

**World Smart Sustainable Cities Organization** 

# 2021 ANNUAL REPORT



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# About WeGO

The World Smart Sustainable Cities Organization (WeGO), established by 50 founding members in 2010, is an international association of city and local governments, smart tech solution providers, and national and regional institutions committed to the transformation of cities into smart sustainable cities through facilitating public-private partnership (PPP).

WeGO's Secretariat is located in Seoul, Korea, with regional offices in East Asia (Chengdu, China), Eurasia (Ulyanovsk Region, Russia), the Mediterranean (Beyoglu, Turkey), Latin America (Mexico City, Mexico), and Africa (Abuja, Nigeria).

WeGO has more than 200 members around the world and serves as their international platform to improve the quality of life, innovate in the delivery of public services, and strengthen regional competitiveness.



WORLD SMART SUSTAINABLE CITIES ORGANIZATION

### **Greetings** From the President of WeGO



SE-HOON OH President of WeGO Mayor of Seoul

The world was challenged with the outbreak of COVID-19 and international cooperation has been heavily affected. Nonetheless, WeGO programs and services have evolved together with the current times, and became more digital, connected, and citizen-centric.

This Year, WeGO has celebrated its very first digital General Assembly, which was attended by over 220 representatives from 89 cities from 42 countries, with a record of over 100,000 viewers through media channels. We were able to meet more than 100 representatives from WeGO members all over the world through our virtual smart city training programs. In response to the acceleration of digitalization, a total of 18 virtual events including regional, thematic webinars and conferences were organized to bridge the interaction among the cities, smart city solution providers, and institutions.

Personally, it has been a very special year as it marks the beginning of my second term as the President of WeGO. Eleven years have passed since I had the honor of becoming the organization's first president at the Inaugural General Assembly in 2010. Throughout the years, WeGO has experienced a significant transformation – from an initiative with the aim of promoting e-governance collaborated by 50 cities to a worldwide organization committed to cities' transition to smart, sustainable cities with over 200 members.

I would like to express my special thanks to the WeGO Secretariat for enriching WeGO's programs and activities, service to its members, and expanding the WeGO family around the world.

To celebrate the achievements in 2021 with members, the WeGO Secretariat presents the 2021 Annual Report. Let's walk through WeGO's amazing journey in 2021. As the President of WeGO, I kindly ask for your continued support in WeGO's efforts moving forward.

I look forward to continuing our friendship as a WeGO family and bringing smart, sustainable development in cities.

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Se-hoon Oh



2021 Highlights

### **Greetings** From the Secretary General of WeGO



JUNG SOOK PARK Secretary General of WeGO

On behalf of the WeGO Secretariat, I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to all WeGO members and partners for your continuous support and trust.

The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us the importance of smart technology and the digital transformation of local governments to overcome the challenges cities face today. During 2021, WeGO has been further digitizing its programs and services to better suit the current times. Hosting its first online General Assembly has been both challenging but at the same time gratifying to see our members being connected to each other despite the physical limitations we were challenged with. The secretariat has also actively expanded our partnerships with local governments and stakeholders in the smart city sector around the world throughout the year, having virtual meetings with over 45 stakeholders, which have contributed to the signature of 3 MOUs and welcoming of 7 new members to the organization.

Taking advantage of WeGO's wide network and assistance to its members, many fruitful achievements were made this year including the ongoing knowledge exchange between Mexico City and Seoul Metropolitan Government on DASAN call center to improve Mexico's existing Unified Citizen Attention System (SUAC) based on on Seoul's experience and expertise, as well as a collaboration between SRPOST (member corporation) and Baguio City, which have submitted a joint application for project funding through the Eureka Network.

In response to the specific regional needs in smart urban development, WeGO has launched its two region-focused smart city initiatives, Africa Smart Cities Network (AFSCN) and Latin America Smart City Networks (LASCN). These initiatives are an open-ended regional network of city and other local governments across the region that will serve as a platform to exchange knowledge and foster cooperation on smart city development in the region. Already, we have received strong support from the local governments and partners in their respective regions.

WeGO has received three ministerial delegations from Latin America, met with the representatives of nine Latin American Embassies in Korea, as well as other key organizations in the region, such as The Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI) who have shared the vision and expressed support for such collaboration. WeGO has also signed an MOU with Smart Africa to promote the initiative in the region, and four ambassadors from African Countries have extended their support for the initiative.

I would like to extend our gratitude to the Seoul Metropolitan Government, Mexico City, WeGO's President and Executive Vice president city, as well as the five WeGO Regional Offices and the EXCOM Members for their unrelenting support and commitment for the organization.

It has been fantastic working with you in 2021, and I sincerely hope that in 2022 we can continue our joint efforts to expand and contribute to achieve smart sustainable cities for all.

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Jung Sook Park

# 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

# WeGO 2021 Achievements in Numbers

#### **ACTIVITIES & EXPOSURE**



Organized 18 activities





Total views of online content 114,034



Speakership at 12 partner events

#### **NETWORK EXPANSION**



Meetings with 65+ smart city stakeholders



7 new members



**3 MOU signatures** 

#### **MEMBERS SERVED/SERVICES FOR MEMBERS**



100+ city officials trained at WeGO training programs



#### 9 Matchmaking Activities, with 5 successful matchmaking

MEXICO | DASAN (MOU for Project Cooperation in progress) SRPOST | Almaty (signed MOU) SRPOST | Baguio City (Join Application for Project Funding) SRPOST | Bogota (Join Application for Project Funding in progress)

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SEADS | Quezon (Preparation to enter into partnership for pilot project implementation in progress)
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# 5<sup>th</sup> WeGO General Assembly

#### October 18 | Seoul

On Oct. 18, 2021, WeGO successfully held its 5<sup>th</sup> WeGO General Assembly, a triennial event that gathers both members and partners to shape key agenda and help chart the organization's direction for the coming years. Conducted as a hybrid event hosted by WeGO's President City Seoul under the theme of "New Normal with Smart Sustainable Solutions for All". 220+ WeGO members and partners from 89 cities in 42 countries participated live in the event, including 26 mayoral delegations.

Taking the opportunity forward, WeGO celebrated its 10th anniversary through a commemorative video of the organization's growth over the past decade. Mayor Se-hoon Oh of Seoul, Mayor Ricardo Nunez of São Paulo, and Deputy Governor Kriangyos Sudlabha of Bangkok delivered opening and congratulatory remarks at the event, and UN Habitat's Executive Director Maimunah Mohd Sharif delivered the keynote address to congratulate and honor WeGO's achievement and growth in the past ten years.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Launch of the WeGO 2030 Masterplan
- 220+ live participants from 89 cities from 42 countries (26 Mayoral Delegations)
- Total Youtube Views 100,000+
- Selection of Mexico City as the host city of the 6th WeGO General Assembly
- Election of Seoul as WeGO's President City
- Election of 17 EXCOM Members for 2021-2023



"The 5th General Assembly of WeGO was well-organized, engaging, and productive. It marked our transition to a new decade of intensified collaboration among member cities and other stakeholders to step up the pace of our digital transformation, which is essential to the development of smart and sustainable cities. With the new leadership, directions and goals of WeGO, and the 2030 Masterplan in place, I anticipate the rapid growth of the WeGO family as more member cities become exemplars of resilience, inclusive progress, and sustainable development."

- Mar-Len Abigail S. Binay Mayor of Makati City, Philippines



MEDIA PARTNER



# 4<sup>th</sup> WeGO Awards Ceremony

The 4<sup>th</sup> WeGO Awards Ceremony was also held at the 5th General Assembly. All the 18 winners of were invited to join the awards ceremony online or offline. WeGO's Secretary General Jung Sook Park and the Director General of the Smart City Policy Bureau of the Seoul Metropolitan Government Jong Soo Park presented the trophies to the winners present at the offline event. For cities that could not attend in person, embassy representatives were invited to receive certificates instead.

#### BACKGROUND

Established in 2011, the WeGO Awards is WeGO's triennial competition that recognizes and promotes local governments with exemplary projects and solutions that use ICT to improve the quality of life of citizens. In the 4th WeGO Awards held from February to September 2020, local governments competed with their projects in the following categories: Efficient Government, Emerging Technology, Mobility, Open and Inclusive city, Safe City, and Sustainable City. Through a thorough evaluation process by the WeGO Awards judging panel, 18 of the 52 applications were selected to receive the Gold Award, Silver Award, and Special Mention prizes.



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	GOLD	SILVER	SPECIAL MENTION
Efficient Government	Goyang Goyang Smart City	Moscow My Moscow App	Makati The Makatizen Card Project
Emerging Technology	Seongnam A City of Opportunity Powered by Drones	Jeju High-Precision Bus Location Information Service	Lima Visualization and Measurement of the Air Quality using Low-cost Sensors and Interactive Totems
Mobility	George Town Green Connectivity	Belo Horizonte SIU Mobile - Belo Horizonte's Mobility App	Tehran Interactive Bike AppSensors and Interactive Totems
Open and Inclusive City	São Paulo Free Fab Lab, SP Network	Jakarta Jakarta Smart City	Sejong Sejong& Project
Safe City	Mexico City My Safe City	Belo Horizonte Prevention of Violence and Sexual Harassment Against Women in Public Transport	Goyang Smart IoT Walkways
Sustainable City	Istanbul Ship Generated Marine Pollution Controls with Camera systems and Drones	Mashhad Mashhad SIMAP Application	Iskandar Malaysia <sup>Sungai</sup> Segget Rejuvenation Project

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# **Regional Expansion: Africa**

#### Africa Smart Cities Network (AFSCN)

Africa is one of the priority areas that WeGO contemplates in the 2030 Masterplan. This year WeGO has moved one step forward to promote the development of smart cities in the continent by establishing the Africa Smart Cities Network (AFSCN), a network that aims to facilitate regional exchanges for cooperation in the field of smart city development.

#### The Africa Smart Cities Network Seminar (June 29)

WeGO held its first Africa Smart Cities Network (AFSCN) with over 100 participants from 40 countries taking part in the online event on to explore the challenges and opportunities for digital transformation in Africa.

INSTITUTIONAL PARTICIPATION Smart Africa Alliance UCLG Africa Africa Smart Towns Network Secretariat Code for Africa

#### REGIONAL HIGH-LEVEL SPEAKERS

Ambassador of the Rwandan Embassy to South Korea Mayor of Gaborone Director of WeGO's Africa Regional Office

#### AFSCN Workshop on Urban Resilience (November 25)

As a follow-up event to the June Seminar, WeGO organized an interactive workshop on urban resilience—selected as a priority topic by the participants—to share ideas and insights on how African cities, towns, and villages should tackle key challenges to build more resilient communities.





#### **Opening of WeGO's Africa Regional Office**

Abuja became WeGO's newest Regional Office (RO) for Africa on February 24 as the virtual opening ceremony took place at the occasion of the 2021 WeGO Activities Kickoff Event. Over 100 members, partners, and stakeholders from 31 countries gathered online to watch WeGO's first event of the year, which included presentations on WeGO's 2021 activities and a workshop to discuss smart city challenges and solutions in each of WeGO's regions.

Abdullahi Adamu Candido, Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC)'s Executive Chairman carried out the ribbon cutting at the African Regional Office opening ceremony. Also, he announced that through the new RO, Abuja is committed to ensuring that cities are resilient "to shocks such as the current pandemic, but also to the growing complex demands from urban housing, food security, public safety transportation, to mention a few, and to achieve the SDGs."



# **Regional Expansion: Latin America**

#### Latin America Smart Cities Network (LASCN)

To address the specific needs of the Latin American region, WeGO initiated the Latin America Smart cities Network (LASCN) an open-ended regional network of cities and other local governments across Latin America to share best practices and foster regional cooperation in smart city development. To establish partnerships with the stakeholders in the region and to leverage the initiative, WeGO organized two events in 2021.

#### Latin America Smart Cities Network Pre-workshop (June 17)

The Latin America Smart Cities Network Pre-workshop served an opportunity to introduce LASCN initiative to regional stakeholders. Among the 100+ participants, leaders from LATAM region expressed their support for this initiative in the opening of the event, including Costa Rica's Minister of Foreign Affairs Rodolfo Solano Quirós, Brazil's Minister of Science Technology and Innovation Marcos Pontes, São Paulo's Secretary of International Relations Marta Suplicy, and Ecuadorian Embassy's Chief of Mission Johnny Reinoso-Vásquez.

Mexico City, São Paulo, and Lima, three of the leading cities in the region, spearheaded the initiative by sharing their most recent smart city initiatives and plans. In addition, various key regional stakeholders such as the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the World Bank took part in the LASCN Pre-workshop as presenters.

#### LASCN Workshop on Digital Urban Planning (November 25)

Geographic Information Systems (GIS), a key component of urban planning, was in focus during the first workshop of the network after being selected by Latin American stakeholders as a topic of major interest. City officials from Mexico City, São Paulo, and Lima then presented their respective GIS systems with all their specificities.



#### Official Visits by Regional Actors to WeGO

WeGO welcomed several ministerial delegations throughout the year that have shown their support to the initiative:

- March 18 Minister of Science Technology and Innovation of Brazil, Marcos Pontes
- March 20 Minister of Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica, Rodolfo Solano
- November 8 Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ecuador, Cesar Montaño

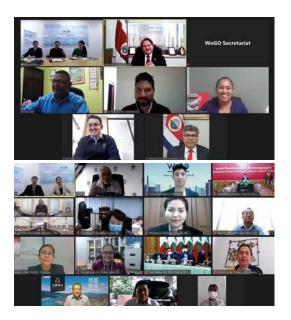
Furthermore, the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI) visited the Secretariat to exchange ideas on the smart city regional cooperation with WeGO.



# Virtual Networking

In light of limited networking opportunities due to COVID-19, WeGO conducted virtual meetings with potential member cities, corporations, and institutions to create opportunities to discuss collaborative areas and expand weGO's global membership and partnership.

This year, WeGO conducted a total of 30 virtual meetings with 48 entities. WeGO welcomed 7 entities as new members, and 3 institutions signed MOUs with WeGO. Additionally, four more institutions are in the process of concluding MOU with WeGO.



# **Meetings with Diplomatic Corps**

WeGO organized meetings with the representatives of embassies in the Republic of Korea, with the aim to expand collaboration with the public and private smart city stakeholders around the world by taking advantage of the strengthened partnership with the domestic diplomatic missions.

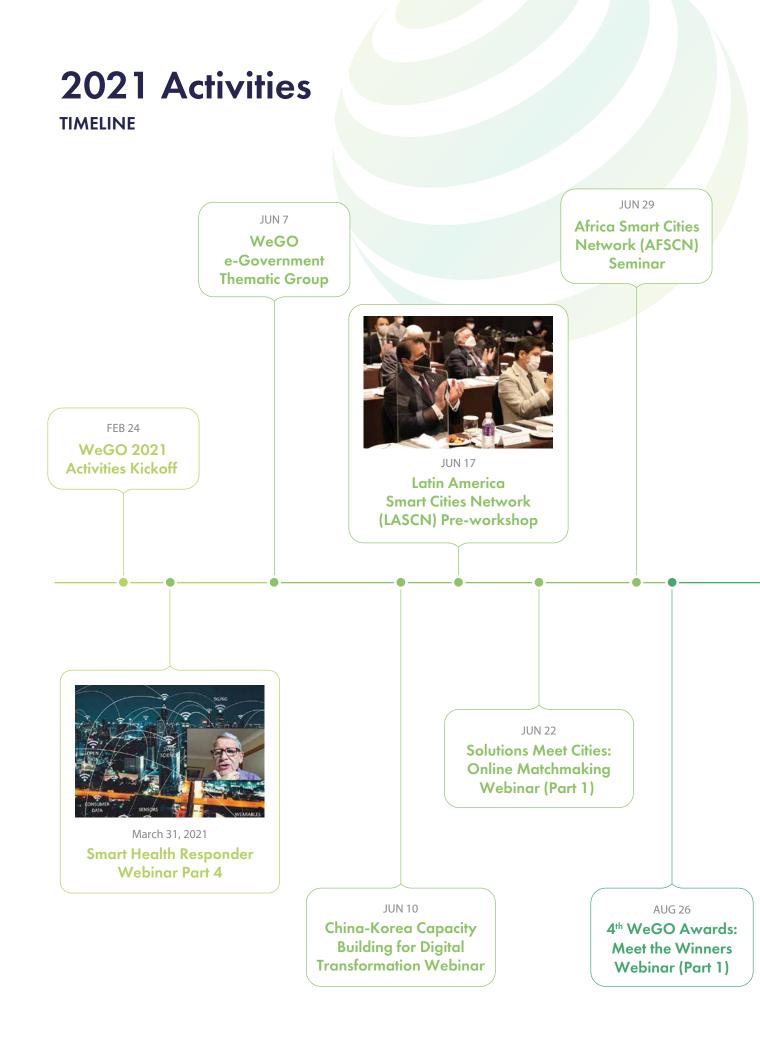
In line with WeGO's regions of focus for 2021, 16 Ambassadors & Heads of Diplomatic Missions, mostly from Africa and Latin America discussed ways to bring smart sustainable development in the cities of their country together with WeGO.



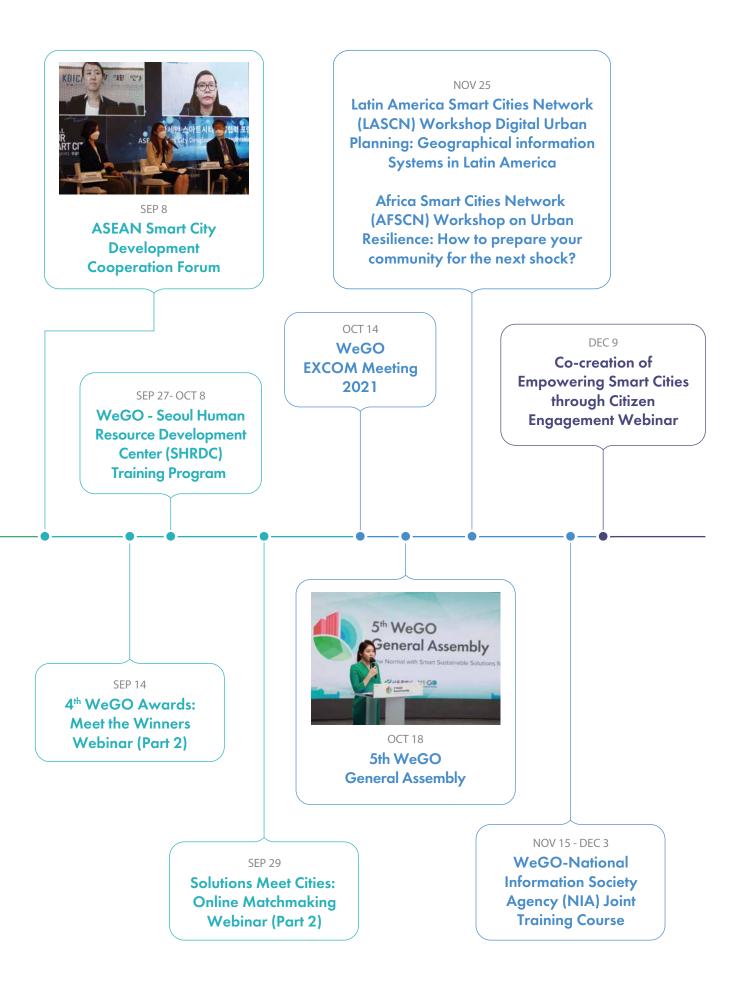
# 2021 ACTIVITIES

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## **2021** Activities

#### 2021 Activities Kickoff Event

February 24, 2021

WeGO's 2021 activities were introduced in four different languages (English, Korean, Spanish, and Chinese) and a workshop was carried out together with WeGO's five Regional Offices to facilitate developing each Regional Offices Strategy for 2021. Additionally, during the main session of the event, WeGO's new Regional Office for Africa was officially inaugurated through a Virtual Opening Ceremony.

#### Smart Health Responder Webinar Part 4

March 31, 2021

Under the theme "Smart Technologies for the Next Normal: Exploring the Context of Solutions in Europe, the Middle East and Africa (EMEA)" the fourth part of the Smart Health Responder series featured a webinar to discuss the existing challenges in the EMEA region caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, along with solutions related to clean air and water, which is effective in fighting the pandemic. The event generated great interest with over 200 registrants and more than 110 live participants and viewers, and provided simultaneous interpretation in 4 languages for increased accessibility.

#### e-Government Thematic Group

June 7, 2021

WeGO's former name, "World e-Government Organization", reflected the importance of e-Government within the field of smart cities. e-Government plays a vital role in enabling comprehensive integration of advanced services.

The WeGO e-Government Thematic Group gathered participants interested in good e-government practices to discuss the evolution of e-Government and address how multi-stakeholder cooperation can provide new angles to help cities step up their e-government ecosystems.

#### China-Korea Capacity Building for Digital Transformation Webinar

June 10, 2021

Institutional representatives from the National Information Society Agency of Korea (NIA) and the China Centre for Urban Development (CCUD) shared their comprehensive overviews of projects as well as the core capabilities that enabled them to achieve their current developments in the smart city field. Chinese and Korean city officials from Shanghai, Ningbo, Zhengzhou, Seoul, Busan and Seongnam shared their current smart city initiatives and the training programs that have supported them in their planning and implementation of the projects. In a panel discussion, WeGO and the speakers identified possible next steps of collaboration, narrowed down the scope of future programs, and ranked priority training areas based on common needs.

#### **Solutions Meet Cities Webinars**

June 22, 2021 (Part 1) September 29, 2021 (Part 2)

The main goal of these webinars was promoting the WeGO Smart City Driver and project implementation opportunities under the program, as well as generating matchmaking opportunities for WeGO members by providing member cities, corporations and partners a space to share their ongoing projects and project proposals with the WeGO network. As a direct result, WeGO has successfully connected various entities through the program:

SRPOST - Baguio City: submitted a joint application for project funding through the Eureka Network SEADS - Quezon [in Progress]: preparation to enter into a partnership for a pilot project implementation

# **2021** Activities

#### 4<sup>th</sup> WeGO Awards: Meet the Winners Webinars

August 26, 2021 (Part 1) September 14, 2021 (Part 2)

These events Highlighted the winning cities of WeGO Awards, a competition that recognizes and promotes smart initiatives that use ICT to improve the quality of life of citizens. Award winners shared their winning cases with the world and a live discussion was conducted on important elements of smart development in cities.

#### ASEAN Smart City Development Cooperation Forum

September 8, 2021

The event aimed to identify the smart city development needs of ASEAN cities and the global cooperation trajectory to promote partnerships with ASEAN cities through New Southern Official Development Assistance (ODA).

Presenters explained smart city trends in ASEAN and the core factors of smart city development in the region, and introduced 50 cooperative projects initiated by Korean governments with ASCN cities through ODA projects. The panelists shared possible measures to provide financial support for smart city development for ASEAN cities.

The ASCN National Representative of Brunei Darussalam Nazri Hj. Yousof – who also serves the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Transport and Infocommunication – delivered Opening remarks.

#### WeGO - Seoul Human Resource Development Center (SHRDC) Training Program

September 27 - October 8, 2021

An online training program using SHRDC's Self-Paced e-learning platform was held bringing in 16 officials from WeGO's member cities including Cameroon, Nigeria and Uganda to share leading trends in smart cities based on Seoul's global leadership in the smart city field.

#### WeGO-NIA-AFDB Joint Online Course

November 15 - December 3, 2021

An online training program held on the topic of "Citizen-Centric Digital Transformation ine-Government and Smart City Initiatives". The course consisted of 3 Modules and covered a total of 9 topics, presented by experts from the government, research and academia from South Korea and Europe.

Over 100 public officials, professionals, and other interested individuals from around 40 countries took part in the online program to learn about digitalization, smart city trends and best practices.

#### Co-creation of Empowering Smart Cities through Citizen Engagement Webinar

December 9, 2021

WeGO hosted an online event with Chengdu East Asia Regional Office and the European Network of Living Labs (ENoLL) to shed light on the importance of building citizen-centric smart cities on December 9, 2021. The webinar convened representatives from different continents to share innovative citizen engagement measures that best suit their local context.

# WeGO Participation in Partner Events

This year WeGO has participated in 12 external events to share its knowledge and expertise in smart city development.

Date	Event Name	Theme	Event Organizer
April 29	Sejong International Smart City Forum	Global cooperation and global development	Sejong (South Korea)
May 23	Daxing District Investment Promotion Intermediary Incentive Policy Announcement Meeting	Prospective Partners	Daxing District (China)
May 25	Moscow Smart Cities Forum	Sustainable, smart, resilient: ideas and concepts for urban development	Moscow (Russia)
May 26	RISE Africa 2021 Festival	How our cities are pushing the boundaries of planning, governance, finance and technology	ICLEi Africa
June 3	Two-day Hybrid Seminar on Resilient Sustainable & Smart Cities	Smart Sustainable Cities Feasibility Studies	UCLG Africa & Morocco
Jun 25	Seoul Smart City Best Practices IT Webinar	Introducing Korea's smart city experiences and initiatives	Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency (KOTRA) / SRPOST
July 29	WCS Smart Cities Workshop	Building Secure Cities and Social Cohesion in the Digital Age	Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC)
Aug 3	Global Perspectives on Smart Cities	WeGO and Feasibility studies	Smart City institute Japan (SCI-Japan)
Aug 20	8th WFUNA College Leaders at the UN (South Korea 2021)	Evaluating policy recommendations on how to achieve the UN SDGs	World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA)
Sep 8	Digital Living Lab Days	Change the future together: co-creating global collaborations	European Network of Living Labs (ENoLL)
Oct 27	2nd International Summit on Smart Cities	Digital Government	Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom (FNF)
Nov 11	Korea's digitalization and smart city development	Introduction of WeGO and best practice cases in Korea's smart city policy	Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR)

# NEW MEMBERS AND PARTNERS

# **New Members**

#### Almaty (Kazakhstan)

Area: 682 km² Population: 1.9 Million Akim: Bakhytzhan Sagintayev



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Almaty is the largest city in Kazakhstan. It was the capital of Kazakhstan from 1929 to 1997. Almaty city is ranked the most digital city in Kazakhstan in 2020 and reached 2.7 ranking score from IDC, which is the highest score in the CIS countries after Moscow.

#### Lima (Peru)

Area: 2,672 km² Population: 8.5 million Mayor: Jorge Muñoz Wells

Lima, the capital of Peru, lies on the country's arid Pacific coast. It's a bustling metropolis and one of South America's largest cities. Lima has embarked on plans to develop smart cities and has a special desk called "Lima ciudad inteligente".

#### Urubamba (Peru)

Area: 1439 km² Population: 79,059 Mayor: Luis Alberto Valcarcel

Urubamba province is located in the Cusco Region. The province has a vast cultural heritage, among others, it is home to the famous UNESCO World Heritage Site of Machu Pikchu. The province it is aiming to transform itself through smart programs.

#### SEADS - Sea Defence Solutions (United Kingdom)



SEADS aims to offer the ideal solution for riverine plastic collection and upcycling, to be deployed at any river basin scale, contributing to solving the Ocean Plastic Pollution (OPP) problem. SEADS offers not just the solution to collect plastic in rivers, but also the one to manage and recycle what we collect.

#### Buenos Aires de Puntarenas (Costa Rica)

Area: 555 km² Population: 52,126 Mayor: José Rojas



Buenos Aires is situated in the southern part of Costa Rica, between the Térraba and El Dique rivers and the Talamanca Mountain range. Smart city development is one of the main priorities of the Costa Rican government and also of the Buenos Aires Municipality, which contemplates this development in its Territorial Development Plan.

#### Cusco (Peru)

Area: 617 km² Population: 428,000 Mayor: Víctor Boluarte Medina



Cusco province is very well-known for its rich cultural heritage and archaeological remains. Its capital city, Cusco City, used to be the capital of the Inca Empire. Cusco has experimented a rapid growth in the past years, which has lead to various challenges that they are looking to address through transforming themselves into a Smart City.

#### DaiBon UK Limited (United Kingdom)

DaiBon UK Limited established in 1995, is a small family company in the UK with more than 25 years track-record, comprising a few successful operating businesses in the UK, since immigrating from South Korea. The company is currently developing a smart town project for developing countries as a R&D center.

# **Dwelling Co., Ltd.** Dwelling (South Korea)

Dwelling Co., Ltd. offers dedicated solutions to the increasing social concerns regarding air quality and fine dust particles. Utilizing IoT, AI and big data, the company provides solutions for indoor and outdoor air quality management, as well as purifying systems against harmful components, bacteria, viruses and odors in the air.



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# **MOU Signatures**



#### **SmartCitiesWorld**

April 19, 2021

WeGO entered into a media partnership with leading media outlet SmartCities-World. Based in London, SmartCitiesWorld has more than 100,000 visitors – spanning the public, private and academic sectors – from 1,000+ cities in 186 countries on their website each month. SmartCitiesWorld's platform provides readers with not only the latest smart city news, but also informative trend reports, research whitepapers, webinars, and opinions from thought-leaders in the field. With the newly established partnership with SCW, WeGO will bring this informative contents to our members, offering knowledge-sharing and capacity-building opportunities.



#### **Smart Africa**

July 28, 2021

In alignment with the creation of the Africa Smart Cities Network (AFSCN), WeGO partnered with Smart Africa Alliance—an alliance of 32 African countries, international organizations and global private sector players tasked with Africa's digital agenda and empowered by African Heads of State to accelerate sustainable socio-economic development on the continent. Together, both organizations aim to develop and support the long-term impact of smart city initiatives in Africa. The partnership will also focus on the development and provision of capacity-building programs, resource mobilisation for smart cities in Africa the organization of knowledge sharing activities, the conducting of research and development among others.



#### **Kookmin University**

November 30, 2021

WeGO signed an MOU with Kookmin University to cover cooperation on two new flagship programs WeGO will launch in 2022. The main program in focus in the MOU is the "WeGO Champions", a youth program that aims to educate young people on the topic of smart cities, such as general trends and policies, to prepare them for the job market in the era of the 4th Industrial Revolution. In addition, the cooperation between WeGO and Kookmin University entails joint research, collecting smart city best practice cases around the world and jointly develop a smart city index for cities and local governments.



# **Member Overview**

210 Members as of December 2021



LATIN AMERICA **Regional Office** Mexico City

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENTS | 160

#### AFRICA | 47

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mi-Baissa, Pupule Yorro,
Sokoto State, Takum
Ikhawi Locality, Gadarif City,
ra State, Hasahisa, Kassala State,
Khartoum State, North Kordofan
ate, Sennar State, Shaikan Locality,
ity, Umelgoura Locality, White Nile
lemil, Tunis

#### EUROPE | 17

#### MIDDLE EAST | 8

Iran	Isfahan, Shiraz, Tabriz
Iraq	Erbil
Oman	Muscat
Palestine	Hebron, Ramallah
United Arab Emirates	Abu Dhabi

#### AMERICAS | 14

Argentina	San Antonio de Areco
Brazil	Porto Alegre, São Paulo
Costa Rica	Buenos Aires
Dominican Republic	Villa Tapia
Mexico	Coatzacoalcos, Mexico City
Paraguay	Asunción
Peru	Lima, Cusco, Urubamba
United States	Pittsburgh, San Francisco
Venezuela	Caracas

#### ASIA-PACIFIC | 74

Afghanistan	Ghazni, Kabul, Pul-i-Alam
Azerbaijan	Baku
Bangladesh	Dhaka North, Dhaka South, Rajshahi
China	Chengdu, Dujiangyan, Hong Kong SAR,
	Ningbo, Zhejiang Province
Fiji	Suva
India	Suva Agra
Indonesia	Bandung, Batam, Bau-Bau, Jakarta, Riau Islands,
	Serang Regency
Japan	Saga Prefecture
Kazakhstan	Almaty, Nur-Sultan
Korea	Anyang, Gimpo, Goyang, Jeju, Sejong, Seongnam,
	Seoul
Malaysia	Penang Island, Seberang Perai
Mongolia	Altai, Choibalsan, Erdenet, Sainshand, Ulaanbaatar
Nepal	Belbari, Bhadrapur, Bharatpur, Birgunj, Dharan,
	Dhulikhel, Itahari, Kathmandu, Kankai, Patharishanish-
	chare, Pokhara, Ramgram, Ratuwamai, Shivasatakshi,
	Sunawarshi, Sundarharaicha, Sunwal, Tarakeshwor
New Zealand	Wellington
Pakistan	Islamabad, Peshawar
Philippines	Baguio, Cauayan, La Union, Makati, Manila, Quezon City,
	San Fernando La Union
Sri Lanka	Dambulla, Galle, Matale, Sri Jayawardenapura Kotte
Thailand	Bangkok
Uzbekistan	Tashkent
Vietnam	Da Nang, Ha Noi, Thua Thien Hue

2021 Activities



#### **INSTITUTIONS | 16**

Afghanistan	Engineering School at Kabul University	Mongolia	Healthy City Network of Mongolia (HCNM)
Botswana	Botswana Communications Regulatory Authority	Nigeria	African Smart Cities Innovation Foundation (ASCIF),
Germany	FIWARE Foundation		Digital Collaborative Platform, National Information
Ghana	National Information Technology Agency (NITA)		Technology Development Agency (NITDA)
India	Enactus IIT Delhi	Sudan	National Information Center (NIC)
Korea	Korea Internet and Security Agency (KISA), Seoul Digital	Switzerland	Solar Impulse Foundation
	Foundation (SDF), Seoul Housing & Communities	Tunisia	Bizerte 2050
	Corporation (SH)	Uganda	National Information Technology Authority (NITA-U)

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