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# Thank You for Your Valuable Contribution!

The World Smart Sustainable Cities Organization (WeGO) would like to express our sincere gratitude to all our participants of the 6th WeGO General Assembly "Smart City, Smart Citizen".

Under this year's theme "Smart City, Smart Citizen", the 6th WeGO General Assembly successfully convened in Seoul from 25th to 27th September 2023. This year, the General Assembly was the first of its version to have a grand in person gathering since the COVID-19 pandemic. WeGO members assembled from all parts of the world to shape the organization's goals and vision for the next three years. This General Assembly carried a special meaning as it is the second time Seoul was hosting the event since the Inaugural WeGO General Assembly in 2010.

**Jung Sook Park**
Secretary General of WeGO

Witnessing a rapid digital transformation, the 6th WeGO General Assembly gathered leaders to share their smart city development experiences, and discuss how to create more inclusive, sustainable, and livable urban spaces. Cities and Local governments around the world. The accelerated digital transformation has brought both progress and challenges such as the increase in digital inequality. These topics were at the center of this General Assembly that aimed to create a global consensus on human-centered smart city development.

Thanks to your contributions and commitment, WeGO has evolved into a leading international smart city organization with over 200 members and partners.

Thank you once again for participating in the event. We look forward to our continued partnership and cooperation with many of you in our upcoming activities.

Sincerely,

Jung Sook Park
Secretary General of WeGO

# The 6ᵗʰ WeGO General Assembly Highlights



Under this year's theme "Smart City, Smart Citizen", the 6th WeGO General Assembly successfully convened in Seoul from 25th to 27th September 2023. This year, the General Assembly was the first of its version to have such a grand gathering in person from around the world after the COVID-19 pandemic. It was a meaningful reunion among WeGO Members and partners as we also celebrated the inaugural Seoul Smart City Prize Ceremony. The 6th WeGO General Assembly gathered more than 200 offline participants.

The 6th WeGO General Assembly welcomed 58 city representatives from over 30 countries. There were twenty four (24) mayoral-level representatives (Governor, Mayor, and Vice Mayor or Deputy Mayor) in total attending the Session both in person and online, representing a total population of 130,996,081 citizens from five (5) different regions, including Central Asia, East Asia, Middle East, Oceania, South Asia, and Southeast Asia.

During the General Assembly session, Seoul was approved as the President City of WeGO together with Kampala and São Paulo as the Vice President Cities of WeGO for the term from 2023 to 2026.

Seoul has been the President City of WeGO since the establishment of WeGO in 2010. With a population of nearly 10 million people in the metropolitan area, Seoul has evolved into a leading smart city as a prime example of inclusive and trend-setting policies for improving urban life for its citizens. Seoul aims to be a smart city that improves the quality of citizens' lives by connecting multiple entities across the city using digital infrastructures as a basis and through the convergence of the ICT technologies. Seoul also provides capacity building for all citizens to encourage each individual to become an active participant in the development of a sustainable smart city that is inclusive with no one left behind. Together with WeGO members, Seoul will continue to serve the WeGO's mission and contribute to bringing smart sustainable development for all citizens globally.

One of the new Vice President Cities, Kampala has been a WeGO Member since 2017. As the capital city of Uganda, Kampala is set to become the country's first smart city. Kampala was also selected as the lead city among twelves (12) African cities in the Africa Smart Towns Network (ASToN). Providing the pivotal role of Kampala in Africa, Kampala's position as a Vice President City is a good representation of WeGO members from the African region in the organization. On the other hand, one of the new Vice President Cities, São Paulo is one of the founding members of WeGO since 2010, and is not only a financial center of Brazil but is also the largest city of Brazil. São Paulo was ranked first in Brazil's "Connect Smart Cities 2021" and is one of the crucial leading smart cities in Latin America. The new Vice President Cities of WeGO will lead the and will promote WeGO's values in the global smart cities community.

At the 6th WeGO General Assembly, to the existing three (3) regional offices that includes African Regional Office in Abuja (Nigeria), East Asia Regional Office in Chengdu (China) and Mediterranean Regional Office in Beyoğlu (Turkey) another three (3) WeGO Regional Offices were established. WeGO welcomed the opening of the Middle East Regional Office in Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates), Central Asia Regional Office in Almaty (Kazakhstan), and Latin America Regional Office in Cuenca (Ecuador). With the establishment of these new regional offices, region focused smart city activities and programs will further flourish in the respective regions.

During the General Assembly expressions of interest in joining the WeGO family were received from seven (7) new entities including six (6) local governments from Kaohsiung, Lusaka, Madinah, Madrid, Nansana, and Turkestan Region, and one (1) corporate from Dassault Systèmes.

In addition to the main session, delegates joined in on a special tour program beautifully demonstrating the culture and innovative characteristics of Seoul. Delegates marveled at the beauty of Seoul via leisurely city tour bus ride through the heart of North Seoul; critically engaged with brilliant minds behind Seoul's success in smart tourism and smart city development through technical sessions provided by Urban Design Institute of Korea and Seoul Tourism Organisation. For nourishments, delegates enjoyed traditional dishes containing the harmony with nature at "Sanchon '' a vegan cuisine inspired by Buddhist practice of "do no harm" and fun street food adventures at the Gwangjang Market.

Finally, during the General Assembly, the first Seoul Smart City Prize Ceremony was held in the Dongdaemun Design Plaza. It's a major urban development landmark designed by Zaha Hadid and Samoo. The Seoul Smart City Prize has been designed to promote an innovative yet inclusive smart city model that looks after underprivileged groups in the era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution that is driven by information and communication technology. This core mission serves as the basis of the two categories of the Prize, Tech-InnovaCity and Human-CentriCity, as WeGO and the Seoul Metropolitan Government envision that smart city should be defined and measured in terms of being both human-centric and technology-centric, rather than merely being centered around the advancement of technology.

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# List of Participating Cities



## Total 58 cities from more than 30 countries

### AFRICA 7
- Abuja
- Addis Ababa
- Kampala
- Lusaka
- Maputo
- Nansana Municipality
- Tubah

### Europe 5
- Beyoğlu
- Dublin
- Madrid City
- Odense
- Konya

### Middle East 5
- Abu Dhabi
- Hebron
- Madinah
- Shiraz
- Tehran

### Americas 4
- Cuenca
- Los-Angeles
- Mexico City
- São Paulo

### Asia-Pacific 37
- Agra
- Almaty
- Anyang City
- Astana
- Baguio
- Bangkok
- Bhadrapur Municipality
- Birtamode Municipality
- Bishkek
- Chengdu
- Chirchik
- Damak Municipality
- Da Nang
- Dhaka South
- Dujiangyan
- Gauriganj
- Goyang
- Jeju Province
- Kanakai Municipality
- Kaohsiung
- La Union
- Makati
- Manila City
- Penang Island
- Pokhara
- Quezon City
- Ryde
- Sainshand City
- San Fernando, La Union
- Seberang Perai
- Sejong City
- Seoul
- Shivasatakshi Municipality
- Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte
- Sundarharaicha Municipality
- Tashkent City
- Wellington

# List of Participating Organizations



## Total number of organizations: 32

**01.** Afghan International University (AIU)

**02.** Arijian

**03.** beCloud

**04.** CityNet Secretariat

**05.** Dwelling Co., Ltd

**06.** Edgelands Institute

**07.** Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)

**08.** International Climate Development Institute (ICDI)

**09.** Institute of Smart City & Architecture

**10.** JASC "Astana Innovations"

**11.** Kaohsiung Smart City Project Management Office (KPMO)

**12.** Kookmin University

**13.** Korea Institute of Civil Engineering and Building Technology (KICT)

**14.** Luxembourg Ministry for Digitalisation

**15.** One Smile Foundation

**16.** P Nation

**17.** Quebec Government in Seoul

**18.** Research Center for Regional and Urban Design

**19.** Seoul Human Resource Development Center (SHRDC)

**20.** Seoul Tourism Organization (STO)

21. Seoul National University
22. Semiconductor Equipment and Materials International (SEMI)
23. Singapore Ministry of National Development
24. Smart City Observatory, International Institute for Management Development (IMD)
25. SRPOST Inc.
26. Sweden for UNHCR
27. The Asian Population and Development Association
28. Vueron Technology Co., Ltd
29. Yonsei University
30. YOYA Technologies Ltd
31. University of Texas at Arlington
32. Zambia Ministry of Finance and National Planning in collaboration with Electronic Government Division (Smart Zambia Institute)

## Total number of embassies: 13

- Embassy of Bangladesh in Korea
- Embassy of Brazil in Korea
- Embassy of Colombia in Korea
- Embassy of Indonesia in Korea
- Embassy of Kazakhstan in Korea
- Embassy of Mexico in Korea
- Embassy of Nepal in Korea
- Embassy of Peru in Korea
- Embassy of the Philippines in Korea
- Embassy of Saudi Arabia in Korea
- Embassy of Sri Lanka in Korea
- Embassy of the United Arab Emirates in Korea
- Embassy of Zambia in Korea

# Introduction of the Host City: Seoul



Located at the heart of the Korean Peninsula, the city of Seoul has a 2,000-year history spanning from antiquity to modern times. Serving as the capital city for several kingdoms and dynasties in different historical periods, Seoul continues to thrive as the center of Korea to this day. Seoul is a beautiful and dynamic city where culture and history live in harmony with its people.

As the economic and cultural center of Korea, Seoul has extensive experience in hosting large-scale international events such as the 1988 Seoul Summer Olympics, 2002 FIFA World Cup, 2010 Seoul G-20 Summit, 2020 Seoul Smart City Leaders Forum, and many more.

Seoul is the President City of WeGO and has been functioning in this position since the establishment of the organization in 2010. With a population of nearly 10 million people in the metropolitan area, Seoul has evolved into a leading smart city as a prime example of inclusive and trend-setting policies for improving urban life for its citizens. Seoul aims to be a smart city that improves the quality of citizens' lives by connecting multiple entities across the city using digital infrastructures as a basis and through convergence of ICT technologies. Seoul also provides capacity building for citizens to encourage each individual to become an active participant towards the development of a sustainable smart city that is inclusive with no one left behind.

The 6th General Assembly is held in and hosted by Seoul, the President City of WeGO, to showcase once again the power of technology and the importance of connectivity to promote international cooperation for smart city development.



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# Quotes from the Participants

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**Secretary General of WeGO**

*"As the President of WeGO, I am pleased to highlight the strides our organization has made in reshaping its initiatives to align with the evolving landscape. Together with our members, we are fostering inclusivity and diversity within cities. WeGO's mission echoes Seoul's commitment to advancing inclusive, intelligent, and sustainable urban development, while enhancing citizen-government interactions."*

**Se-hoon Oh**
**Mayor of Seoul**

*"The spirit of collaboration, knowledge exchange and mutual support embodied by WeGO is our greatest asset. Together we can turn challenges into opportunities, barriers into bridges and cities into beacons of hope and progress. Wellington greatly values this platform, it is through networks like WeGO that collaboration with other cities will help us determine how we use smart city technology to create a sustainable capital city. Wellington will work together with Seoul, and its WeGO member cities to further develop links to smart technology and digital transformation of local government, as well as advancing cross-cultural understanding of friendship."*

**Tory Whanau**
**Mayor of Wellington City Council**

*"I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to your dedicated team at WeGO, whose hard work and meticulous planning ensured the smooth execution of this significant event. It was evident that every aspect of the assembly was thoughtfully organized. As the Mayor of Beyoğlu, I am proud to have had the privilege of being part of WeGO and representing the Mediterranean Regional Office. We look forward to applying the knowledge and insights gained from this assembly to further enhance the quality of life for our residents"*

**Haydar Ali Yildiz**
**Mayor of Beyoğlu**

*"As we gather here, let us not overlook the impressive journey that WeGO has undertaken since its establishment. WeGO has become a worldwide power for positive reform, an intercontinental connection linking cities from every corner of the planet. The influential effect of WeGO efforts resound deeply in the various communities that have embraced the principles of intelligent and sustainable urban development with enthusiasm."*

**Omar Al Nuaimi**
**Director General of Department of Municipalities and Transport, Abu Dhabi**

*"KCCA joined WeGO in 2016 and over the years established good collaborative relationships and received great support towards building the Kampala Smart City. KCCA is on a journey to transform Kampala City into a Smart City using three key pillars: Technology, Infrastructure and People well-being – derived from a clean, properly lit and maintained city. I deeply appreciate the honor and trust that this great General Assembly has bestowed upon Kampala City. On behalf of KCCA Senior Management, I graciously accept the appointment as the Vice President City of WeGO 2024. I congratulate Seoul City upon being voted President City. I hereby pledge that Kampala City will work closely with the President City to serve all WeGO members to grow their Smart Cities and Smart Citizens."*

**Monica Rose Nyakaisiki**
**Deputy Director - Information System at Kampala Capital City Authority**

*"We have an important responsibility: the people, the people and the people. Thus, we have the challenge of spreading all of our knowledge, plans and resources with those cities, local governments or regions in order not to leave them behind. I am confident that the construction of WeGO's new international agenda will be shaped by the importance of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, facing the struggles of climate change, and improving the quality of lives for people in vulnerable situations. Platforms such as the WeGO network creates a reliable environment to establish collective solutions for our cities in the enormous challenge of building sustainable cities and therefore a better world for all of us."*

**J. Felipe Ochoa Mogrevejo**
**Director General for International Relations and Cooperation, Cuenca**

*"Seberang Perai City Council (MBSP) has been a member city with WeGO since November 2012 and the Vice President City of WeGO for the term 2021 – 2023. 2 Seberang Perai also actively participates in all the activities organized by WeGO. We will always support WeGO programs. We are hoping to further strengthen our collaboration and explore the opportunities to work together and share best practices more in upcoming years. Once again, I would like to thank everyone and wish tremendous success for this meeting."*

**Hj Baderul Amin bin Abdul Hamid**
**City Secretary Of Seberang Perai**

# Program at Glance

## Day 1 - September 25

**09:30 - 11:00**

⚠️ **Meeting points**
At JW Marriott and Novotel Ambassador Hotel in Dongdaemun

**①** **JW Marriott's Hotel Main Entrance**
279 Cheonggyecheon-ro, Jongno-gu

**②** **Novotel Ambassador Seoul Dongdaemun Hotels**
238 Eulji-ro, Jung-gu

**10:00 - 12:00**
**Seoul My Soul:
Smart Tourism City**
Location - Seoul Tourism Organization HQ, 7th Floor, 85 Cheonggyecheon-ro, Jongno-gu

**Solution Meet Cities Session:**
**Planning and Delivery of Future-ready Urban Infrastructure: The Role of Public Sectors**
Location - Seoul Tourism Organization HQ, 7th Floor, 85 Cheonggyecheon-ro, Jongno-gu

**12:00 - 14:30**
**Lunch: "Sanchon, 산촌"**
Location - 30-13 Insadong-gil, Jongno-gu

**14:30 - 17:00**
**Seoul City Tour Bus**
Location - Meeting Point at Dongdaemun Design Plaza, 281 Eulji-ro, Jung-gu

**17:00 - 17:30**
**Innovative Lifestyle Exhibition**
Location - Dongdaemun Design Plaza Exhibition Hall, 281 Eulji-ro, Jung-gu

**17:30 - 18:30**
**Seoul Smart City Prize Ceremony**
Location - Dongdaemun Design Plaza Art Hall 2, 281 Eulji-ro, Jung-gu

**19:30 - 21:30**
**Welcoming Reception by WeGO**
Location - JW Marriott Dongdaemun Square Hotel "The Deck" at Lobby, 279 Cheonggyecheon-ro, Jongno-gu

## Day 2 - September 26

**08:30 - 10:00**

⚠️ **Meeting points**
At JW Marriott and Novotel Ambassador Hotel in Dongdaemun

**①** **JW Marriott's Hotel Main Entrance**
279 Cheonggyecheon-ro, Jongno-gu

**②** **Novotel Ambassador Seoul Dongdaemun Hotels**
238 Eulji-ro, Jung-gu

**10:00 - 12:00**
**"Hosang-nori" Performance:
Adventure into the Origin of Seoul and its Heritage**
Location - Seoul Amsa-dong Prehistoric Site, Olympic-ro 875, Gangdong-gu

**12:00 - 14:00**
**Lunch: "H-Lounge"**
Location - Near Gyeongbokgung Palace, Jahamun-ro 4gil 21-9

**Flexible**
**Seoul Smart City Exhibition Center**
Location - Seoul City Hall B1 Floor, Sejongdae-ro 110, Jong-gu

**14:00 - 16:00**
**6th WeGO General Assembly Session**
Location - Seoul City Hall 8th Floor, Sejongdae-ro 110, Jong-gu

**16:00 - 17:00**
**Smart City Index, the Criteria to Identify Smart Cities**
Location - Seoul City Hall 3rd Floor, Sejongdae-ro 110, Jong-gu

**17:00 - 19:00**
**Street Market Fest Adventure**
Location - Kwangjang Market in the Jongno District, 88 Changgyeonggung-ro, Jongno-gu

## Day 3 - September 27

**09:30 - 11:00**

⚠️ **Meeting points**
At JW Marriott and Novotel Ambassador Hotel in Dongdaemun

**①** **JW Marriott's Hotel Main Entrance**
279 Cheonggyecheon-ro, Jongno-gu

**②** **Novotel Ambassador Seoul Dongdaemun Hotels**
238 Eulji-ro, Jung-gu

**11:00 - 12:00**
**LG Science Park: Innovation Gallery**
Location - LG Science Park, 30 Magokjungang 10-ro

**12:00**
Transportation to Airpot and Novotel Ambassador Hotel Meeting Point in Dongdaemun
(As needed by the delegates)

⚠️ **To airport**

⚠️ **To Novotel Ambassador Seoul DDP**

# 6th WeGO General Assembly

## SMART CITY, SMART CITIZEN

Date: September 26, 2023

Time: 14:00pm - 16:00pm

Venue: Seoul City Hall, Damokjeok Hall

# Opening Ceremony: 6th WeGO General Assembly

| Date | September 26, 2023 |
|---|---|
| Time | 14:00 – 15:00 (KST) |
| Venue | Seoul City Hall, Damokjeok Hall (inc. Online Platform) |
| Official Language | English (Simultaneous interpretation offered in Korean) |
| Participants | WeGO members and Observers |

## Time & Program

| Time | Program |
|---|---|
| 14:00 - 14:03 | **Opening Announcement** |
| 14:03 - 14:06 | **WeGO President City Promo Video** |
| 14:06 - 14:11 | **Opening Remarks from the Host City: Mayor of Seoul** |
| 14:11 - 14:16 | **Welcoming Remarks Secretary General of WeGO** |
| 14:16 - 14:21 | **Congratulatory Remarks:** Mayor of Wellington City Council |
| 14:21 - 14:26 | **Congratulatory Remarks:** Director General of DMT, Abu Dhabi |
| 14:26 - 14:40 | **Keynote Speech:** Chairperson of the Board, Sweden for UNHCR |
| 14:40 - 14:50 | **Introduction of the Head of the Delegations** |
| 14:50 - 15:00 | **Group Photo** |

The 6th WeGO General Assembly, Seoul, the Republic of Korea.

# President City Welcome Remarks



**Se-hoon Oh,**
Mayor of Seoul delivering welcome remarks.

Mr. Se-hoon Oh, Mayor of Seoul, opened the GA with welcoming remarks. In his message, Mayor Oh highlighted WeGO's accomplishments since its foundation, which also happened to be under Oh's first mandate as Seoul Mayor.

He also stressed the importance of transforming cities into smart cities, especially with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. With confidence, he reinforced Seoul and WeGO's commitment to achieve this goal.

*"As the President of WeGO, I am pleased to highlight the strides our organization has made in reshaping its initiatives to align with the evolving landscape. Together with our members, we are fostering inclusivity and diversity within cities. WeGO's mission echoes Seoul's commitment to advancing inclusive, intelligent, and sustainable urban development, while enhancing citizen-government interactions. In these unparalleled times, WeGO is tirelessly dedicated to tailoring its programs and offerings for our esteemed members and partners. Our focus is squarely on bridging the gaps and disparities that cities face.*

*Collaboratively, Seoul and WeGO conceived the Seoul Smart City Prize—an initiative celebrating and showcasing the accomplishments of cities in the realm of smart urbanization. To each of you participating today, I extend my heartfelt gratitude. May your time here be both rewarding and enlightening.*

*I trust that this gathering will fortify existing connections and forge new ones, propelling us forward together into a future of intelligent and sustainable urban living."* - said mayor of Seoul, Mr. Se-hoon.

# WeGO Secretary General Welcome Remarks



**Jung Sook Park,**
Secretary General of WeGO delivering welcome remarks.

Ms. Jung Sook Park, WeGO Secretary General, in her message, the Secretary General highlighted the 6th General Assembly role to gather key leaders and stakeholders in smart city development to share their experiences in creating and implementing more inclusive, sustainable and livable urban spaces to people and citizens.

*"My sincerest welcome to the 6th WeGO General Assembly in Seoul, Republic of Korea. It has been an honor to serve and lead WeGO as its Secretary General, and I believe that we are ready to launch into a new era of smart city development to tackle new challenges with new innovative solutions to continue the great momentum of smart city progress among cities around the world.*

*A decade ago, 50 founding member cities convened in Seoul to establish a worldwide network committed to the advancement of e-government among cities around the world. As of today, we are proud to announce that over 200 members have joined us in our efforts to drive smart city development. Our members have been key to WeGO's continuous growth and achievements over the past decade, bringing more significance to this year's General Assembly.*

*This 6th WeGO General Assembly carries a special meaning as it marks the second time Seoul will host the assembly onsite as the President City since the Inaugural Assembly 13 years ago in 2010. WeGO and the Seoul Metropolitan Government are excited to host our esteemed international gathering for hundreds of smart city experts, think tanks, and implementers for a vibrant opportunity to develop a meaningful and impactful network.*

*The 6th General Assembly will gather key leaders and stakeholders in smart city development to share their experiences in creating and implementing more inclusive, sustainable and livable urban spaces to people and citizens. Faced with rapid digital transformation and unprecedented rate of new innovations and technologies, we are at higher risk in leaving behind the most vulnerable groups which will further widen the already worsening inequalities in digital social services and access. We gather smart citizens who are able to embrace human-centered philosophies integral to the future of smart city development for a truly smart city where people, citizens, and humanity are always at the center of progress."* - said WeGO Secretary General, Ms. Jung Sook Park.

# Congratulatory Remarks



**Tory Whanau,** Mayor of Wellington City Council
delivering congratulatory remarks.

Ms. Tory Whanau, Mayor of Wellington City Council was invited to deliver the congratulatory remarks during the Opening Ceremony.
Wellington holds a special place within WeGO as one of the founding members of the organization and for leading the smart city development in the region.

*"Congratulations to WeGO President and Mayor of Seoul, Mayor Oh and Secretary General of WeGO, Ms Park on the 6th WeGO General Assembly. WeGO's commitment to harnessing technology, innovation and collaboration has brought us to this juncture where cities worldwide are transforming into hubs of sustainability, efficiency and inclusivity.*

*The spirit of collaboration, knowledge exchange and mutual support embodied by WeGO is our greatest asset. Together we can turn challenges into opportunities, barriers into bridges and cities into beacons of hope and progress. Wellington greatly values this platform, it is through networks like WeGO that collaboration with other cities will help us determine how we use smart city technology to create a sustainable capital city.*

*Wellington will work together with Seoul, and its WeGO member cities to further develop links to smart technology and digital transformation of local government, as well as advancing cross-cultural understanding of friendship."* - said Mayor of Wellington City Council, Ms. Tory Whanau.

# Congratulatory Remarks



**Omar AL Nuaimi,** Director General of Department of Municipalities and Transport, Abu Dhabi.

Mr. Omar AL Nuaimi, Director General of Department of Municipalities and Transport, Abu Dhabi delivered his congratulatory remarks. As one of the founding members, Abu Dhabi has significantly contributed to the growth of WeGO and to promoting the smart city agenda in the Middle East region. Abu Dhabi Director General expressed his appreciation for the benefits of WeGO programs and highlighted how important it is for Abu Dhabi to transform into a smart city, and illustrated some of the city's future plans for reaching this objective.

*"Today I'm deeply honored to address the 6th WeGO General Assembly in the fascinating city of Seoul, South Korea. I extend my deepest appreciation to the organizers, our gracious hosts and all the participants. The theme "Smart City, Smart Citizen" embodies our visionary future.*

*Abu Dhabi underscores this ethos by emphasizing citizen empowerment, engagement and inclusivity. The essence of smart infrastructure will be realized when our citizens become discerning smart citizens. Later this year, the UAE will host COP28, a pivotal gathering addressing the global challenge of climate change. Sustainable development is our imperative, a commitment that ensures a lasting positive legacy. Abu Dhabi's resolute commitment embodies a forward-looking approach to a better future. As we gather here, let us not overlook the impressive journey that WeGO has undertaken since its establishment. WeGO has become a worldwide power for positive reform, an intercontinental connection linking cities from every corner of the planet. The influential effect of WeGO's efforts resounds deeply in the various communities that have embraced the principles of intelligent and sustainable urban development with enthusiasm.*

*I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all of you for your invaluable participation in this event. I eagerly await the fruitful discussions and collaborations that will undoubtedly emerge from the 6th WeGO General Assembly. Together, we hold power to transform the world into smarter cities and, indeed, smarter citizens. Thank you, and may this assembly resonate triumphantly as we progress towards our shared mission."* - said Director General of Department of Municipalities and Transport, Abu Dhabi, Mr. Omar AL Nuaimi.

# Keynote Speech



**Dr. Joanna Rubinstein,**
Chairperson of the Board, Sweden for UNHCR.

Dr. Joanna Rubinstein, Chairperson of the Board, Sweden for UNHCR delivered her keynote speech during the WeGO 6th General Assembly opening part. UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, is a global organization dedicated to saving lives, protecting rights and building a better future for people forced to flee their homes because of conflict and persecution. WeGO recognizes the importance of this work and invited Dr. Rubinstein to share the UN Sustainable Development Goals that affects all aspects of people including the citizens all across the world.

*"In 2015, the world's leaders committed to the seventeen UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). They also signed the Paris Agreement, a legally binding international treaty on climate change aiming to limit global warming to 1,5°C and to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2030. Achieving these very ambitious goals will require global cooperation at the policy level. And it will also require innovation and collaboration among the public and private sectors as well as civil society.*

*And, finally, it will require both a systems approach and behavioral change. Instead, the COVID-19 pandemic, the global consequences of the war in Ukraine and the extreme weather events that have wreaked havoc have pushed us off-track in achieving the SDGs.*

*Technology has been at the heart of progress toward the SDGs. 5G networks and meaningful deployment of artificial intelligence (AI) and Internet of Things (IoT) can do wonders in ensuring that we don't leave our vulnerable populations – our children, our elderly and those with disabilities – behind. However, today, even in the smartest of the smart cities, the focus is mostly on climate and energy transition, transportation, business, and entrepreneurship. Much less attention has been paid to its citizens' wellbeing. In the absence of meaningful engagement and programming, children and youth spend their days online falling victim to exploitation, abuse and radicalization. The elderly increasingly depend on accessing online services for health, banking and the like without sufficient knowledge of how to use their digital devices. And the impoverished remain unconnected and deprived of basic public services"* - said Chairperson of the Board, Sweden for UNHCR, Dr. Joanna Rubinstein.

To conclude the opening part,

the Secretary General of the WeGO invited all participants including mayors, CIOs, city representatives, ambassadors, sponsors, partners and media to make a group photo on the stage.



The 6th WeGO General Assembly group photo with mayors, cities delegates, ambassadors, sponsors, partners & media.

# 6th WeGO General Assembly Session

| Date | September 26, 2023 |
| --- | --- |
| Time | 15:00 – 16:35 (KST) |
| Venue | Seoul City Hall, Damokjeok Hall (inc. Online Platform) |
| Official Language | English (Simultaneous interpretation offered in Korean) |
| Participants | WeGO members and Observers |

## 6th WeGO General Assembly Agendas

| Time | Program |
| --- | --- |
| 15:00 - 15:10 | **Agenda 1** - Reporting of WeGO Executive Committee Meeting (EXCOM) 2023 |
| 15:10 - 15:20 | **Agenda 2** - New Memberships and Withdrawals (2021~2023) |
| 15:30 - 15:40 | **Agenda 3** - Reporting on WeGO Logo change |
| 15:40 - 15:50 | **Agenda 4** - Reporting of the Proposed Amendments to WeGO Statutes |
| 15:50 - 16:00 | **Agenda 5** - Election of the President City |
| 16:00 - 16:10 | **Agenda 6** - Appointment of Vice President Cities |
| 16:10 - 16:20 | **Agenda 7** - Election of EXCOM members |
| 16:20 - 16:30 | **Agenda 8** - Selection of the Host City of 7th WeGO General Assembly (2026) |
| 16:30 - 16:35 | **Closing** |

**Hong-seok Koo,** Ambassador of international relations of the Seoul Metropolitan Government moderated the 6th WeGO General Assembly.

The 6th WeGO General Assembly Session that took place on September 26th 2023 in the Seoul City Hall, Damokjeok Hall attracted more than 200 members, partners and observers including 19 mayoral-level representatives, who participated in the General Assembly Session both in person and online. In addition to the WeGO local government members, there were five (5) WeGO corporate members who joined in the session together. Mr. Hong-seok Koo, the Ambassador of International Relations for the Seoul Metropolitan Government, assumed the role of Chairman, complemented by the adept moderation of Ms. Jung Sook Park, the Secretary General of WeGO. The session unfolded with a comprehensive review and approval of eight agendas crucial to shaping the direction of WeGO's activities and programs for the coming three years.

In accordance with the Article 16 (2) of the WeGO Statute stipulates that "General Assembly and the Executive Committee shall be considered adopted with the attendance of one fourth or more of the total members of the Organization" the attendance of one-fourth or more of the organization's total members for the adoption of General Assembly and Executive Committee decisions, a quorum of 41 members was deemed requisite. The 6th WeGO General Assembly was held with the presence of representatives of 45 WeGO Member Cities, collectively representing 130,996,081 population (please refer to Annex 1) from five (5) different regions.

During the General Assembly session, Seoul was approved as the President City of WeGO together with Kampala and São Paulo as the Vice President Cities of WeGO, and Almaty as the Executive Vice President City for the term from 2023 to 2026. Additional agendas, such as the deliberation and approval of WeGO EXCOM meeting outcomes for 2023, considerations for new memberships and withdrawals spanning the period 2021-2023, reporting on WeGO logo change, proposed amendments to WeGO Statutes, approval of the new EXCOM members, host city of WeGO EXCOM 2024, and the host city of 7th WeGO General Assembly have been reviewed and approved.

The territorial reach of WeGO broadened through the inauguration of three additional Regional Offices, thereby supplementing the existing three regional offices in Africa (Abuja), Chengdu (China), Beyoğlu (Turkey). Embracing the Middle East Regional Office in Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates), Central Asia Regional Office in Almaty (Kazakhstan), and Latin America Regional Office in Cuenca (Ecuador), the organization underscored its dedication to a worldwide presence and collaborative engagement.

## Annex 1

## ON-SITE ATTENDANCE (MAYORAL LEVEL FROM WeGO MEMBERS)

| No. | Local Government | Country | Position | Population |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Abu Dhabi | United Arab Emirates | Head of Municipality | 2,908,173 |
| 2. | Beyoğlu | Turkey | Vice Mayor | 225,920 |
| 3. | Bhadrapur Municipality | Nepal | Mayor | 70,823 |
| 4. | Dhaka South | Bangladesh | Mayor | 3,130,000 |
| 5. | Kanakai Municipality | Nepal | Mayor | 53,088 |
| 6. | La Union | Philippines | Governor | 822,352 |
| 7. | Manila City | Philippines | Vice Mayor | 14,667,089 |
| 8. | Penang Island | Malaysia | City Secretary | 1,770,000 |
| 9. | Pokhara Metropolitan City | Nepal | Mayor | 476,000 |
| 10. | Sainshand City | Mongolia | City Mayor | 27,405 |
| 11. | San Fernando, La Union | Philippines | City Mayor | 125,640 |
| 12. | Seberang Perai | Malaysia | City Secretary | 1,060,000 |
| 13. | Seoul | Korea | Mayor | 9,682,126 |
| 14. | Sundarharaicha Municipality | Nepal | Mayor | 121,305 |
| 15. | Wellington | New Zealand | Mayor | 543,500 |

## ONLINE PARTICIPATION (MAYORAL LEVEL)

| No. | Local Government | Country | Position | Population |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 16. | Agra | India | Mayor | 4,418,797 |
| 17. | Chirchik | Uzbekistan | Deputy Mayor | 170,000 |

## ON-SITE ATTENDANCE (NON-MAYORAL LEVEL)

| No. | Local Government | Country | Position | Population |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 18. | Abuja | Nigeria | Regional Director of WeGO Africa Regional Office | 5,459,142 |
| 19. | Almaty | Kazakhstan | Head of the Digitalization Department | 2,147,113 |
| 20. | Anyang City | Korea | Team Manager of Smart City Information Division | 549,827 |
| 21. | Astana | Kazakhstan | Head of Division at the Digital Department | 1,340,782 |
| 22. | Baguio | The Philippines | City Budget Officer | 380,000 |
| 23. | Chengdu | China | Deputy Director-General of Chengdu Municipal Foreign Affairs Office | 21,000,000 |
| 24. | Cuenca | Ecuador | Director General for International Relations and Cooperation | 444,646 |
| 25. | Dujiangyan | China | Section Chief of the Exit-Entry Administration | 717,400 |
| 26. | Goyang | Korea | Manager of Smart City Division | 1,045,497 |
| 27. | Hebron | Palestine | City Councilor | 762,541 |
| 28. | Jeju Province | Korea | Team Manager of Future Mobility Division | 699,751 |
| 29. | Kampala | Uganda | Deputy Director of Information Systems | 4,000,000 |
| 30. | Mexico City | Mexico | Head of Agencia Digital de Innovación Pública ADIP | 9,200,000 |
| 31. | Quezon City | Philippines | City Administrator | 2,960,048 |
| 32. | São Paulo | Brazil | Deputy Secretary of International Affairs | 12,396,372 |
| 33. | Sejong City | Korea | Director of Smart City | 390,374 |
| 34. | Shivasatakshi Municipality | Nepal | Ward President | 64,596 |
| 35. | Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte | Sri Lanka | Minister Counsellor of Commercial from the Embassy of Sri Lanka | 115,826 |
| 36. | Tashkent City | Uzbekistan | Head of Data Analytics Department | 2,860,500 |
| 37. | Tehran | Iran | Deputy for International Affairs | 9,382,000 |

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## ON-SITE ATTENDANCE (NON-MAYORAL LEVEL)

| No. | Local Government | Country | Position | Population |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 38. | Addis Ababa | Ethiopia | Communication Technologies System Administration Team Leader | 3,859,999 |
| 39. | Bangkok | Thailand | Foreign Relations Officer | 5,494,932 |
| 40. | Bishkek | Kyrgyzstan | Head of the Digitalization Department | 976,734 |
| 41. | Makati | The Philippines | Head of Urban Development Department | 629,616 |
| 42. | Maputo | Mozambique | Director for International Relations | 1,811,161 |
| 43. | Ryde | Australia | Executive Officer (City Economy) | 131,122 |
| 44. | Shiraz | Iran | Head of International Relations Office | 1,700,000 |
| 45. | Tubah | Cameroon | Council Development officer | 203,884 |

**Total Population Represented: 130,996,081**

## Agenda 1.
# Reporting of the WeGO Executive Committee Meeting (EXCOM) 2023

The WeGO Executive Committee (EXCOM) Meeting 2023 was hosted by Seoul, the President City of WeGO, online on September 4th, 2023 with 12 EXCOM Members (Abuja Municipal Area Council, Municipality of Beyoglu, Chengdu Municipal People's Government, Hebron Municipality, Kampala Capital City Authority, the City Government of Makati, The Government of Moscow, City of São Paulo, Seberang Perai City Council, Seoul Metropolitan Government, Ulaanbaatar City, Wellington City Council) attending the meeting. The EXCOM Members reviewed the annual report for the period from November 2022 to September 2023 presented by the WeGO Secretariat. The three following cities have been approved to become the new regional offices of WeGO for the term of 2023 - 2028: Almaty, Kazakhstan (WeGO Central Asia Regional Office), Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (WeGO Middle East Regional Office), Cuenca, Ecuador (WeGO Latin America Regional Office). Additionally, Almaty, Kazakhstan was selected as the host city of the EXCOM Meeting 2024 and the host city of 7th WeGO General Assembly in 2026.

## Agenda 2.
# New Memberships and Withdrawals (2021~2023)

18 New Members joined to WeGO since the 5th WeGO General Assembly (7 new local governments, 9 new corporations and 2 new institutions have joined WeGO since the 5th WeGO General Assembly (Seoul, South Korea | October 2021)). Withdrawal of Members: one (1) local government and five (5) corporations (a total of six members) have formally withdrawn their status as members. Suspensions: twenty-two (22) local government members are suspended for the upcoming year due to long years of inactivity and no communication with the Secretariat. Termination of Members: twenty (20) corporate members have been officially terminated as members since the 5th WeGO General Assembly (Seoul, South Korea | October 2021)

## Agenda 3.
# Reporting on 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 was approved by all members at the 6th WeGO General Assembly. The updated new logo name will be presented to EXCOM Members in 2024.

## Agenda 4.
# Report of the Proposed Amendments to WeGO Statutes

In accordance with Article 10 of the WeGO Statute, 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. For the mobilization of financial resources through profit-making businesses, and the new proposal for corporate/institution annual membership fee has been approved as the proposed amendments to WeGO statutes.

## Agenda 5.
# Election of the New President City

In accordance with Article 11 of the WeGO Statute, Election of the President City can be made at the 6th WeGO General Assembly. Seoul has been approved as the President city of WeGO for the term of 2023-2026. Seoul has taken the lead in founding and managing the organization as its President and must continue to serve the role to maintain operational continuity of the Organization.

## Agenda 6.
# Appointment of Vice President Cities

In accordance with the Article 11 (2) of the WeGO Statute stipulates that "The vice president cities shall consist of an executive vice president city and two (2) vice president cities." In consultation with EXCOM members, two (2) cities have been nominated as the next Vice President Cities, which was shared with the President City for final appointment. The following two (2) cities will be the new Vice President Cities for the term of 2023-2026: Kampala (Uganda), São Paulo (Brazil). All members approved the appointment of WeGO's Vice President Cities for the term of 2023-2026.

## Agenda 7.
# Election of the New Executive Committee (EXCOM) members

In accordance with Article 12 of the WeGO Statute, Election of new Executive Committee members can be made at the 6th WeGO General Assembly. A call was made on June 30, 2023. The fourteen (14) cities have been approved as the candidates as the new Executive Committee Members of WeGO for the term of 2023-2026, including Abu Dhabi / Department of Municipalities and Transport (The United Arab Emirates), Abuja Municipal Area Council (Federal Republic of Nigeria), Almaty City Administration (Republic of Kazakhstan), Chengdu Municipal People's Government (People's Republic of China), Autonomous and Decentralized Municipal Government of the Cuenca Canton (the Republic of Ecuador), Hebron Municipality (the State of Palestine), the City Government of Makati (The Republic of the Philippines), Kampala Capital City Authority (the Republic of Uganda), Maputo Municipality (Republic of Mozambique), Ramgram Municipality (Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal), City of São Paulo (the Federative Republic of Brazil), Seberang Perai City Council (Malaysia), Seoul Metropolitan Government (the Republic of Korea), Wellington City Council (New Zealand).

## Agenda 8.
# Selection of the Host City of 7th WeGO General Assembly

In accordance with Article 10 of the WeGO Statute, Selection of the host city of the next General Assembly was made at the 6th WeGO General Assembly. Almaty, Kazakhstan has been approved to be the next host city of 7th WeGO General Assembly in 2026. In accordance with the Article 11 (4) of the WeGO Statute stipulates that "The next host city of the General Assembly will automatically be appointed as the executive vice president city". In conjunction with this, Almaty will automatically be the Executive Vice President city for the term of 2023-2026.

# The 7<sup>th</sup> WeGO General Assembly 2026 (Almaty City, Kazakhstan)

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. Almaty's bid to host the 7th GA in 2026 has been reviewed by the EXCOM Members and approved during the 6th WeGO General Assembly by WeGO Members. As a member of the WeGO organization since 2020, Almaty has recognized the advantages and opportunities provided by the organization for city development. The city has applied for the Seoul Smart City Prize with several projects, including the "Almaty Data Lake" and the "Geoanalytics Platform." Almaty also aspires to open a Regional Office (Central Asia) of WeGO.

Almaty's primary asset is its high-quality human capital, with knowledgeable and skilled citizens actively realizing their entrepreneurial potential. Small and medium-sized businesses contribute 47.5% to the city's GDP and employ 65.4% of the city's workforce. The city's public and business environment fosters growth in information development and the knowledge economy. Almaty stands as a city of youth, with an average age of 33.6 years, hosting a third of the country's universities and accommodating 255,000 students. It also houses over 3,000 IT companies and 15,000 developers. Almaty serves as a significant scientific hub, with 31% of the country's scientific organizations and nearly 39% of the research and development budget operating within its boundaries.

To enhance the quality of life for its citizens and ensure sustainable urban development, Almaty has prioritized the integration of innovative technologies and the establishment of effective governance mechanisms. In line with this vision, the "Program for the development of the city of Almaty until 2025 and medium-term prospects until 2030" was developed through collaboration with non-governmental organizations, city activists, business representatives, and international consultants. The program, approved by the state bodies of Kazakhstan in 2022, encompasses over 400 projects across key areas: Polycentric development, Sustainable economic growth, Development of transport and transport infrastructure, Improving the quality of communal services, "Green Almaty", "Safe City", Support for youth development, culture, and sports, Inclusive environment, education, and medicine.

Almaty city, photo made by Maxim Zolotuhin.
Source: infobusiness.kz



Almaty City Hall. Source Yandex.ru

The program adheres to several guiding principles, including an integrated approach to development based on the principles of ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. It emphasizes the interconnection between various aspects of society and the city's economy, such as education, healthcare, culture, a healthy lifestyle, economy, IT, and creative industries. The program also prioritizes inclusiveness in the urban environment, the reasonable use of natural resources, and the involvement of the population and business in city management processes through program document discussions. The program's implementation is coordinated by the "Almaty City Development Center" JSC, with specific activities and aspects overseen by the Akimat administration. Almaty's commitment to becoming a smart city by 2030 is evident. The city has moved up one spot in the United Nations (UN) Global E-Government Development Index (EGDI) for electronic government development, ranking 28th in September 2022.

Almaty has also gained recognition as one of the most advanced cities in Asia, according to a Bloomberg report based on ThoughtLab's research program "Building a Future-Ready City." The city's Almaty City Data Lake project was a finalist in the IEEE (The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) as the best Data Governance solution at the city level in 2022. Almaty is currently implementing various projects under the "Smart City" subprogram, including the Situation Centre of Akimat (city hall), Almaty City Data Lake, a unified video monitoring system, and contact centers for public utilities and emergency services. Future plans include the development of an automated traffic control system, a social e-card for citizens, a telemedicine center, the automation of utility accounting systems, and the creation of a "Digital Twin" of Almaty.

In conclusion, Almaty is experiencing steady growth and has achieved significant milestones in economic development, informatization, and human capital. The country's strategic location and stable political system contribute to its appeal as an investment destination. Almaty, with its vibrant business ecosystem and focus on smart and sustainable urban development, stands as a regional hub in Central Asia. The city's programs and projects aim to enhance the quality of life for its citizens and ensure inclusive and responsible development. As a member of WeGO, Almaty actively pursues collaborations and recognition for its innovative initiatives, solidifying its position as an emerging smart city in the region.

# Welcome Reception

| Date | September 25, 2023 |
|---|---|
| Time | 19:00 – 20:30 (KST) |
| Venue | JW Marriott Ballroom Hall |
| Participants | WeGO members and Observers |

The WeGO Welcome Reception was held on the inaugural night of the 6th WeGO General Assembly to welcome the 200 participants attending the event from various parts of the world. The reception was held on the first night of the 6th WeGO General Assembly. The night was a celebration of the success of the first Seoul Smart City Prize Ceremony, the 6th WeGO General Assembly, and the collaboration between WeGO members and partners.

The night started with congratulatory remarks from the host city, Seoul, represented by the Director General of the Digital Policy Bureau of Seoul Metropolitan Government, Jin Man Kim. He welcomed the guests and thanked them for their visit to Seoul attending the 6th WeGO General Assembly and congratulated the winners of the Seoul Smart City Prize.

WeGO's Secretary General, Jung Sook Park, also gave a message to commemorate the event. "By working together, we are closer than ever to reaching the full potential of the smart cities we serve. Thank you for being a part of this important moment for WeGO."

Some of the winners of the Seoul Prize were invited to the floor to give toasts, including Abiodun Essiet - Special Advisor of Abuja Municipal Area Council(Uganda), Ben Max - Attaché at Ministry for Digitalisation (Luxembourg), Jose Merino - Head of Agencia Digital de Innovación Pública (Mexico City). Lastly, Yves Daccord, the President of Le Temps; Executive Chairman & Co-founder of Edgelands Institute delivered the last toast to conclude the celebration.

Welcome Reception, JW Marriott Dongdaemun Square Hotel, Ballroom Hall.



On the left Jin Man Kim, Director General of the Digital Policy Bureau,
on the right Abiodun Essiet, Special Advisor, Director Abuja Municipal Area Council

# Side Session

## Smart City Index, the Criteria to Identify Smart Cities

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|---|---|
| **Date** | September 26, 2023 |
| **Time** | 16:35 – 17:00 (KST) |
| **Venue** | Seoul City Hall, Conference Room 3rd floor |
| **Official Language** | English (Simultaneous interpretation offered in Korean) |
| **Participants** | WeGO members and Observers |

Along with the 6th WeGO General Assembly session, a side session was hosted focused on the topic of useful tools for evaluation and sustainable management to achieve smart city goals. The main speakers for this session was Bruno Lanvin, President, IMD Smart City Observatory, Sukwon Lee, Professor, Seoul National University Graduate School of Public Administration. Moderator Professor Jae Moon, Underwood Distinguished Professor, Yonsei University, Department of Public Policy and Management. This topic was aligned with WeGO's work on smart city index as WeGO has partnered with the IMD Smart City observatory to publish the Smart City Index 2023. The Index produced by The Smart City Observatory in partnership with WeGO differs from others by being citizen-centric. The IMD Smart City Index is distinctive because it utilizes city-level data from the Human Development Index. This comprehensive approach considers various indicators, such as life expectancy, education, and income, offering a more holistic view of the quality of life for city residents, as opposed to country-level data.



Side Session Smart City Index, the Criteria to Identify Smart Cities (from top to bottom on the right side Bruno Lanvin, President, IMD Smart City Observatory, Sukwon Lee, Professor, Seoul National University Graduate School of Public Administration, Fernando de Pablo Martín, Digital Office Director. City of Madrid.)

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# The 6ᵗʰ WeGO General Assembly Tour Program

WeGO centered on a theme of appreciation and acknowledgement of Korea's heritage and culture as an indispensable piece of a comprehensive smart city development for our General Assembly Tour Program. With hopes of sharing a 1000 year history to the miraculous economic development of Korea following the Korean War, WeGO members and partners embarked on a journey across Seoul to contemplate Korea's philosophies and traditions juxtaposed to rapid smart urban and technological development. Each program has been carefully curated to craft a story of harmony in progress and tradition, weaving a tale of seamless private and public collaboration founded on a common goal towards a better, smart future for all.

## Day 1, September 25, 2023

| Date | September 25, 2023 |
|---|---|
| Time | 09:30 – 17:30 (KST) |
| Program | Seoul Tourism Organization, Sanchon, Seoul City Tour Bus, Innovative Lifestyle Exhibition |
| Official Language | English |
| Participants | WeGO members and Observers |

The General Assembly Tour Program kicked off strong with special sessions organized in partnership with the Seoul Tourism Organization (STO) and Urban Design Institute of Korea to enlivened critical engagement among our guests with Seoul successes in implementing smart urban design and smart tourism solutions that launched Korea into the fore of as a global leader of tourism and urban development. Guests were thoroughly engaged by asking numerous questions related to policy implementation, evaluation, funding, and more. Lastly to top off the day, guests traversed across the breadth of Seoul on the City Tour Bus provided by STO and Seoul Tiger Bus Company and set foot on the beautiful Han River and Nam Mountain to connect with land, water, and air of vibrantness. Seoul before re-engaging in innovation and future of smart cities ahead of the Seoul Smart City Prize Ceremony.

# Seoul My Soul: Smart Tourism City



Day one a visit to STO HQ for a special session on smart tourism and smart city development.
Gil Kiyeon, President of the Seoul Tourism Organization (on a right).

Seoul Tourism Organization (STO) has hosted a special session to engage with key members who are advancing STO's smart tourism initiatives. Participants can connect directly with key stakeholders who work closely with the city government to promote Seoul. Starting off with a special remark from STO's President Gil Kiyeon, guests received a warm welcome into the special session illuminating the success story of Seoul tourism initiatives, as well as an in-depth look into the behind the scenes of STO's methods, planning, delivery, and partnerships to guarantee success.

# Solution Meet Cities Session:
## Planning and Delivery of Future-ready Urban Infrastructure and the Role of Public Sector



Experts from UDIK answer many questions from the delegates on the issue of practical urban planning and implementation.

Are cities prepared in the age of the digital city, redefining the future of our cities? How can we be assured that we are better prepared? These were some of the questions posed and expertly answered in a special seminar session hosted by WeGO and Urban Design Institute of Korea (UDIK). To highlight a few notable panelists, Director General Oh Seongik of Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, and Technology, Professor/Vice Chairman of UDIK Park Sungjin, and others experts representing technology leaders such as LG, Cisco, and Samsung explored the latest concepts and paradigm shifts that the institute has been investigating focused on the planning and delivery of public infrastructure. Through the lively Q&A session, expert panelists exchanged knowledge and implementation strategies to ground the abstracted concepts and initiatives for the attendees tackling smart city challenges across various development stages.

## Luncheon at "Sanchon"



Delegates enjoy a unique culinary experience at "Sanchon" with compliments from the restaurant's art gallery showcasing local artist's fine work.

Inspired and centered on Korea's culinary history of "Sachal Eumsik" fusing the Buddhist practice of "do no harm" to living creatures with a warm undertone of deep but refreshing flavors from hundreds of greens and herbs for a truly remarkable culinary experience. Seoul's most famous vegan temple food restaurant was founded by a former Buddist monk who uses his knowledge and inspiration by simple, clean and healthy ingredients in his kitchen. Guests marveled at the flavorful and story-rich dishes confidently filling up all corners of the dining table.

## Seoul City Tour Bus



Delegates board the Seoul Tiger Bus tour buses for a breezy, scenic ride through the best spots in Seoul.

Guests rode on top of Seoul's tour bus ride through and passed the most popular destinations. Starting from Dongdaemun Design Plaza, guests enjoyed a beautiful modern art architecture to the spectacular view from atop the Namsan Mountain and valley low along the busy Gwanghwamun Plaza. Guests took in the spectacular view from the heart of Seoul, rested in appreciation of the mighty Han River with a special friend, the Whale from a popular and world-famous K-drama "Extraordinary Attorney Woo", a compliment from STO.

## Innovative Lifestyle Exhibition



Special event hosted by Seoul Metropolitan Government for an immersive experience of future life in the future.

Guests stood at the intersection of art, technology, and design in Dongdaemun Design Plaza (DDP), an architectural masterpiece and a hub of global connectedness. DDP, housing a multitude of exhibitions on art and design, guests enjoyed the masterpiece of art and technology exhibition hosted by Seoul Metropolitan Government via their "Innovative Lifestyle Exhibition." This exhibition showcased an imagined and near future where we live and harmonize deeply with available and changing technology to bring about a transformation of our livelihood to usher in new wave of prosperity and health.

# Day 2, September 26, 2023

| Date | September 26, 2023 |
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| Time | 08:30 – 17:30 (KST) |
| Program | Hosang-nori Performance,  H-Lounge, Street Market Fest Adventure |
| Official Language | English |
| Participants | WeGO members and Observers |

Highlighting the deep heritage of Seoul reaching back a 1000-year's time and closer to Joseon rituals and practices regarding the meaning of life and death, "Hosangnori" a funeral ritual and an emblem of Korea's ancient history and practices that has been lost for more than 30 years before its revival in the early 2000s, ferried our guest into commemorating the living and the dead into a solemn, but beautiful reflection of a love story between a couple and their family. For lunch, guests marveled at the best of Korean and Italian cuisine merged into a flavorful concoction tucked away in the quiet part of the Gyeongbok Palace, a hidden gem that serves great homemade Italian foods in a cozy and European-style house. After the end of the General Assembly session, guests ventured on a bold expedition into the hub of Seoul night market for the "Street Market Fest Adventures" to satiate their hunger with the best of street food Korea can offer.

# "Hosangnori Performance":
# Adventure into the Origin of Seoul and its Heritage



Delegates watch a traditional funeral rite performance.

On the 26th at 10 a.m., Mayor of Gangdong-gu District, Ms. Lee Soo-hee welcomed the 120 delegations of mayors and representatives from global cities, along with 500 citizens from the district in presence together at the Amsa-dong in Seoul. A special event was organized to recreate the traditional temple village performance known as hosangnori. The event, hosted by the Bawijeol Village Hosang Nori Preservation Association featured the participation of around 150 performers.

Baweijul "Hosang Nori" (호상놀이) is a celebratory event involving a series of songs and games, or performances, where traditionally in Korea, local songwriters, bakers, and musicians assemble to conduct a funeral rite upon the passing of an individual who has lead an exceptionally admirable and prosperous life. This ritual serves to celebrate the dead's life and seeks to guarantee a safe passage through the often considered rough and dire path into their next life. An emblem of Korea's ancient history and practices that has been lost for more than 30 years before its revival in the early 2000s. Guests were deeply moved by this modest but intimate expression of love for one's partner and family and learned more about Korea's culture and philosophies of life and death.

# Street Market Fest Adventure



Delegates show excitement in the busy and vibrant Kwangjang Market.

Our guests mixed in themselves amid the hustle and bustle of Korea's finest, oldest, and most popular street market that boasts delectable cuisine to taste both the history and ever changing flavors of Kwangjang Market in the Jongno District. Guests moved into the fray of vibrant atmosphere lush with the aroma of some of the most exciting eats Seoul has to offer. From Tteokbokki to Sundae blood sausage to the famous beef tartare, guests dove head first into the Kwangjang Market and resurface with thrilling stories and memories, and a full stomach.

# Day 3, September 27, 2023

| Date | September 27, 2023 |
|---|---|
| Time | 09:30 – 12:00 (KST) |
| Program | LG Science Park: Innovation Gallery |
| Official Language | English |
| Participants | WeGO members and Observers |

## LG Science Park: Innovation Gallery



LG reveals their technological innovations and method of implementation at the LG Science Park.

This last and final day of the tour bridges the public and private collaboration to showcase the tremendous symbiosis that made Seoul's urban miracle a reality. Guests saw first hand the remarkable products and solutions from one of the world's leading corporations, LG at their LG Science Park: Innovation Gallery. Guests were informed about the cutting-edge innovations in life sciences, transportation industry, and pharmaceuticals to understand the detailed and refined work taking place in Seoul.
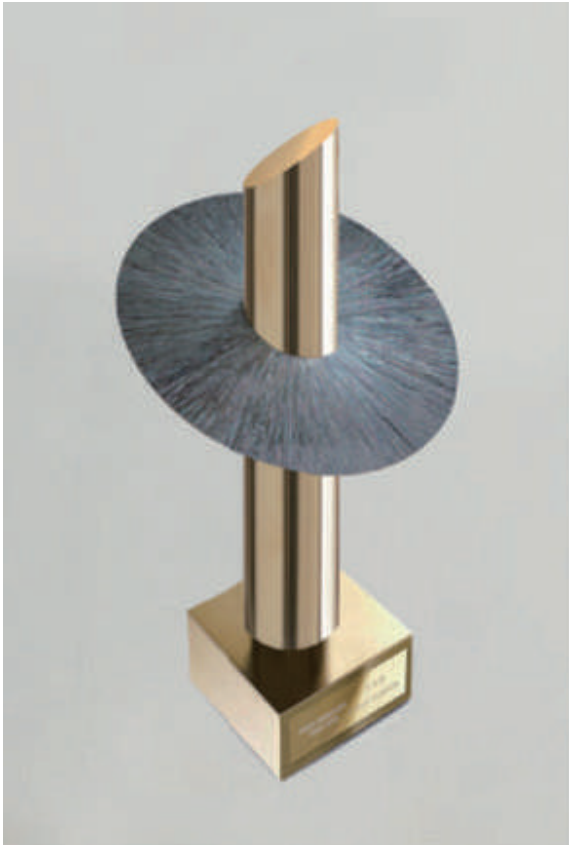
# SEOUL SMART CITY PRIZE

## CEREMONY

Date: September 25th, 2023
Time: 17:30 pm - 18:30 pm
Venue: Dongdaemun Design Plaza (DDP) Art Hall 2

# Seoul Smart City Prize

Established in 2023, the Seoul Smart City Prize triennial competition that recognizes and promotes local governments with exemplary projects and solutions that use ICT to improve the quality of life of citizens.

The Seoul Smart City Prize was held in MarchJuly 2023. Local governments, corporates, institutions competed with their projects in the following categories: TechInnovaCity, HumanCentriCity and Leadership. Out of the 200 applications from 47 countries and 93 cities from regions of Asia, Africa, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, North America, and Oceania. Worldwide projects were conducted across cities, institutions, and corporations and also received several individual nominations.

For the evaluation, the Seoul Smart City Prize partnered with a renowned institution, the Center for International Development Evaluation (CIDE) at Seoul National University for its methodology. The research team committed to substantial research in developing the evaluation criteria and indicators for the prize. The research includes the theory of change for the assessment of policy design and implementation.

The evaluation methodology incorporates data collection and analysis processes to input the indicators or variables that measure each city's circumstances or potential for development into a theory based statistical formula. Within the methodology, the efforts put into building inclusive and citizen centric smart cities were considered a fundamental factor.

The main body of operation for providing insight and direction of the Seoul Smart City Prize is the Organizing Committee. These representatives also pertain to the smart city sector giving professional consultation and recommending suitable candidates for the Evaluation Committee. The Organizing Committee also serves to encourage the promotion of the prize and its global visibility.

The two prize bodies and members get well acquainted during the virtual meeting before the official evaluation round initiates this week. The application status was reported by WeGO Secretariat and moved onto the presentation on the evaluation process, methodology, and criteria by Seok Won Lee, Professor at the Graduate School of Public Administration and Executive Director of the Center for International Development Evaluation, Seoul National University.

# 1st Seoul Smart City Prize
# Steering Committee Members

Seoul City
## MAYOR SE-HOON OH
Mayor of Seoul, President City of WeGO

Oh Se-Hoon, the Mayor of the Seoul Metropolitan Government, entered the National Assembly in 2000 and began his political career in earnest. He was elected as the 33rd Mayor of Seoul in 2006 at the age of 45 and later succeeded in serving as the 34th Mayor of Seoul in 2010. Seoul won the UN Public Service Awards consecutively by introducing creative administrative approaches through initiatives such as the "Seoul Hope Plus Savings Accounts Program" and the "Seoul Women-Friendly City Project." In 2010, Seoul was designated as the UNESCO World Design Capital for enhancing urban competitiveness through the "Design Seoul Policy." The long-term lease housing project "Shift" has been recognized worldwide by the United Nations as an exemplary urban housing initiative. During his tenure, Seoul's urban competitiveness index rose from 20th to 10th, and the integrity of metropolitan governments rose from 15th to 1st. He was elected as the 38th Mayor of Seoul under the banner of fairness and co-prosperity and currently is serving as the 39th Mayor of Seoul. Seoul Vision 2030 presents the direction for the next 10 years, and he is continuously striving to turn Seoul into a "Co-prosperous city" that guarantees a fair environment and opportunity, a "Global leading city" that ranks among the top 5 global cities, a "Resilient city" that ensures a healthy and safe life, and a "Future emotional city" that impresses people with attractiveness and sensibility while enhancing the dignity of the city.

## AJIT MANOCHA
President & CEO of Semiconductor Equipment and Materials International (SEMI)

Ajit Manocha is the president and CEO of SEMI. Headquartered in Milpitas, California, SEMI is the global industry association serving the electronics manufacturing and design supply chain. Throughout his career, Manocha has been a champion of industry collaboration as a critical means of advancing technology for societal and economic prosperity. Manocha was formerly CEO at GLOBALFOUNDRIES. Prior to this he held the role of EVP of worldwide operations at Spansion and earlier served as EVP and chief manufacturing officer at Philips/NXP Semiconductors. He began his career at AT&T Bell Laboratories as a research scientist where he was granted more than a dozen patents related to semiconductor manufacturing processes that served as the foundation for modern microelectronics manu-facturing. He has served on the boards of SEMI, SIA and GSA. Manocha is active on global advocacy and workforce development issues and has served on the President's committees for "Advanced Manufacturing Partnerships" and the President's Council of Advisors on Science & Technology (PCAST).

## YVES DACCORD

Yves Daccord, President of Le Temps; Executive Chairman & Co-founder of Edgelands Institute

Yves Daccord is a renowned humanitarian leader, seasoned executive, former Director-General at the International Committee of the Red Cross (2010-2020), and an international relations expert interested in the seismic global shifts currently emerging.

As the chief executive of a global organisation employing 20,000 people in more than 100 countries, with a budget of over USD 2 billion, Yves spearheaded major institutional reforms in areas such as diversity, inclusion and people management; partnerships and stakeholder management; and innovation and technology. With long experience on global stages and platforms, he is highly regarded not only as an inspiring speaker and innovative thinker but also as a skilled MC and moderator. A former journalist, TV producer and international relations expert, Yves holds various titles and honors – including chair of the influential Steering Committee for Humanitarian Response (SCHR); member of the Board of Trustees of the UK Overseas Development Institute (ODI); and recipient of an honorary doctorate in social sciences from the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland.

## JENNIFER COWLEY

President of the University of Texas at Arlington

Jennifer Cowley is the first female president of The University of Texas at Arlington and the 10th overall. She is also a professor of public affairs and planning in the College of Architecture, Planning, and Public Affairs. Dr. Cowley has dedicated her career to public service.

Before joining UT Arlington, she was the provost and vice president for academic affairs at the University of North Texas, where she led economic development partnerships, advanced diversity and inclusion initiatives, fostered student success, bolstered the research portfolio, and helped increase enrollment. She worked at The Ohio State University for 16 years, serving as the vice provost for capital planning and regional campuses, associate dean of the College of Engineering, head of city and regional planning, and a professor during her time there. While at OSU, Cowley also led four regional campuses, helped develop the President's and Provost's Teaching Institute to aid faculty in improving teaching quality and advancing effectiveness, and created a capital plan that led to more than $1 billion in development over a five-year period. Prior to entering academia, Cowley worked in city government in Amarillo and College Station. She earned a Ph.D. in urban and regional science, master's degree in urban planning, and bachelor's degree in political science from Texas A&M University and master's degrees in interdisciplinary studies and public administration from UNT. She is a fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners and a member of the executive committee of the Council on Academic Affairs in the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities.

## JOANNA RUBINSTEIN

Chair of the Board of Sweden for UNHCR; Council Member of UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network Leadership Council; Commissioner Alumna of UN Broadband Commision

Joanna Rubinstein is the former President and CEO of World Childhood Foundation USA. She is a member of the UNICRI's new Advisory Board and on the Leadership Council of the UN Sustainable Development Goals Network and also the board member of the Early Childhood and Peace Building Consortium. Dr.Rubinstein is an academic and expert in global health and sustainable development; has over a decade of experience in leadership roles at Columbia University and at the United Nations helping develop several global initiatives in health and education with private sector engagement and participated in the development of the 2030 Agenda. As a Commissioner of the UN Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development, co-chaired the Commission's Working Group on Child Online Safety, launching in 2019 at the United Nations a report with actionable recommendations for a safer Internet for children. Dr. Rubinstein serves on numerous boards including: End Violence Against Children, Leadership Council of the SDSN and the ECPC Consortium.



## FRANK RIJSBERMAN

Director-General of Global Green Growth Institute(GGGI)

Dr. Frank Rijsberman is the Director-General of the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), a Seoul-based international organization. Previously, Dr. Rijsberman served as Chief Executive Office of the Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) Consortium.

In this role, he led CGIAR's transformation from 15 independent research centers towards a single integrated organization. Before joining CGIAR in 2013, Dr. Rijsberman was the first Director of Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, where he developed a strategy to help achieve universal access to sustainable sanitation services using radical new technologies and innovative market-based mechanisms. Dr. Rijsberman also has worked as Program Director at Google.org, the philanthropic arm of Google, where he led grant making in the public health initiative and was responsible for programs and partnerships in health, disaster response, geo-informatics, and climate-change adaptation.

Before Google Dr. Rijsberman was Director-General of the International Water Management Institute, an international research institute with HQ in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

# Introduction of Organizing Committee Members

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Professor in the Department of
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# Seoul Smart City Prize Ceremony

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| **Date** | September 25, 2023 |
| **Time** | 17:30 – 18:30 (KST) |
| **Venue** | DDP ｜ Dongdaemun Design Plaza, Art Hall 2 |
| **Official Language** | English (Simultaneous interpretation offered in Korean) |
| **Participants** | WeGO members and Observers |

The inaugural Seoul Smart City Prize winners received their awards during the Seoul Smart City Prize ceremony at Dongdaemun Design Plaza on Sept. 25.



Seoul Smart City Prize Ceremony

At the Seoul Smart City Prize Ceremony, the 21 finalists were officially announced on the stage by distinguished presenters and finalists were acknowledged with a trophy and certificate. The Seoul Smart City Prize seeks to recognize those who are at the forefront of smart city innovation. This prestigious award gave honor to individuals, institutions, corporations and cities that have made significant contributions to the advancement of smart cities. Mayor of Seoul, Se-hoon Oh gave the welcoming remarks to initiate the grand event. Globally-renowned artist, Psy, gave the congratulatory remarks at the ceremony. Psy's vision has been to innovate, transform, and transcend what is already existing while focusing on people and always prioritizing connecting people. As Psy's vision aligns with the purpose of the Seoul Smart City Prize, he was selected as the Special Envoy of the Seoul Prize. Secretary General, Jung Sook Park gave the closing remarks addressing the significant contributors and success of the Seoul Smart City Prize.

Human-CentriCity Prize category. focusing on digital inclusion of vulnerable groups, The Gold Prize went to the Danish city of Odense. The project was praised for citizen inclusiveness through the Leadership, Empowerment, and Advocacy for the People (LEAP) digital platform that created a new methodology for increasing welfare in the future via online questionnaires and public meetings. Tech-InnovaCity Prize category, an award that prioritized innovative policies and technology integration, the Gold Prize went to Wellington, New Zealand. The Wellington Climate Change Adaptation Digital Twin project distinguished itself by allowing communities to feel ownership for critical and coordinated climate adaptation decisions.



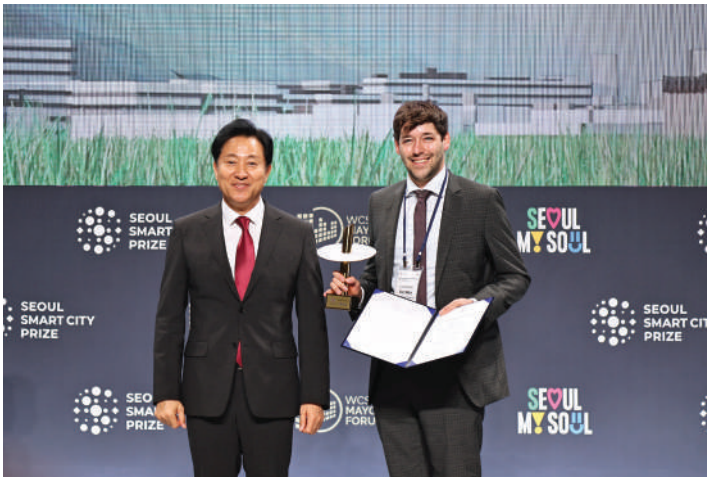Special envoy of the Seoul Smart City Prize, Mr. Jai Sang Park (PSY).

In the Leadership Prize category, there were two winners. Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh, Mayor of Dhaka South City Corporation in Bangladesh, and Uğur İbrahim Altay, Mayor of Konya in Türkiye. Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh was awarded his prize for contributing significantly to Dhaka's advancement and the well-being of residents. Meanwhile, Uğur İbrahim Altay was celebrated for implementing nearly 200 Smart City Applications to increase the quality of life and service efficiency in Konya, which is now an exemplary Smart Urbanism city on an international scale.



Winners of the Seoul Smart City Prize (on the left, Tech-InnovaCity Bronze, mayor of Almaty, Mr. Erbolat Dossaev & on the right, Human-CentriCity Bronze,  São Paulo Deputy Secretary of International Affairs, Ms. Ana Cristina Wanzeler).

Special Mentions were presented in conjunction with the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) and International Institute for Management Development (IMD). GGGI's Special Mention was awarded to Kaohsiung, while IMD's Special Mentions went to Abu Dhabi and Madinah.



Winner of the Seoul Smart City Prize (on the left, Mayor of Seoul Mr. Se-hoon Oh & on the right, Human-CentriCity Bronze, Head of Digital Inclusion Department, Luxembourg Ministry for Digitalization, Mr. Ben Max).

In order to decide the winners of this year's prize, the evaluation process was conducted in conjunction with Seoul National University's Center for International Development Evaluation. Starting in March, there were three evaluation rounds conducted by a panel of smart city experts as the judges. The winners personally received their awards from WeGO Steering Committee members, including Yves Daccord, President of Le Temps; Ajit Manocha, President; CEO of Semiconductor Equipment and Materials International (SEMI); Frank Rijsberman, Director-General of the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI); and Bruno Lanvin, President of the Smart City Observatory at The International Institute for Management Development business school (IMD).



Announcing the Seoul Smart City Prize winners, Human-CentriCity Prize.

# Presenters

Human-CentriCity Prize - Gold / Silver / Bronze presented by Se-hoon Oh, Mayor of Seoul; President City of WeGO

*"If cities around the world can work together to improve the quality of life for citizens through the Seoul Smart City Prize, I am confident that we will be able to overcome difficult urban problems and achieve mutual growth."*

Human-CentriCity Prize - Corporation presented by Sungbin Yim, President of Favors Co. / Chairman of Seoul Prize Organizing Committee

*"Projects dealing with people and social issues, it was very difficult to choose the prize winner. Organizations that represent the private sector and government sector were selected and this required an extremely innovative approach and great courage."*

Human-CentriCity Prize - Institution presented by Joanna Rubinstein, Chairperson of UNHCR Sweden / Seoul Prize Steering Committee

*"The Human-CentriCity Prize, a smart city and human-centered award, I think is the first in the world. I realized once again that it doesn't just think about the companies, climate, and the economy but really values people."*

Tech-InnovaCity Prize - Gold / Silver / Bronze presented by Ajit Manocha, President and CEO of Semiconductor Equipment and Materials International(SEMI) / Seoul Prize Steering Committee

*"By connecting the best solutions, we can provide safer, longer lifespans for vulnerable people, disabled people, visually impaired people and create a society without borders."*

Tech-InnovaCity Prize - Corporation presented by Jennifer Cowley, President of University of Texas at Arlington / Seoul Prize Steering Committee

*"In order for our cities to become smarter, we need partnerships and I think corporate partnerships can play a key role. In the corporate sector, projects showcased outstanding efforts by presenting solutions to technological problems in the 4th Industrial Revolution era"*

Tech-InnovaCity Prize - Institution presented by M. Jae Moon, Professor at Yonsei University / Chairman of Seoul Prize Organizing Committee

*"Public institutions have seen numerous cases of innovation through the utilization of advanced technologies. I hope that, moving forward, all recipients will actively contribute to planning and designing in a manner that reflects Seoul's unique style."*

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# Ceremony

**< Prize Presenters >**

Leadership Prize presented by Yves Daccord, President of Le Temps / Seoul Prize Steering Committee

*"Nowadays, I think smart cities are even more important in an era where we don't talk to each other. This was particularly noticeable during the pandemic. I'm convinced that good leadership is essential for the future growth of smart cities."*

Special Mention in Partnership with Global Green Growth Institute(GGGI) presented by Frank Rijsberman, Director-General of GGGI / Seoul Prize Steering Committee

*"The goal of this prize is to create human-centered technology and eco-friendly design. We want to create an eco-friendly collaboration with WeGO to work on various applications."*

Special Mention in Partnership with International Institute for Management Development(IMD) presented by Bruno Lanvin, President of IMD's Smart City Observatory / Seoul Prize Organizing Committee

*"One of the meaningful prizes focusing on people-centered cities and inclusion is presented by IMD. We have developed a 'Smart City Index' and prizes are given to cities that have evolved into two types of smart cities: one as a technology innovation city and the other prioritizing a human centered city."*

# Remarks

Closing Remarks presented by Jung Sook Park, Secretary General of World Smart Sustainable Cities Organization (WeGO)

*"Thinking together, reducing the gap between each other, sharing friendship, is what moving towards a sustainable society together is. This is all of you. You are the people who can make your city the best city to live in for your citizens. Your efforts create our future. Let's dream together. Please join forces. The future society can become a smart city that is more human oriented.*

Introduction of Seoul Smart City Prize presented by Danil Kerimi, Cofounder of Edgelands Institute / Seoul Smart City Prize Organizing Committee

*"The progress to close the digital divide has accelerated in some areas but has stalled in others. It is now more important than ever for our cities to become "human-centered", the great place to live for us all."*

Special Envoy presented by Jai Sang Park, CEO of P Nation

*"As an artist and performer, 20 years in the making, I am and I will continue to be vocal about shared experiences. Keep in mind, technology will continue to develop and it plays a huge role while the common variable is people. That's why we need to focus on inclusiveness.We must share together as global citizens to create a smart sustainable city."*

**SEOUL SMART CITY PRIZE**

# Seoul Smart City Prize Finalists

## TECH-INNOVACITY PRIZE

**Tech-InnovaCity Project**   Gold

**Tech-InnovaCity Gold**

**City: Wellington**

**Project: Wellington Climate Change Adaptation Digital Twin**

This project layers a two-way engagement functionality with Digital Twin that allows communities to co-create community climate adaptation actions, exchanging information and ideas with the Council, allowing critical and coordinated adaptation decisions where communities feel ownership.

**Tech-InnovaCity Project**   Silver

**Tech-InnovaCity Silver**

**City: Los Angeles**

**Project: MyLA 311 Citizen Relationship Management System**

This system offers citizens easy access to over 1,500 informational topics with over 68 different service request types, ranging from pothole repair to annual Christmas tree disposal for Los Angeles residents.

**Tech-InnovaCity Project**   Silver

**Tech-InnovaCity Silver**

**City: Madrid**

**Project: Madrid Data Driven, City Intelligence**

This city model is hyperconnected and hyper-automated, in which data-driven service management improves its interoperability. By adopting public-private partnerships and placing citizens as the co-producer of public services, all municipal services are interconnected in a shared data network and users interact with public administration while co-designing digital public services.

**Tech-InnovaCity Project**   Bronze

**Tech-InnovaCity Bronze**

City: Abuja

Project: Smart waste management - optimizing municipal solid waste management leveraging digital technology

This project seeks to be key players in the waste management space across Abuja, Nigeria, and empower women in informal employment to operate profitable circular businesses leveraging digital technology. The Smart Waste Mobile App will increase the capacity of waste haulers to collect more municipal solid waste, extract more recyclables, cut-down carbon emission and discourage littering.

## Tech-InnovaCity Project    Bronze



**Tech-InnovaCity Bronze**

City: Almaty

Project: The Geoanalytics Platform

An information system designed for city analysis, known for its comprehensive integration of diverse data sources, real-time processing, anonymized data approach, and advanced analytics and visualization features for better urban dynamics.

## Tech-InnovaCity Project    Bronze



**Tech-InnovaCity Bronze**

City: George Town (Penang Island)

Project: The Smart Island Digital Twin (SmIDaT)

This system integrates reality and virtuality to provide accurate mapping. It is a system that uses big data, real-time feed, IoT and AI. Digital infrastructure, operations and planning initiatives under this system will significantly improve the residents' quality of life, ensure inclusivity in city planning while optimizing the ecological environment and city resilience.

## Tech-InnovaCity Project - Corporation



**Tech-InnovaCity Corporation**

Corporation: Majal Berkane SA

Project: E-Moulouya

This project's main goal is to conserve the local flora and fauna through the implementation of a smart monitoring platform that utilizes AI and IoT technologies. With R&D, the project prioritizes AI, computer vision, and IoT technologies to achieve the identification and classification of all species within the targeted region while emphasizing water quality monitoring.

## Tech-InnovaCity Project - Institution



**Tech-InnovaCity Institution**

Institution: Agencia Digital de Innovación Pública (ADIP)

Project: Software Development Factory

The Software Development Factory aims to guarantee infrastructure, autonomy and sustainability of services through open source and public financing. It's made up of 40 programmers who have contributed to the generation of more than 200 proprietary developments that provide effective solutions for the city.

# HUMAN-CENTRICITY PRIZE

## Human-CentriCity Project  Gold

**Human-CentriCity Gold**

**City: Odense**

**Project: LEAP - Leadership, Empowerment, and Advocacy for the People**

This digital platform is used for citizen involvement for both the citizens and the city to strengthen the democratic dialogue. LEAP has created a new methodology for increasing welfare in the future through digital citizen involvement by online questionnaires which are distributed via a national digital mailbox, and online public meetings.

## Human-CentriCity Project  Silver

**Human-CentriCity Silver**

**City: Dublin**

**Project: Academy of the Near Future (ANF)**

This smart cities education programme for students and local authority professionals developed in a partnership between Dublin City Council (DCC) and CONNECT Research Centre at Trinity College Dublin. The programme builds meaningful engagement between local authority workers and citizens by providing workshops that assume no prior knowledge of technology and empower participants to tackle technological societal challenges.

## Human-CentriCity Project  Silver

**Human-CentriCity Silver**

**City: Manila**

**Project: Go! Manila**

What initially began as a mere app for managing traffic, facilitating business registration, and enabling tax payments has rapidly evolved into a comprehensive platform. This platform now serves as an inclusive innovation agenda, enabling immediate access to vital government services and benefits, ranging from food, health, housing, education, to livelihood opportunities.

## Human-CentriCity Project  Bronze

**Human-CentriCity Bronze**

**City: Da Nang**

**Project: Smart Trips Platform**

This digital platform is a smart city application ecosystem in Da Nang that integrates digital maps and sensor devices, GPS for the management and monitoring of various vehicles such as ambulances, fire trucks, garbage trucks, public buses, etc. It forms a comprehensive data management system, big data analysis, providing information to the Intelligent Operations Center (IOC) for monitoring and tracking the operation of vehicle systems in the city.

## Human-CentriCity Project   Bronze

**Human-CentriCity Bronze**

**Institution: Ministry for Digitalisation & Government IT Center (Luxembourg)**

**Project: Digital Mandate (digital proxy) for the MyGuichet.lu Platform**

Introduced by Luxembourg's Ministry for Digitalisation & Government IT Center, it enables carrying out digital administrative procedures on behalf of another person on the platform.This platform aims to be more accessible for everyone and more inclusive by allowing the elderly, disabled, and people who are often overwhelmed by the digital requirements.

## Human-CentriCity Project   Bronze

**Human-CentriCity Bronze**

**City: São Paulo**

**Project: Accessible Services Network Map**

This network map an instrument which makes available accessible public equipment which provide services to the person with disability in São Paulo by georeferencing through a virtual interface dimensioned to make the consultation and analysis process easier for people.

## Human-CentriCity Project - Corporation

**Human-CentriCity Corporation**

**Corporation: One Smile Foundation**

**Project:  A smile turns into a donation! Project to visualize and improve the well-being of the city**

Using smile recognition technology in IT sensor devices, such as security and surveillance cameras, one smile that equals one cent is donated based on the number of daily smiles. This initiative serves as an alternative method for people who cannot answer traditional well-being surveys, such as preschool children, medically ill , and people with disabilities.

## Human-CentriCity Project - Institution

**Human-CentriCity institution**

**Institution: Korea Institute of Civil Engineering and Building Technology**

**Project: Establishment of Vietnam-Korea Cooperation Center for Smart City and Construction Technology**

The center will focus on developing Smart City Certification (SCC) guidelines, setting up a technology exchange exhibition hall, showcasing pilot projects and master plans for smart cities, implementing capacity-building programs, and installing advanced educational equipment to create a conducive learning environment for smart cities.

# LEADERSHIP PRIZE

Leadership Prize
**Name: Uğur İbrahim Altay**
**Title: Mayor of Konya**

Uğur İbrahim Altay is a civil engineer who has implemented nearly 200 Smart City Applications to increase the quality of life and service efficiency in Konya, which has made Konya an exemplary city on a national and international scale within Smart Urbanism. He has developed a strategy by focusing on humans and other living beings while using technology, ensuring that especially women, the disabled, the disadvantaged and the elderly benefit from all the city services. During the earthquake disaster in Türkiye, he utilized the smart city applications to alleviate the grievances of the residents, and implemented the Solar Mobile Charging Station, which does not require any power source to meet emergency communication needs.

Leadership Prize
**Name: Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh**
**Title: Mayor of Dhaka South City Corporation**

Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh has contributed significantly to the city's headway and well-being of the city residents. Through practical urban arranging and vigorous courses of action, he has been able to investigate the complexities of urbanization and attempting to make it more tolerable, flexible and livable. Through his vision and leadership, the city has effectively implemented innovation and data-driven arrangements to enhance good governance and urban adaptabilities. The utilization of the city's innovation includes intelligent activity administration frameworks and e-governance stages.

# SPECIAL MENTION

**Special Mention with Global Green Growth Institute**
**City: Kaohsiung**
**Project: Kaohsiung Agrinfo Platform**

Built by the Kaohsiung City Government, digitized agriculture information in real time to support farmers confronted by potential disasters from extreme climate change. The platform collects over 4,700 agricultural surveys per year, with an hourly disaster prevention warning analysis, and agricultural information in 211 locations in the city.

**Special Mention by International Institute for Management Development**
**City: Abu Dhabi**
**Project: Smart Parks using IoT Platform**

Led by the Department of Municipalities and Transport in the Abu Dhabi Emirates, the latest advances in technology, including the Internet of Things (IoT), artificial intelligence (AI), and data analytics, leveraged to create a more equitable and energy efficient park such as the increase in soil moisture triggering the opening of irrigation devices.

**Special Mention by International Institute for Management Development**
**City: Madinah**
**Project: City Living Museum**

This program creates a comprehensive and immersive experience for residents and visitors that seamlessly integrates cultural, historical, and contemporary elements. The program serves as a crucial link between the public and the resources and services available within the city, ensuring an enriching and accessible city living experience for all.

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## MiraeN



WeGO is delighted to take a moment to recognize and express our heartfelt gratitude to another GA sponsor, MiraeN company. Their unwavering support and commitment have been instrumental in making this General Assembly possible. MiraeN is an educational publishing company that specializes in the business areas of textbook publishing, reference books for elementary, middle, and high schools, as well as trade books for children and adults. MiraeN, as a leading educational publishing company in South Korea, has been recognized for its excellence by winning the Korean Education Industry Award for six consecutive years since 2011.

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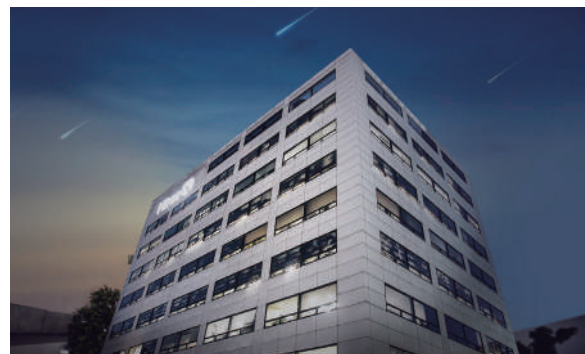
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# Meeting Memorandum of the 6ᵗʰ WeGO General Assembly 2023

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| **Event** | 6th WeGO General Assembly 2023 |
| **Date & Time** | September 26, 2023 \| Tuesday \| 14:00 - 16:40 KST |
| **Venue** | Seoul City Hall, Damokjeok Hall (inc. Online Platform) |
| **Host city** | Seoul Metropolitan Government (SMG) |
| **Chair** | Hong-seok Koo, Ambassador for International Relations, Seoul Metropolitan Government (SMG) |
| **WeGO Representatives** | Jung Sook Park, Secretary General, World Smart Sustainable Cities Organization (WeGO)<br><br>Eunbyul Cho, Head of the Program Department, World Smart Sustainable Cities Organization (WeGO) |

## Attendees (WeGO Members):

45 Local Government Members
5 corporate Members

## ON-SITE ATTENDANCE (MAYORAL LEVEL)

| No. | Local Government | Country | Position |
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| 1. | Abu Dhabi | United Arab Emirates | Head of Municipality |
| 2. | Beyoğlu | Turkey | Vice Mayor |
| 3. | Bhadrapur Municipality | Nepal | Mayor |
| 4. | Dhaka South | Bangladesh | Mayor |
| 5. | Kanakai Municipality | Nepal | Mayor |
| 6. | La Union | Philippines | Governor |
| 7. | Manila City | Philippines | Vice Mayor |
| 8. | Penang Island | Malaysia | City Secretary |
| 9. | Pokhara Metropolitan City | Nepal | Mayor |
| 10. | Sainshand City | Mongolia | City Mayor |
| 11. | San Fernando, La Union | Philippines | City Mayor |
| 12. | Seberang Perai | Malaysia | City Secretary |
| 13. | Seoul | Korea | Mayor |
| 14. | Sundarharaicha Municipality | Nepal | Mayor |
| 15. | Wellington | New Zealand | Mayor |

## ONLINE PARTICIPATION (MAYORAL LEVEL)

| No. | Local Government | Country | Position |
|---|---|---|---|
| 16. | Agra | India | Mayor |
| 17. | Chirchik | Uzbekistan | Deputy Mayor |

## ON-SITE ATTENDANCE (NON-MAYORAL LEVEL FROM QUORUM MEMBERS)

| No. | Local Government | Country | Position |
|---|---|---|---|
| 18. | Abuja | Nigeria | Regional Director of WeGO Africa Regional Office |
| 19. | Almaty | Kazakhstan | Head of the Digitalization Department |
| 20. | Anyang City | Korea | Team Manager of Smart City Information Division |
| 21. | Astana | Kazakhstan | Head of Division at the Digital Department |
| 22. | Baguio | The Philippines | City Budget Officer |
| 23. | Chengdu | China | Deputy Director-General of Chengdu Municipal Foreign Affairs Office |
| 24. | Cuenca | Ecuador | Director General for International Relations and Cooperation |
| 25. | Dujiangyan | China | Section Chief of the Exit-Entry Administration |
| 26. | Goyang | Korea | Manager of Smart City Division |
| 27. | Hebron | Palestine | City Councilor |
| 28. | Jeju Province | Korea | Team Manager of Future Mobility Division |
| 29. | Kampala | Uganda | Deputy Director of Information Systems |
| 30. | Mexico City | Mexico | Head of Agencia Digital de Innovación Pública ADIP |
| 31. | Quezon City | Philippines | City Administrator |
| 32. | São Paulo | Brazil | Deputy Secretary of International Affairs |
| 33. | Sejong City | Korea | Director of Smart City |
| 34. | Shivasatakshi Municipality | Nepal | Ward President |
| 35. | Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte | Sri Lanka | Minister Counsellor of Commercial from the Embassy of Sri Lanka |
| 36. | Tashkent City | Uzbekistan | Head of Data Analytics Department |
| 37. | Tehran | Iran | Deputy for International Affairs |

## ONLINE PARTICIPATION (NON-MAYORAL LEVEL FROM QUORUM MEMBERS)

| No. | Local Government | Country | Position |
|---|---|---|---|
| 38. | Addis Ababa | Ethiopia | Communication Technologies System Administration Team Leader |
| 39. | Bangkok | Thailand | Foreign Relations Officer |
| 40. | Bishkek | Kyrgyzstan | Head of the Digitalization Department |
| 41. | Makati | The Philippines | Head of Urban Development Department |
| 42. | Maputo | Mozambique | Director for International Relations |
| 43. | Ryde | Australia | Executive Officer (City Economy) |
| 44. | Shiraz | Iran | Head of International Relations Office |
| 45. | Tubah | Cameroon | Council Development officer |

## ON-SITE ATTENDANCE (FROM NON-QUORUM MEMBERS)

| No. | Entity | Country | Position |
|---|---|---|---|
| 46. | Dwelling Co., Ltd | Korea | Chief Executive Officer |
| 47. | SRPOST Inc. | Korea | International Project Manager |
| 48. | YOYA Technologies Ltd | Uganda | Director |

## ONLINE PARTICIPATION (FROM NON-QUORUM MEMBERS)

| No. | Entity | Country | Position |
|---|---|---|---|
| 49. | beCloud | Belarus | Head of Marketing Department |
| 50. | Vueron Technology Co., Ltd | Korea | Chief Strategy Officer |

# Summary

The 6th WeGO General Assembly (GA) 2023 was hosted by the Seoul Metropolitan Government (SMG) on the 26th of September, 2023 (Tuesday) with a total of 45 WeGO Member Cities. The meeting started at 15:00 KST and ended on time at 16:35. All agendas have been approved on the 26th of September 2023 during the 6th WeGO General Assembly 2023.

## Agenda 1.
## Reporting of the WeGO Executive Committee Meeting (EXCOM) 2023

The WeGO Executive Committee (EXCOM) Meeting 2023 was hosted by Seoul, the President City of WeGO, online on September 4th, 2023 with 12 EXCOM Members (Abuja Municipal Area Council, Municipality of Beyoğlu, Chengdu Municipal People's Government, Hebron Municipality, Kampala Capital City Authority, the City Government of Makati, the Government of Moscow, City of São Paulo, Seberang Perai City Council, Seoul Metropolitan Government, Ulaanbaatar City Government, Wellington City Council) attending the meeting.

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

The three following cities have been approved to become the new regional offices of WeGO for the term of 2023 - 2028:

- Almaty, Kazakhstan (WeGO Central Asia Regional Office)
- Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (WeGO Middle East Regional Office)
- Cuenca, Ecuador (WeGO Latin America Regional Office)

Additionally, Almaty, Kazakhstan was selected as the host city of the EXCOM Meeting 2024, becoming the Executive Vice President City.

## Agenda 2.
## New Memberships and Withdrawals (2021~2023)

Current Status: 201 Members

New Members: 18 New Members since the 5th WeGO General Assembly
Joining Members: 18 Total (7 new local governments, 9 new corporations and 2 new institutions have joined WeGO since the 5th WeGO General Assembly (Seoul, South Korea | October 2021))
- 2022 : 11 total (3 local governments, 6 corporations, and 2 institutions)
- 2023 : 7 total (4 local governments and 3 corporations)

- Withdrawal of Members
One (1) local government and five (5) corporations (a total of six members) have formally withdrawn their status as members

- Suspensions
Twenty-two (22) local government members are suspended for the upcoming year due to long years of inactivity and no communication with the Secretariat

• Termination of Members

Twenty (20) corporate members have been officially terminated as members since the 5th WeGO General Assembly (Seoul, South Korea | October 2021)

## Agenda 3.
## Reporting on 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 was approved by all members at the 6th WeGO General Assembly. The updated new logo name will be presented to EXCOM Members in 2024.

## Agenda 4.
## Report of the 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.

For the mobilization of financial resources through profit-making businesses, and the new proposal for corporate/institution annual membership fee has been approved as the proposed amendments to WeGO statutes.

## Agenda 5.
## Election of the New President City

In accordance with Article 11 of the WeGO Statute, Election of the President City was made at the 6th WeGO General Assembly.

Seoul has been approved as the President city of WeGO for the term of 2023-2026.

Seoul has taken the lead in founding and managing the organization as its President and must continue to serve the role to maintain operational continuity of the Organization.

## Agenda 6.
## Appointment of Vice President Cities

In consultation with EXCOM members, two (2) cities have been nominated as the next Vice President Cities, which was shared with the President City for final appointment.

The following two (2) cities will be the new Vice President Cities for the term of 2023- 2026:
• Kampala (Uganda)
• São Paulo (Brazil)

All members approved the appointment of WeGO's Vice President Cities for the term of 2023-2026.

## Agenda 7.
# Election of the New Executive Committee (EXCOM) members

A call was made on June 30, 2023. The fourteen (14) cities have been approved as the candidates as the new Executive Committee Members of WeGO for the term of 2023-2026:

**01.** Abu Dhabi / Department of Municipalities and Transport (The United Arab Emirates)
**02.** Abuja Municipal Area Council (Federal Republic of Nigeria)
**03.** Almaty City Administration (Republic of Kazakhstan)
**04.** Chengdu Municipal People's Government (People's Republic of China)
**05.** Autonomous and Decentralized Municipal Government of the Cuenca Canton (the Republic of Ecuador)
**06.** Hebron Municipality (the State of Palestine)
**07.** the City Government of Makati (The Republic of the Philippines)
**08.** Kampala Capital City Authority (the Republic of Uganda)
**09.** Maputo Municipality (Republic of Mozambique)
**10.** Ramgram Municipality (Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal)
**11.** City of São Paulo (the Federative Republic of Brazil)
**12.** Seberang Perai City Council (Malaysia)
**13.** Seoul Metropolitan Government (the Republic of Korea)
**14.** Wellington City Council (New Zealand)

## Agenda 8.
# Selection of the Host City of 7th WeGO General Assembly

In accordance with Article 10 of the WeGO Statute, Selection of the host city of the next General Assembly was made at the 6th WeGO General Assembly.

Almaty, Kazakhstan has been approved to be the next host city of 7th WeGO General Assembly in 2026. In accordance with the Article 11 (4) of the WeGO Statute stipulates that "The next host city of the General Assembly will automatically be appointed as the executive vice president city". In conjunction with this, Almaty will automatically be the Executive Vice President city for the term of 2023-2026.

## Closing Remarks

The 6th WeGO General Assembly 2023 was concluded with closing remarks by WeGO's Secretary General and Seoul Metropolitan Government's Ambassador for International Relations, who expressed their wishes to meet all WeGO Members in Almaty at the 7th WeGO General Assembly at the end of this month.

# Annex 1. New Memberships and Withdrawals (2021~2023)

| | NEW MEMBER CITIES | |
|---|---|---|
| **Cities (Country)** | **About** | **Date of Application (DD/MM/YYYY)** |
| Chirchik (Uzbekistan) | Chirchik is a city in the Tashkent Region in Uzbekistan. They mainly cultivate vegetables and fruits. Chirchik has a major winter recreation area that attracts tourists from Central Asia and Russia. | 20.07.2023 |
| Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan) | Bishkek is the capital of Kyrgyzstan and is situated near the Kazakhstan–Kyrgyzstan border. It is the most populated city in the country. Agriculture is the primary source of the economy. | 05.07.2023 |
| City of Ryde (Australia) | Located in Northern Sydney, Ryde was proclaimed as a city in 1992. Its scope of government extends from Parramatta River to the Lane Cove River. | 24.07.2023 |
| Tehran (Iran) | Tehran is the capital of Iran. It is the most populous city in Western Asia, and the largest city in the country, with a population of about 9.5 million. Tehran is developings its ICT infrastructure, and in the process of implementing six dimensions of "smart economy," "smart mobility," "smart environment," "smart infrastructure," "smart governance," and "smart life" by the municipality. | 05.11.2022 |
| Cuenca (Ecuador) | Located in the highlands of Ecuador, Cuenca is the capital and largest city of the Azuay Province in Ecuador. In 1999, the center of the city was listed as the UNESCO World Heritage Site. Cuenca was rated the number one city in Ecuador for being smart and sustainable. Cuenca's urban planning is the process of development towards a data driven sustainable smart city | 13.05.2022 |
| Cusco (Peru) | Situated in the Peruvian Andes, Cusco is the capital of Cusco Region and of the Cusco Province. In 1983, Cusco was inscribed in the UNESCO World Heritage List. Cusco has experienced rapid growth in the past years, which has led to various challenges that the city is looking at addressing through its transformation into a smart city. | 15.11.2021 |
| Urubamba (Peru) | Urubamba province is located in the Cusco Region. The province has a vast cultural heritage. It is home to the famous UNESCO World Heritage Site of Machu Picchu, which was inscribed in 1983. The province aims to address its challenges through smart programs. | 15.11.2021 |

| NEW MEMBER CORPORATIONS | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Corporations** | **About** | **Date of Application (DD/MM/YYYY)** |
| Vueron (South Korea) | Based on AI algorithms, Vueron has developed high-performance, stable, and practical LiDAR perception software to identify all objects around the sensor. We believe in making the roads, homes, cities, and countries safer with the Vueron solution. | 25.04.2023 |
| Laboratory of Software Embedded Engineering (LASEE) | LASEE is a company in Korea that provides a monitoring system for solar power plants. Through a real-time monitoring platform, plant operators can instantly assess the system's status and respond promptly to any issues. Its monitoring system offers functions such as data collection, analysis and alarms, enabling increased productivity and maximized efficiency of solar power generation systems. | 16.02.2023 |
| Woorigangsan | Woorigangsan is involved in several data construction projects, such as national base map production and the creation of various thematic maps. Moreover, It specializes in developing user-centered GIS systems. | 21.07.2023 |
| Dwelling Co., Ltd (Korea) | Dwelling Co., Ltd. is a 4th industrial convergence service company, which provides quality of life by improving indoor and outdoor (ultra) fine dust, harmful chemicals, bacteria, viruses and odor through indoor and outdoor air quality measurement, monitoring, and purification systems with IoT, AI, Big–Data, the core technologies of the 4th industry, in response to national interest in (ultra) fine dust and national social issues. | 10.12.2021 |

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|---|---|---|
| Dohwa Engineering (Korea) | Dohwa Engineering is a renown multi-disciplinary engineering consulting firm in South Korea that provides planning, feasibility studies, design, analysis, testing, supervision, commissioning, evaluation/assessment, and consulting and training services in all areas of engineering, such as water supply and wastewater treatment, water resources management, urban planning, road traffic, structures, harbor and ports, rail, environmental engineering, etc. | 14.01.2022 |
| Hienergy Codex (Korea) | Hienergy Codex is an energy infrastructure company that takes the lead in reducing CO2 emission and improving people's lives using the world's best wind power technology and energy mining. Hienergy Codex strives to become the 'Guardian of the Global Environment' that achieves a carbon-zero society and improves the quality of life. | 25.03.2022 |
| MetaTheater (Korea) | MetaTheater has launched a virtual theater to share the appreciation with musical fans all over the world beyond the limits of time and space. With two subsidiary companies, SHINSWAVE and GPS, it is active in various fields to expand the Korean musical industry to the world through our platform. | 23.08.2022 |
| Youngshin Components Co., Ltd (Korea) | Youngshin Components Ltd. is an enterprise located in South Korea, with the main office in Daegu. The company operates in the motor vehicle parts manufacturing industry. Through continuous technology development and continuous quality improvement efforts, they have developed key components used in new GM and HONDA models. | 01.09.2022 |
| YOYA Technologies Ltd (Uganda) | YOYA Technologies Limited is an Information Technology Systems provider/ integrator of ICT services with a vision of providing trusted business solutions that transforms revenue administration in Africa and mission to enable innovative approaches for revenue collection and accountability. | 24.10.2022 |

| NEW MEMBER INSTITUTIONS | | |
|---|---|---|
| Institution | About | Date of Application (DD/MM/YYYY) |
| Korea Green Foundation (Korea) | Korea Green Foundation is Korea's first environmental public foundation established in 2002. It has been promoting environmental awareness through cultural approaches and expertise. The Foundation mainly supports domestic and foreign environmental activists and NGOs. | 07.07.2022 |
| Seoul Tourism Organization (Korea) | The Seoul Tourism Organization (STO) was established to promote the tourism industry and revitalize the local economy by creating a global brand for the city of Seoul to increase its recognition across the world. | 02.08.2022 |

## • Withdrawal of Members

One (1) local government and five (5) corporations (a total of six members) have formally withdrawn their status as members

| City (Country) | Year of Approval (EXCOM) |
|---|---|
| Ulyanovsk Region (Russia) | 2022 |

| Corporation (Country) | Year of Approval (EXCOM) |
|---|---|
| FATOS Corporation (Republic of Korea) | 2023 |
| Breeze Technologies | 2022 |
| NTSYS (Korea) | 2022 |
| IGB & Company | 2022 |
| INTERINNOV S.A.S. (France) | 2022 |

## • Suspensions

Twenty-two (22) local government members are suspended for the upcoming year due to long years of inactivity and no communication with the Secretariat

| 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. |
| 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. |

• **Termination of Members**

A total of twenty (20) corporate members have been officially terminated as members since the 5th WeGO General Assembly (Seoul, South Korea | October 2021).

| Entity | | Background Information |
|---|---|---|
| Fantom Foundation (Korea) | Corporate | These two entities do not exist anymore. |
| LifeBlocs (United States) | Corporate | |
| Danfoss (Korea) | Corporate | No participation in WeGO activities and membership payment for 4 years. |
| GAChain Technology (China) | Corporate | No participation in WeGO activities and membership payment for 3 years. |
| GEOMEXSOFT (Korea) | Corporate | No participation in WeGO activities and membership payment for 3 years. |
| Haezoom Inc. (Korea) | Corporate | No participation in WeGO activities and membership payment for 2 years. |
| KBSYS | Corporate | No participation in WeGO activities and membership payment for 3 years. |
| Iconloop (Korea) | Corporate | No participation in WeGO activities and membership payment for 2 years. |
| InsightAir (Bulgaria) | Corporate | No participation in WeGO activities and membership payment for 2 years. |
| Manageon (Korea) | Corporate | No participation in WeGO activities and membership payment for 2 years. |
| Scanetchain (Singapore) | Corporate | No participation in WeGO activities and membership payment for 2 years. |
| SEADS (United Kingdom) | Corporate | Expressed withdrawal interest, withdrawal letter pending to be received. |
| SIIM (China) | Corporate | No participation in WeGO activities and membership payment for 3 years. |
| Sycros (Korea) | Corporate | No participation in WeGO activities and membership payment for 2 years. |
| TG (Korea) | Corporate | No participation in WeGO activities and membership payment for 2 years. |
| UMAY (Korea) | Corporate | No participation in WeGO activities and membership payment for 3 years. |
| USIS (Korea) | Corporate | No participation in WeGO activities and membership payment for 2 years. |
| WiniTech (Korea) | Corporate | No participation in WeGO activities and membership payment for 3 years. |
| Winnertech (Korea) | Corporate | No participation in WeGO activities and membership payment for 3 years. |
| XnTree (United Kingdom) | Corporate | No participation in WeGO activities and membership payment for 2 years. |

## Annex 2. Proposed Amendments to WeGO Statutes: Mobilization of Financial Resource Through Profit-Making Businesses

| Current | Proposal | Rationale |
|---|---|---|
| ARTICLE 4 Projects of the Organization<br><br>(f) Conduct other functions as deemed necessary for the purpose of fulfilling the intentions and purposes of the Organization. | (f) Conduct other functions as deemed necessary for the purpose of fulfilling the intentions and purposes of the Organization and profit-making businesses such as education and research projects, advertising, and publication, to cover the business expenses of the Organization. | The clause was edited to reflect the following information required for the Secretariat's profit-making business as a non-profit organization:<br><br>That profit-making businesses can be conducted |
| ARTICLE 14 Revenue<br><br>1. The revenue of the Organization shall consist of:<br>(a) Annual membership fees paid by full members, institutional members, and corporate members;<br>(b) Voluntary donations from members and non-members, including in sponsorship of activities and project implementation.<br><br>2. The revenue shall not include:<br>(a) Annual contributions from the President City(s);<br>(b) Any other form of financial and in-kind support from the President City; and<br>(c) Funds raised from sponsors for specific events and activities. | On Paragraph 1, add subparagraphs (c) and (d)<br>(c) Negligence arising from assets;<br>(d) Business proceeds generated from the profit-making business under Article 4, subparagraph (f)<br><br>Paragraph 2: No amendment<br><br>Add Paragraph 3. The income and assets of the Organization are owned and managed independently under the name of the Organization. | The clause was edited to reflect the following information required for the Secretariat's profit-making business as a non-profit organization:<br><br>That profits and assets are independently owned and managed under the name of the Organization |

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|---|---|---|
| ARTICLE 15 Expenditure | Add Paragraph 3. Profits generated through the Organization's profit-making businesses are not distributed to members of the Organization, but are used for the Organization's operation and business expenses. | The clause was edited to reflect the following information required for the Secretariat's profit-making business as a non-profit organization:<br><br>That profits generated from the businesses are not distributed to members of the Organization |
| ARTICLE 19 Fiscal Year of the Organization<br><br>The fiscal year of the Organization shall begin on the first of January and end on the thirty-first of December of every year. | Add Paragraph 2. When a surplus is generated as a result of the settlement of accounts at the end of each fiscal year, it shall be carried forward to the following year.<br><br>Add Paragraph 3. Accounting Classification<br>(a) The accounting of this Organization is divided into proper purpose business accounting and profit-making business accounting.<br>(b) For the purposes of subparagraph (a), profits that are taxable under the provisions of the law and corresponding expenses are classified as the profit-making business accounting while other profits and expenses are classified as proper purpose business accounting.<br>(c) For the purposes of subparagraph (b), expenses that are difficult to distinguish between profit-making business accounting and proper purpose business accounting shall be allocated in accordance with the provisions under the Act on the Allocation of Common Expenses. | The clauses were added to establish the new accounting classification, reflecting the addition of the profit-making business of the Secretariat |

ACTIVITY REPORT

# Annex 3. Proposed Amendments to WeGO Statutes: Membership Fee Updates

To simplify the distinction between the different types and categories of institutional and corporate members and to facilitate their membership payment through a more universal quote, the annual membership fee for institutional and corporate members will be updated accordingly.

The new proposed amendment is to remove the distinction between different types and categories of institutional and corporate members and the annual fees for all institutional and corporate members to be universally and invariably set at USD **1,000**.

Upon approval from the 6th WeGO General Assembly, the New Membership Fee Criteria will take effect on members from 2024.

| Current Statutes | | |
|---|---|---|

# Annual Membership Fee for Institutions

| Type of Institutions | 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 | 0 - 1,999 | 750 |
| | 2,000 - 4,999 | 1,000 |
| | 5,000 - 7,999 | 1,500 |
| **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 | 8,000 - 9,999 | 2,000 |
| | 10,000 - 14,999 | 3,000 |
| **Academic Institutions** Includes all international and domestic academic institutions, such as universities, think tanks, and research organizations | 15,000 - 19,999 | 4,000 |
| | 20,000+ | 5,000 |
| | 0 - 9 | 1,000 |
| | 10 - 49 | 2,000 |
| **Non-Profit Organizations** Includes all international and domestic individual non-profit organizations focused on promoting sustainable urban development | 50 - 99 | 3,000 |
| | 100 - 499 | 4,000 |
| | 500+ | 5,000 |

# Annual Membership Fee for Corporations

| Category | Criteria (No. of Employees Worldwide) | Annual Membership Fee (USD) |
|---|---|---|
| Multinational Corporation (MNC) | 2,000 + | 8,000 |
| Small and Medium - sized Enterprise (SME) | 500 - 1,999 | 5,000 |
| | 300 - 499 | 2,500 |
| | 1 - 229 | 2,000 |
| Srart-up | 21+ | 2,000 |
| | 11 - 20 | 1,500 |
| | 1 - 10 | 1,000 |

| Proposal | |
|---|---|

| Category | Annual Membership Fee (USD) |
|---|---|
| Institutional Members | More than 50 employees: USD 2,000 |
| | Less than 50 employees: USD 1,000 |
| Corporate Members | More than 50 employees: USD 2,000 |
| | Less than 50 employees: USD 1,000 |