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# OVERVIEW OF 2023 ACTIVITIES

## SEOUL SMART CITY PRIZE

Seoul Smart City Prize Ceremony	Sep   Seoul
WCS Mayors Forum 2023	Sep   Seoul

## GOVERNANCE ACTIVITIES

WeGO General Assembly	Sep   Seoul
WeGO EXCOM Meeting 2023	Sep   Seoul

## MATCHMAKING & PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

WeGO Activator Survey	Year-round   Online
Solutions Meet Cities	Sep   Seoul
Feasibility Studies and Project Implementation	Year-round

## CAPACITY-BUILDING

WeGO Smart City Champions	Jun   Hybrid
WeGO-SHRDC Training Program	Jun   Online
WeGO-NIA Joint Workshop	Jun   Seoul

## RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

WeGO Smart Cities Index	Year-round
WeGO IMD Smart City Index	Year-round

## NETWORKING & KNOWLEDGE-SHARING

Conferences, Expos & Webinars	Year-round   Online & Offline
WeGO Advisory Board	Year-round

## REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

Africa Smart Cities Network (AFSCN)	Year-round
Latin America Smart Cities Network (LASCN)	Year-round
ASEAN Smart Cities Network (ASCN)	Year-round



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 currently has over 200 members and it serves as their international platform to improve the quality of life, innovate in the delivery of public services, and strengthen regional competitiveness.

# WEGO 2023 ACTIVITIES KICKOFF EVENT

As we are moving towards the new normal, WeGO is planning more activities than ever to embrace inclusivity and promote people-centered smart cities incorporating the core concept of ESG (Environmental, social, and governance).

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Join us in the 2023 Activities Kick-off Event to explore WeGO's programs for this year and how you can become involved in our core activities. Aiming to strengthen ties with our members as well as foster new partnerships with leading organizations, WeGO is revitalizing and expanding its activities. On top of the triennially General Assembly that will be held this year in Seoul, WeGO will also launch new initiatives that champion citizen-centric smart city development including the Seoul Smart City Prize and Smart Cities Index.

**2023  
ACTIVITIES  
KICK-OFF**

**February 21 | 14:00 (GMT+9)**  
**International Conference Hall,  
9th floor, Seoul Global Center**

**WeGO**  
World Smart Sustainable Cities Organization

Learn More  
about  
WeGO's 2023  
Activities

If interested please sign-up  
directly [here](#)

# SEOUL SMART CITY PRIZE



In partnership with the President City of WeGO, the Seoul Metropolitan Government, we are pleased to announce the Seoul Smart City Prize. Under the theme *Fostering digital transformation through innovative and inclusive approaches for citizens*, the Seoul prize is committed to promoting the vision and value of a “people-centered smart city”. It will acknowledge model cases of smart cities – policies and technologies – and share exemplary cases around the world. It will also recognize individual, corporate, and institutional efforts as well. If your city or organization has a smart city project on par with the theme, this is an excellent chance to receive an accolade while gaining recognition of your city’s smart city initiatives. Winners of the Prize will be invited to the Prize Ceremony set to be held in September this year at the World Cities Summit Mayors Forum which will be held in Seoul.

- **Category:** Tech-InnovaCity, Human-CentriCity, Leadership
- **Eligible Applicants:** Cities, Companies, Institutions, Individuals
- **Application Period:** March 1 - May 31, 2023

To apply, visit our official website [www.seoulsmartcityprize.com](http://www.seoulsmartcityprize.com) or contact [info@seoulsmartcityprize.com](mailto:info@seoulsmartcityprize.com)

## Highlights

### WCS Mayors Forum 2023

The annual WCS Mayors Forum is a global platform for mayors and city leaders to discuss pressing urban challenges and share the best practices. In 2023 WCS Mayors Forum will take place in Seoul. We are pleased to invite all WeGO Members and Partners to attend this offline event in September.

### Seoul Smart City Prize Ceremony

The Seoul Smart City Prize winners, WeGO members and partners, including corporate members, local governments, diplomatic missions, academia, institutions and experts in the smart city development field will take part in this event. The event will feature the official Prize Ceremony for finalists. Winners will be honored during the World Cities Summit Mayors Forum in Seoul, South Korea in September 2023.

WeGO invites all interested members, partners and smart city stakeholders to attend and take part in this exclusive event in Seoul!

# WEGO GENERAL ASSEMBLY



The WeGO General Assembly, a triennial event that gathers members and partners to shape key agenda and help chart the organization’s direction for the coming years. This year, the 6th WeGO General Assembly will convey in Seoul, the president city, in conjunction with the World Cities Summit (WCS) Mayors Forum. This will be the first time after the COVID-19 pandemic that the event will be hosted onsite, providing a unique opportunity for all the organization’s members to meet with other Mayors, CIOs, city officials, corporate and institutional representatives to exchange ideas, share best practices, and seek for cooperation opportunities.

## Past GAs Timeline



## Highlight

### WeGO EXCOM Meeting 2023

The WeGO Executive Committee (EXCOM), WeGO’s main decision-making body, convenes annually to review the Secretariat’s activities and accomplishments in the past year and to decide on key agenda items guiding the organization’s direction for the future. Current EXCOM members (2021-2023) are: Abuja (Nigeria), Beyoglu (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), and Wellington (New Zealand).



# MATCHMAKING & PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

WeGO collaborates with cities, corporations, and institutions to identify partnership opportunities for project implementation. We match cities with corporations and institutions by identifying cities' challenges and finding appropriate smart city solutions and funding resources for project implementation.



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.

## Project Submission

WeGO members can submit their projects throughout the year to the Secretariat. Our team will review and analyze all received project proposals and look for potential partnerships, feasibility studies and project funding opportunities. Interested members can submit their projects via email to [secretariat@wego.org](mailto:secretariat@wego.org)



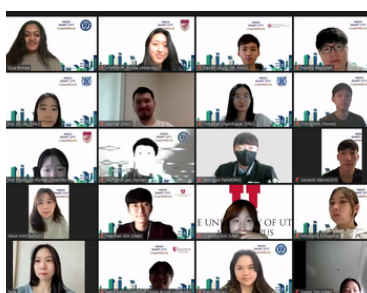


# CAPACITY-BUILDING

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## WeGO Smart City Champions

WeGO Smart City Champions is a 15-week youth program aiming to foster knowledge exchange and build capacities of young people in the field of urban development, sustainability and smart cities. Open to anyone under 35, youth from universities all around the world will be recruited to take part in this program. With this annual program, WeGO aims to provide a space for discussion on the importance of young people and formulate recommendations to advance the youth development agenda for inclusion in key processes and frameworks surrounding smart city development. The WeGO Smart City Champions will foster interaction and networking opportunities among youth and other relevant stakeholders through workshops.



### Phase 1

Lectures that aim to equip participants with the conceptual knowledge of smart cities.

### Phase 2

Capacity building workshops that encourage participants to work together in teams to come up with innovative solutions to smart city challenges.



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## WeGO-SHRDC TRAINING PROGRAM

June | Online

This member-exclusive training program is co-organized annually by WeGO and its strategic partner the Seoul Human Resource Development Center (SHRDC). The program aims to provide city officials with in-depth knowledge of some of Seoul's best practices and policies in the field of smart city development. The program will be conducted online, combining self-paced e-learning lectures from experts, and live sessions

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## WeGO-NIA JOINT WORKSHOP

June | Seoul

Workshop co-organized with the National Information Society Agency (NIA) to provide capacity building for government officials working in the fields of ICT and other smart city related areas. The workshop incorporates lectures, group activities, and technical tours to provide comprehensive learning experience in smart city related areas.

# RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

## WeGO Smart Cities Index

Year-round

WeGO will present a smart cities index enabling cities to assess and understand their development stages in terms of smart sustainable development, identify areas to improve, and benchmark other model cases from cities around the world. This index will also serve as guidelines and references for WeGO member cities and partners on smart city development. Data will be collected from WeGO members, academia, R&D centers and other international organizations throughout the production of the WeGO Smart Cities Index.

## WeGO IMD Smart Cities Index

Year-round

In line with WeGO's core value on 'People-centric' city development, developing a smart city index with IMD which will provide guidelines and references to WeGO member cities and partners in smart city development. WeGO considers that index is one of the key components of knowledge-sharing in the field of smart cities. Our approach to the index is not simply focusing on the ranking but to encourage those that strive to implement an innovative and inclusive model of smart city in their respective capabilities, given different municipal circumstances. With such an approach, WeGO envisions leading the smart city community across the world.

# NETWORKING & KNOWLEDGE SHARING

## Conferences, Expos & Webinars

WeGO with its members will take part in major smart cities conferences, seminars, workshops to network, make opportunities for new collaborations and expand WeGO's network. WeGO will continue to identify and share opportunities where members and partners can consider their online/offline participation and continue being at the center of global smart city discussion. Members interested in participating in any of the shared conferences may inform the Secretariat in advance so that we can provide tailored assistance for your participation. Potential Conferences:

### Conferences & Forums

[WSIS Forum 2023](#)

Mar 13-17 | Geneva

[WSCE 2023](#)

Sep 06-08 | Seoul

[SCSE](#)

Mar 28-31 | Taipei

[SCEWC](#)

Nov 07-09 | Barcelona

[AIM 2023](#)

May 08-10 | Abu Dhabi

[COP 28](#)

Nov 30 | Dubai

## WeGO Advisory Board

To further refine WeGO's effort to promote smart cities through Public Private People Partnerships (PPPP) and to escalate organization profile through connections and consultancies, WeGO has established an Advisory Board composed of a wide range of experienced experts in the field of smart city development and international cooperation. We anticipate our board members to provide insights and guidelines to the secretariat as WeGO carries out its missions and activities for members and partners. Each of the advisory members serve as ambassadors of WeGO in promotion of the organization to their own networks.

See the full list of WeGO Advisory Board members on the [official webpage](#).

# REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

## LATIN AMERICA SMART CITIES NETWORK (LASCN)

Following the great support received from regional actors for the launch of the Latin America Smart Cities Network (LASCN) in 2021, WeGO will continue organizing spaces for its members to exchange ideas and best practices, as well as seeking cooperation opportunities. WeGO will support members participation in events in the region including the Smart City Expo LATAM Congress that will take place in May in Merida, Mexico.

## AFRICA SMART CITIES NETWORK (AFSCN)

As part of the Africa Smart Cities Network (AFSCN) initiative launched in 2021, WeGO will continue supporting its members in the region through participation in regional events, such as the International Mayors Forum organized by UNOSD in Dakar on April of this year. WeGO will foster cooperation among cities, institutions and corporations in the region and support in identifying areas of collaboration to build synergies and enhance regional competitiveness.

## CHINA-JAPAN-KOREA (CJK)

CJK Network is envisioned as an open-ended regional network of city and other local governments across China, Japan, and ROK, within the local government to spearhead smart city development and manage interregional relations in the context of CJK Network. In 2023, WeGO will continue pursue collaboration with the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS) to promote smart sustainable development in China, Japan, and Korea.

## ASEAN SMART CITIES NETWORK (ASCN)

In 2019, WeGO began undertaking a series of activities to support ASCN cities through matchmaking with partners, consultants, and solution providers, through a workshop for knowledge sharing and a mayoral conference with signing ceremonies for partnerships. In 2023, WeGO will continue its support for the network and stakeholders for the implementation of smart city action plans and enhance partnership with the ASEAN Secretariat on the ASEAN Smart Cities Network (ASCN).

### Express your Interest

*For those interested in participating in any of the WeGO's programs for 2023 please fill in the [Expression of Interest Form](#) or reach us directly at [secretariat@we-gov.org](mailto:secretariat@we-gov.org).*



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