



## A Call for Bids to Host WeGO Regional Offices Term of 2023-2027

The WeGO Secretariat is pleased to announce the Call for Bids and invite WeGO members to host Regional Offices to serve a term of five (5) years from 2023-2027.

According to **Article 13.6 of the WeGO Statutes**, Establishment and Dissolution of WeGO Regional Offices:

*The Executive Committee shall approve the establishment of regional offices for a term of five (5) years. If two (2) or more cities wish to establish a regional office in the same region, the regional office in the city receiving the largest number of votes shall be decided as the new regional office. At the end of the (5) year term, regional offices must be rebid along with other member cities to the Executive Committee for a new term.*

As the year 2023 marks the 5th year establishment of WeGO East Asia Regional Office in Chengdu, WeGO is reopening bids for members to host the East Asia Regional Office. In addition, WeGO is opening bids for members to host new regional offices in Europe, Middle East, Latin America, and Southeast Asia. To further expand WeGO's outreach and collaboration with cities and partners from different parts of the world, bids for other regions are possible for all WeGO members alike. Members interested in hosting a regional office outside the aforementioned region may discuss their interest with the WeGO Secretariat.

### **Benefits of Hosting WeGO Regional Office**

- WeGO Regional Office is an integral body of WeGO, representing the international presence in the respective region where it is situated;
- It shall own the platform to assemble global partners, draw the attention of world leading experts in smart cities to the respective region, and promote international cooperation;
- Regions Offices will also receive committed support from the Secretariat for their initiatives as both sides advance the mission of WeGO; and
- WeGO Regional Office can tap into the WeGO Regional Office fund that grants a maximum of USD 10,000 every year for each office. A matching fund is highly encouraged when using this WeGO Regional Office fund, in order to create synergies in implementing the smart city activities as well as to scale up the impact in the region.
- In partnership with the leading smart cities of the world including the President City, Vice President Cities and Executive Committee Members, and other Regional Offices of WeGO, shape the direction of the organization and lead the smart sustainable development of cities.



### **Roles and responsibilities of WeGO Regional Office**

Regional Offices are an extension of WeGO to expand the network by organizing smart city activities, inviting new members, and initiating knowledge exchange and cooperation while providing support for WeGO and prospective members from the corresponding region. For detailed roles and responsibilities, kindly refer to page 3 of the *WeGO Regional Office Terms of Reference TOR (2023)*.

**To express your interest in becoming a host of WeGO Regional Office, please refer to the *Guidelines for the WeGO Regional Office Bidding Package* and submit the Bidding Package to [secretariat@we-gov.org](mailto:secretariat@we-gov.org) before **July 9, 2023**.**

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