

## Meeting Memorandum of the WeGO Executive Committee Meeting 2023

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<b>Event:</b>	<b>WeGO Executive Committee (EXCOM) Meeting 2023</b>
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	September 4, 2023   Monday   15:00 - 17:00 KST
<b>Venue:</b>	Online (Zoom)
<b>Host city:</b>	Seoul Metropolitan Government (SMG)
<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. Jinman Kim, Director-General of Digital Policy Bureau, Seoul Metropolitan Government (SMG)
<b>WeGO Representatives:</b>	Ms. Jung Sook Park, Secretary General, World Smart Sustainable Cities Organization (WeGO)  Ms. Cho Eunbyul, Head of the Program Department, World Smart Sustainable Cities Organization (WeGO)



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## Attendees (WeGO EXCOM Members):

	City	Name	Position	Department
1	Abuja	Christopher Zakka	Mayor of Abuja Municipal Area Council	Abuja Municipal Area Council
2	Abuja	Abiodun Essiet	Special Advisor / Director	Abuja Municipal Area Council / WeGO Abuja Regional Office
3	Beyoğlu	Melis Kaplangi	Head of Foreign Affairs	Foreign Affairs
4	Chengdu	Shanshan Wu	Program Management	Chengdu Municipal Foreign Affairs Office
5	Chengdu	Suman Liu	Division Chief	Chengdu Municipal Foreign Affairs Office
6	Hebron	Tayseer AbuSneineh	Mayor of Hebron	Hebron Municipality
7	Kampala	Doreen Nyanjura	Lord Deputy Mayor	Kampala Capital City Authority
8	Kampala	Dorothy Kisaka	Executive Director	Kampala Capital City Authority
9	Kampala	Monica Rose Nyakaisiki	Executive Director	Kampala Capital City Authority
10	Makati	Monique Lagdame	Vice Mayor	City Government of Makati
11	Makati	Joyce Sy	Planning Officer	City Government of Makati
12	Moscow	Olga Zhilina	Deputy Head	Department for External Economic and International Relations of Moscow
13	São Paulo	Luís Felipe Felício	Advisor for International Affairs	International Affairs
14	São Paulo	Camila Assis	Coordinator of Multilateral International Affairs	International Affairs
15	Seberang Perai	Hj Baderul Amin bin Abdul Hamid	City Secretary of Seberang Perai	Seberang Perai City Council, Penang, Malaysia
16	Seoul	Jinman Kim	Director-General of the Digital Policy Bureau	Seoul Metropolitan Government



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17	Wellington	Julia McMaster	Manager Digital Innovation	Wellington City Council
18	Wellington	Tom Yuan	International Relations Manager	Wellington City Council
19	Ulaanbaatar	Davaanyam Bayarmagnai	Director of the Capital City	Department of Digital Development and Information Technology

## Additional Attendees (New Regional Office Presenters):

	City	Name	Position	Department
20	Almaty	Olzhas Zhanabek	Head of the Almaty City Department of Digitalization	Department of Digitalization
21	Abu Dhabi	Asma Al Shamsi	Acting Section Head	Data and Smart City Governance Division
22	Cuenca	Juan Felipe Ochoa Mogrovejo	Director of International Relations and Cooperation	International Relations and Cooperation

## Summary

The WeGO Executive Committee (EXCOM) Meeting 2023 was hosted online by the Seoul Metropolitan Government (SMG) on the 4th of September 2023 (Monday) with a total of thirteen (13) EXCOM Member Cities. Additional to the attendees are the three (3) member cities that presented their bid to become WeGO's Regional Office. The meeting promptly started at 15:00 KST and ended on time at 17:00.

## Agenda 1. Review of 2022-2023 WeGO Secretariat Annual Report

The EXCOM Members reviewed the annual report for the period from November 2022 to September 2023 presented by the WeGO Secretariat.

The annual report highlighted WeGO's efforts to widen the reach and accessibility of its programs, especially its capacity building and research efforts. WeGO's flagship programs were underscored to broaden its reach through making the training



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programs available to be joined by our member cities and corporations from all around the world. The WeGO Secretariat has also organized several in-person and online meetings to further strengthen relationships with stakeholders and weave new ones. As enumerated during the meeting, the past year has truly proven WeGO's successful efforts in fortifying what it means to be the leader in forwarding smart city development to its members.

The Chair commended the WeGO Secretariat's persistence in bettering the expansion of WeGO's programs throughout the year.

## Agenda 2. Approval of new, withdrawals, suspension and termination of WeGO membership since EXCOM 2022

The EXCOM Members officially approved the full membership of seven (7) new members, including four (4) local governments and three (3) corporations. The approved new members are listed below:

No.	Entity	Category
1.	Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan)	Local Government
2.	Chirchik (Uzbekistan)	
3.	Ryde (Australia)	
4.	Tehran (Iran)	
5.	Veuron (South Korea)	Corporations
6.	Laboratory of Software Embedded Engineering (LASEE) (South Korea)	
7.	Woorigangsan (South Korea)	

In addition, one (1) entity was approved by the EXCOM Members for their formal withdrawals. The following table shows the information of the one (1) withdrawn entity:



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Entity	Category	Date of Withdrawal
FATOS Corporation (Republic of Korea)	Corporation	7/20/2023

Lastly, the following twenty-two (22) entities were suspended according to the reasons provided below:

Entity	Category	Background Information
Donga, Nigeria	Local Government	No participation in WeGO activities and membership payment for more than 3 years.
Gassol, Nigeria	Local Government	No participation in WeGO activities and membership payment for more than 3 years.
Karim-Lamido, Nigeria	Local Government	No participation in WeGO activities and membership payment for more than 3 years.
Kurmi-Baissa, Nigeria	Local Government	No participation in WeGO activities and membership payment for more than 3 years.
Pupule Yorro, Nigeria	Local Government	No participation in WeGO activities and membership payment for more than 3 years.
Sardauna-Gembu, Nigeria	Local Government	No participation in WeGO activities and membership payment for more than 3 years.
Takum, Nigeria	Local Government	No participation in WeGO activities and membership payment for more than 3 years.
East Nile Locality, Sudan	Local Government	No participation in WeGO activities and membership payment for more than 3 years.
Elkhawi Locality, Sudan	Local Government	No participation in WeGO activities and membership payment for more than 3 years.
Gadarif City, Sudan	Local Government	No participation in WeGO activities and membership payment for more than 3 years.
Gadarif State, Sudan	Local Government	No participation in WeGO activities and membership payment for more than 3 years.
Gazira State, Sudan	Local Government	No participation in WeGO activities and membership payment for more than 3 years.
Hasahisa Locality, Sudan	Local Government	No participation in WeGO activities and membership payment for more than 3 years.
Kassala State, Sudan	Local Government	No participation in WeGO activities and membership payment for more than 3 years.
North Kordofan State, Sudan	Local Government	No participation in WeGO activities and membership payment for more than 3 years.



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River Nile State, Sudan	Local Government	No participation in WeGO activities and membership payment for more than 3 years.
Sennar State, Sudan	Local Government	No participation in WeGO activities and membership payment for more than 3 years.
Shaikan Locality, Sudan	Local Government	No participation in WeGO activities and membership payment for more than 3 years.
South Gezeera Locality, Sudan	Local Government	No participation in WeGO activities and membership payment for more than 3 years.
Umelgoura Locality, Sudan	Local Government	No participation in WeGO activities and membership payment for more than 3 years.
White Nile State, Sudan	Local Government	No participation in WeGO activities and membership payment for more than 3 years.
Khartoum State, Sudan	Local Government	No participation in WeGO activities and membership payment for more than 3 years.

In summary, WeGO currently has one hundred, sixty-four (164) local government members, nineteen (19) corporate members, and eighteen (18) institutional members. The total number of members after the additions and the withdrawals is **201 members**.

## Agenda 3. Annual Assessment of WeGO Regional Offices

The EXCOM Members conducted the annual assessment of WeGO's Regional Offices for Africa (Abuja), East Asia (Chengdu), and the Mediterranean (Beyoğlu) based on the annual reports submitted and the presentations made by the representatives from each Regional Office. The EXCOM Members approved the continuation of the operations of the Africa (Abuja) and Mediterranean (Beyoğlu) Regional Offices.

In addition, the Executive Committee reviewed and approved the bidding package submitted by Chengdu, China to renew their term and to continue hosting the WeGO East Asia Office for the term of 2023-2028.

Bidding packages from Almaty (Kazakhstan), Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates), and Cuenca (Ecuador) to be WeGO's Regional Office in Central Asia, Middle East, and Latin America respectively, have been presented and approved by the Executive Committee.



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## **Agenda 4. Approval of Host City of the 2024 EXCOM Meeting and Review of Host City of the 7th WeGO General Assembly**

This year, WeGO opened the bidding process to host the 2024 EXCOM Meeting and the 7th WeGO General Assembly (GA) in 2026.

The Secretariat has received a bidding proposal from one member, Almaty, Kazakhstan to host both the events. The city representative, Mr. Adil Dunayev, presented Almaty's bid for the 2024 EXCOM Meeting. The meeting's attendees have gleefully selected and approved Almaty as the host city of next year's EXCOM Meeting. Mr. Dunayev, delivered a few words of gratitude to the WeGO EXCOM members for the acceptance of their city's bid to hold the 2024 EXCOM Meeting.

In addition, Almaty's bid to host the 7th GA in 2026 has been reviewed by the EXCOM Members in attendance. No comments were made. This, then, will be reported to the upcoming GA by the end of September for WeGO Members' final approval.

## **Agenda 5. Review of Proposed Amendments to WeGO Statutes**

In the Secretariat's efforts to update and refine the organization's statutes in order to reflect positive adaptation to progress, the EXCOM members have discussed the proposed amendments to the WeGO Statutes.

The Secretariat raised that the amendments broadly include the mobilization of financial resources through profit-making businesses and the new proposal for corporate/institution annual membership fee. Standardizing the membership fee of institutional and corporate members to 1,000USD and 2,000 USD (based on the number of employees) was also discussed and approved.

The changes will be reported to all members in the 6th General Assembly for approval.

## **Agenda 6. Review of Next President, Vice Presidents, and EXCOM members**

Seoul was the sole candidate for the President City of WeGO after an open call was made to all WeGO members. Following WeGO's statutes, Seoul has appointed two (2) Vice President cities that were nominated by the Executive Committee members, namely: Kampala (Uganda) and São Paulo (Brazil). All three of WeGO's high roles will officially be approved at the 6th WeGO General Assembly.



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The 2023 EXCOM meeting has also announced the Executive Committee members for the term 2023-2026: Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates), Abuja (Nigeria), Almaty (Kazakhstan), Chengdu (China), Cuenca (Ecuador), Hebron (Palestine), Kampala (Uganda), Makati (The Philippines), Maputo (Mozambique), Ramgram (Nepal), São Paulo (Brazil), Seberang Perai (Malaysia), Seoul (Korea), and Wellington (New Zealand).

## Agenda 7. Review of 2023 Financial Report

The EXCOM Members reviewed the report of WeGO's financial support and expenses allocated and used for the continuation and implementation of WeGO's projects and programs. The detailed report included the contributions from Seoul, WeGO's President City. It also included WeGO's usage of the membership fees the organization collected, as well as its expenditures for the past years.

Despite the slow collection of membership fees due to the impact of the recent pandemic and several government changes within our member cities, the WeGO Secretariat remained positive to gain back the momentum of membership fee collection as the year approaches its closing. Apart from this, WeGO has gratefully received in-kind contributions that ultimately resulted in more programs supported and more opportunities available for our members.

In addition, the EXCOM Members have approved to reduce and commute the membership fee of Cuenca (Ecuador), Quezon City (The Philippines), and Gaziantep (Türkiye) who have requested for such because of economic hardships experienced brought about by the pandemic and natural disasters.

## Agenda 8. Approval of membership fee use for 2024

The EXCOM Members officially ratified the proposed amount and the use of membership fees for 2024 with the approved amount of USD 347,083 (KRW 416,499,600).

\*1 USD = 1200 KRW

## Agenda 9. Presentation on upcoming activities for 2024

The WeGO Secretariat presented an overview on the activities planned for 2024. The EXCOM Members took note of the proposed plan of activities for 2023 which follows three (3) guiding principles: (i) building citizen-centric smart cities, (ii) expanding its regional and sector focused smart city initiatives and regional networks, and (iii) providing a balanced approach between online and offline opportunities for WeGO Members in 2024.





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For 2024, WeGO has presented further strengthening its flagship activities by expanding its scope, as well as joining more conferences and expos to promote WeGO's mission that is realized through our activities.

## Agenda 10. Review of WeGO logo change

The WeGO has proposed a review of the WeGO logo during the 2023 EXCOM meeting. The EXCOM members reviewed and agreed with the direction and the new logo initiative will be presented to all members at the 6th WeGO General Assembly.

## Closing Remarks

The WeGO Executive Committee (EXCOM) Meeting 2023 was concluded with closing remarks by WeGO's Secretary General and Seoul Metropolitan Government's Director General, who expressed their wishes to meet all EXCOM Members in Seoul at the 6th WeGO General Assembly at the end of this month.

