local government representatives, Beyoğlu expressed interest in continuing its role as a Vice President City of WeGO, while Gaziantep, currently serving as the President of the Asian Mayors Forum, expressed interest in being an EXCOM member as well as hosting the EXCOM Meeting in 2021.



Later nominations for the President's/Co-Presidents', Vice Presidents', and EXCOM members' roles may also be accepted prior to the next General Assembly.

Agenda 8: The 4th WeGO Smart Sustainable City Awards

The EXCOM took note of the proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference of the WeGO Smart Sustainable City Awards (WeGO Awards).

Seoul made a comment on further improving the award criteria, judging system, and benefits of the WeGO Awards in consideration of the current President's feedback to ensure higher prestige around and deliverables from the Awards.

Agenda 9: Upcoming WeGO Activities for 2020

The EXCOM took note of the proposed plan of activities in 2020.

Seoul Urban Solutions Agency, a specialized agency of Seoul Metropolitan Government for sharing policy expertise and exporting solutions to cities around the world, shared its activities ranging from knowledge sharing and capacity building to consulting to investment projects and invited all present for closer cooperation. While the geographical coverage of past projects is quite diverse (Dar Es Salaam, Kampala, Kyiv, Nairobi, Ulaanbaatar, among others), in 2020, the agency's focus will be laid upon projects in South-East Asia and Latin America.

A signing ceremony for the Memorandum of Understanding between WeGO and the European Network of Living Labs took place at the end of the report.

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

