WORLD SMART SUSTAINABLE CITIES ORGANIZATION

OVERVIEW

The World Smart Sustainable Cities Organization (WeGO), is a membership-based international association of local governments, smart tech solution providers, and institutions committed to the transformation of cities into smart sustainable cities through facilitating public-private partnerships (PPP).

WeGO was founded by 50 member cities in 2010 as the World e-Governments Organization, hence our acronym. However, as the concept of smart city continued evolving, during the 4th General Assembly (2017) WeGO expanded its mandate and changed its name to the World Smart Sustainable Cities Organization.

WeGO serves for its members as their international platform to improve the quality of life, innovate in the delivery of public services, and strengthen regional competitiveness.

Smart Sustainable Cities for All

VISION

Cities that ensure enduring economic, social, and environmental sustainability by:

- exploiting the power of digital technologies
- engaging city leaders and communities
- integrating across sectors and disciplines
- accessing investment for smart sustainable cities development

to improve efficiency of urban operation and services, quality of life, and economic prosperity and services for their communities.

MISSION

- WeGO promotes and facilitates the worldwide transformation of cities to smart sustainable cities
- WeGO is a global platform for cities and their partners to leverage their innovation potential, enhance their digital capabilities, promote digital ethics, and develop transformative solutions for smart sustainable cities
- WeGO fosters and improves international exchange, cooperation, project implementation, and learning amongst cities and with their partners.

WeGO'S PRIORITIES FOR 2023

Citizen-Centric Smart Cities

To build citizen-centric smart cities, inclusion has become one of the most important values in today's smart city development. Technology, despite causing the digital divide, can still be the driving force in reducing the gap and ensuring an inclusive digitalization of public services that benefit all people in sectors ranging from mobility, safety, welfare, environment, culture, and governance. WeGO will work towards the creation of an agenda that promotes the global efforts in building inclusive and citizen-centric cities.

Decentralization and Regional Approach

The pandemic has highlighted the importance of cities as Smart City transformation drivers. Recognizing the constraints in the national level approach, the role of cities as transformation drivers to stimulate city-specific development and activate citizen participation is paramount. WeGO believes a regional approach targeting city-level is crucial to boost the city development and overcome the challenges the cities are facing under the current digital transformation process.

Adapting Programs to the New Normal

As the world slowly adapts to the New Normal from the COVID-19 pandemic, WeGO is also transitioning from the two years of online programs to in-person events, aiming to engage with members and partners in more offline activities. Recognizing the strengths of the virtual interactions, while keeping a relevant number of digital programs, WeGO will increase the in-person interactions among members and partners that has characterized the organization since its inception.

Increase Partnerships for more Innovative Financing and Tech Solutions

In line with WeGO's vision of "exploiting the power of digital technologies" and "accessing investment for smart sustainable cities development", the organization will actively partner with tech and finance solution providers to increase the number of solutions that it offers to its members. With this new collaborative framework, the Secretariat will continue striving to engage with more public and private actors to expand on the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model.

WeGO'S CORE PROGRAMS IN 2023

SEOUL SMART CITY PRIZE

The Seoul Smart City Prize is designed to champion the people-centered smart city initiatives. Efforts of city governments, corporations, and individuals to ensure inclusive smart sustainable development will be recognized in front of a global audience and winners will share their vision for leading the inclusive growth of the global community. The first Seoul Smart City Prize ceremony will be held at the World Cities Summit Mayors Forum 2023 hosted in Seoul.

THE 6TH WEGO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The WeGO General Assembly is a triennial event that gathers WeGO members and partners from all parts of the world to shape the key agenda of smart sustainable development and chart the direction of WeGO for the next three years. Celebrating the in-person global gathering of the WeGO family, the 6th WeGO General Assembly will be hosted by the President city of WeGO, the Seoul Metropolitan Government. All WeGO members and partners are invited to attend the 6th WeGO General Assembly.

WeGO SMART CITY CHAMPIONS

WeGO recruits youth from universities in member cities from all around the world to gain knowledge and build consensus around the future of smart cities. By fostering knowledge exchange and building capacities of youth in the field of urban development, sustainability and smart cities through two phases, this flagship program will empower young urban leaders of tomorrow.

PHASE 1 LECTURE SERIES: Apply to join a 6-week lecture series on various smart city topics
PHASE 2 WORKSHOP SERIES: Engage in capacity-building workshops to design innovative solutions to smart city challenges.

WeGO SMART CITIES INDEX

The WeGO Smart Cities Index invites interested WeGO Member Cities to participate in the archive of the world's best smart cities practices. This Index aims at setting the global agenda in the smart cities community by collecting data from WeGO Member Cities around the world, assessing the smart development stages of the cities, and publishing smart city rankings and a report. It will also serve as a guideline and reference to cities in the world to learn smart city experiences from each other. WeGO Member Cities will be able to understand their development stages in the world in terms of smart sustainable development, and identify areas to improve and benchmark other model cases.

WeGO SMART CITY DRIVER

WeGO ACTIVATOR

Diagnose your city's smart city development stage and learn how to improve.

Complete the WeGO Activator survey to find out where you are in smart city development and learn what solutions could be applied to make your city even smarter.

SOLUTION FINDER

Search for the right smart city solutions.

- Join our flagship **'Solutions Meet Cities'** matchmaking events or schedule an on-demand matchmaking meeting with a partner of your choice.

- Discuss and share your smart city plans with the WeGO network.

- Gain inspiration from smart city best cases from our WeGO members and partners

PROJECT IMPLEMENTER

Reach your smart city goals with project implementation opportunities.

- Share your ready-made project proposal with WeGO and **establish direct project partnerships** within the WeGO network.

- Become a beneficiary city or solution provider of **WeGO Smart Sustainable City Feasibility Study Program**.

- Apply for **partner smart city funding programs** through consultation and support from WeGO.

WeGO MEMBERS | 215

as of December 2022

AMERICAS
15

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS | 160

AFRICA | 47

Cameroon	Andek, Batibo, Tubah
Ethiopia	Addis Ababa
Ghana	Accra
Kenya	Nairobi
Morocco	Rabat
Mozambique	Maputo
Nigeria	Abuja, Calabar, Donga, Gassol, Jalingo, Kaduna State, Karim-Lamido, Kurmi-Baissa, Pupule Yorro, Sardauna-Gembu, Sokoto State, Takum
Rwanda	Kigali
Senegal	Dakar
South Africa	Tshwane
Sudan	East Nile Locality, Elkhawi Locality, Gadarif City, Gadarif State, Gezira State, Hasahisa, Kassala State, Khartoum Locality, Khartoum State, North Kordofan State, River Nile State, Sennar State, Shaikan Locality, South Gezira Locality, Umelgoura Locality, White Nile State
Tanzania	Dar es Salaam
Tunisia	La Marsa, Menzel Jemil, Tunis
Uganda	Kampala
Zambia	Kasama, Lunte
Zimbabwe	Harare

EUROPE | 16

Belarus	Minsk
Belgium	Brussels
France	Paris
Germany	Berlin, Frankfurt
Netherlands	Rotterdam
Romania	Bucharest
Russia	Magas, Moscow, Vladivostok
Turkey	Ankara, Antakya, Beyoğlu, Gaziantep, Malatya, Muğla

MIDDLE EAST | 8

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

AMERICAS | 15

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

ASIA-PACIFIC | 74

Azerbaijan	Baku
Bangladesh	Dhaka North, Dhaka South, Rajshahi
China	Chengdu, Dujiangyan, Hong Kong SAR, Ningbo, Zhejiang Province
Fiji	Suva
India	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

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MEDITERRANEAN
Regional Office
Beyoğlu

PRESIDENT CITY
Seoul

EAST ASIA Regional Office
Chengdu

AFRICA Regional Office
Abuja

MIDDLE EAST
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INSTITUTIONS | 18

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

CORPORATIONS | 37

beCloud   Dai Bon UK Limited   DAMOGO   DATA ALLIANCE   DOHWA   Dwelling

FATOS   (주)가보테크   HANCOM Inc.   HIENERGY CODEX   MetaTheater   qlue

SRPOST   Tmoney   WEAVAIR   Youngshin 영신기전공업(주)   YOYA Technologies Ltd

MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS	CORPORATIONS	INSTITUTIONS
· Cities and Other Municipalities · Districts and Other Sub-Municipalities · States, Provinces, and Other Regions	· Multinational Corporation (MNC) · Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs) · Start-ups	· Associations and Alliances · National and Subnational Public Agencies · Academic Institutions · Non-profit Organizations

APPLICATION PROCESS

Expression of Interest 〉 Complete and Submit Application Form (Part 1) 〉 Meeting with the WeGO Secretariat 〉 Complete and Submit Application Form (Part 2) 〉 Approval

ANNUAL FEES

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

GDP per capita (USD) / Population ('000)	0 - 49	50 - 199	200 - 299	300 - 599	600 - 999	1,000 - 1,999	2,000 - 3,999	4,000 - 6,999	7,000 - 9,999	10,000+
0 - 999	400	400	400	400	500	500	600	600	700	700
0 - 1,999	400	400	500	500	600	600	700	700	800	800
2,000 - 3,999	400	450	500	750	1,000	1,250	1,500	1,750	2,000	2,250
4,000 - 5,999	500	500	700	1,000	1,300	1,600	1,900	2,200	2,500	3,000
6,000 - 7,999	900	1,200	1,500	2,000	2,500	3,000	3,500	4,000	4,500	5,000
8,000 - 9,999	1,600	1,800	2,000	2,500	3,000	3,500	4,000	4,500	5,000	5,500
10,000 - 14,999	2,500	3,000	3,500	4,000	4,500	5,000	5,500	6,000	6,500	7,000
15,000 - 19,999	3,500	4,000	4,500	5,000	5,500	6,000	6,500	7,000	7,500	8,000
20,000+	4,000	5,000	6,000	6,500	7,000	7,500	8,000	8,500	8,500	10,000

CORPORATIONS

Category	Criteria (No. of Employees Worldwide)	Annual Membership Fee (USD)
Multinational Corporation (MNC)	2000+	8,000
Small and Medium - Sized Enterprise (SME)	500 - 1,999	5,000
	300 - 499	2,500
	1 - 299	2,000
Start-up	21+	2,000
	11 - 20	1,500
	1 - 10	1,000

INSTITUTIONS

Category	Criteria (GDP per capita (PPP) (USD))	Annual Membership Fee (USD)
Associations and Alliances Includes all international and domestic associations and alliances comprised of member national or subnational local governments, corporations, and institutions focused on smart city and other relevant topics, such as sustainable urban development **National and Subnational Public Agencies** Includes all individual national and subnational government agencies and government entities, including development and corporation agencies, with a mandate to formulate and implement strategies and projects for smart city development and achievement of other relevant goals, such as sustainable urban development **Academic Institutions** Includes all international and domestic academic institutions, such as universities, think tanks, and research organizations	0 - 1,999	750
	2,000 - 4,999	1,000
	5,000 - 7,999	1,500
	8,000 - 9,999	2,000
	10,000 - 14,999	3,000
	15,000 - 19,999	4,000
	20,000+	5,000

Category	Criteria (Number of Employees)	Annual Membership Fee (USD)
Non-Profit Organizations Includes all international and domestic individual non-profit organizations focused on promoting sustainable urban development	0 - 9	1,000
	10 - 49	2,000
	50 - 99	3,000
	100 - 499	4,000
	500+	5,000

* GDP per Capita (PPP) is determined by the latest available international financial statistics published by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) while population and the number of employees are determined by the official statistics provided by the entity when joining WeGO.

GOVERNANCE

Term of 2021-2023

VICE PRESIDENT CITIES
Beyoğlu (Turkey)
Chengdu (China)
Makati City (Philippines)
Moscow (Russia)
Seberang Perai (Malaysia)

PRESIDENT CITY
Seoul (Korea)

SECRETARIAT
Seoul (Korea)

REGIONAL OFFICES
Abuja (Nigeria)
Chengdu (China)
Beyoğlu (Turkey)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER CITIES

Abuja (Nigeria), Beyoğlu (Turkey), Chengdu (China), Dhulikhel (Nepal), Hebron (Palestine)
Kampala (Uganda), Makati City (Philippines), Maputo (Mozambique), Mexico City (Mexico)
Moscow (Russia), São Paulo (Brazil), Seberang Perai (Malaysia), Seongnam City (Korea)
Seoul (Korea), Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia), Wellington (New Zealand)

GENERAL ASSEMBLY
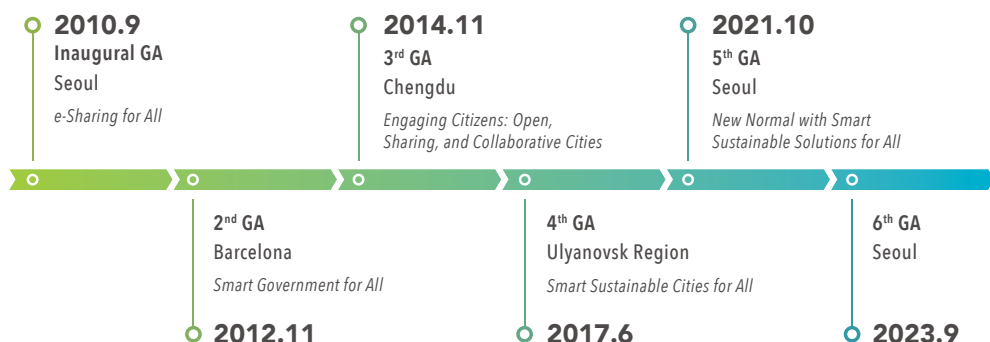All Members

THE SECRETARIAT AND REGIONAL OFFICES

The WeGO Secretariat is located in Seoul, the President City of WeGO. It is supported by three (3) Regional Offices in advancing the Organization's mission in their respective regions.

SECRETARIAT	**AFRICA** Regional Office	**EAST ASIA** Regional Office	**MEDITERRANEAN** Regional Office
Seoul (Korea)	Abuja (Nigeria)	Chengdu (China)	Beyoğlu (Turkey)

WeGO ACTIVITIES

- KNOWLEDGE SHARING & NETWORKING
- CAPACITY BUILDING
- RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT
- PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION & MATCHMAKING
- REGIONAL ACTIVITIES
- GOVERNANCE ACTIVITIES

WeGO GENERAL ASSEMBLIES (GA)

2010.9
Inaugural GA
Seoul
e-Sharing for All

2014.11
3ʳᵈ GA
Chengdu
Engaging Citizens: Open, Sharing, and Collaborative Cities

2021.10
5ᵗʰ GA
Seoul
New Normal with Smart Sustainable Solutions for All

2ⁿᵈ GA
Barcelona
Smart Government for All
2012.11

4ᵗʰ GA
Ulyanovsk Region
Smart Sustainable Cities for All
2017.6

6ᵗʰ GA
Seoul
2023.9

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