

WeGO EXCOM Meeting 2024

PROGRAM BOOK

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Introduction

Welcome to WeGO Executive Committee Meeting 2024

Greetings from the WeGO Secretariat!

Thank you for your registration to attend WeGO Executive Committee Meeting 2024.

The WeGO Executive Committee (EXCOM), WeGO’s main decision-making body, convenes annually to review the Secretariat’s activities and accomplishments in the past year and to decide on key agenda items guiding the organization’s direction for the future.

This flagship event will bring in high-level officials, from Governors and Mayors to Chief Information Officers from local governments around the world, and smart city experts from various public entities, academic circles, and the private sector, to celebrate achievements in e-government and smart city initiatives around the world.

This year, the EXCOM Meeting will be held in Almaty, which is the executive vice-president city of WeGO, in conjunction with the Eurasian Mobile Summit 2024 and the opening ceremony of WeGO’s Regional Office for Central Asia. Additionally this event will provide a unique opportunity for all the organization’s members to meet with other Mayors, CIOs, city officials, corporate and institutional representatives to exchange ideas, share best practices, and seek for cooperation opportunities.

WeGO warmly welcomes you to the EXCOM Meeting along with the Eurasian Mobile Summit 2024.

Previous WeGO EXCOM Meetings



About WeGO

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

WeGO was founded by 50 member cities in 2010 as the World e-Governments Organization, hence our acronym. In response to the evolving concept of smart cities, WeGO expanded its vision and mandate at the 4th General Assembly (2017) and its name to the World Smart Sustainable Cities Organization. WeGO also expanded its number of members to more than 200 and became an international platform for developing smart cities initiatives in the cities and local governments all around the world.

WeGO's Secretariat is based in Seoul, Korea, and has regional offices in East Asia (Chengdu, China), the Mediterranean (Beyoglu, Turkey), Africa (Abuja, Nigeria), Latin America (Cuenca, Ecuador), Middle East & North Africa (Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates), Central Asia (Almaty, Kazakhstan) .

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

Vision

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

- Exploiting the power of digital technologies
- Engaging city leaders and communities
- Integrating across sector and disciplines
- Accessing investment for smart sustainable cities development

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

Mission

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

About the Host City : Almaty

Almaty is a key city in Kazakhstan with a population of over 2.2 million, spanning across 683 km² and stands out as a vibrant regional hub in Central Asia. The city boasts a well-developed business ecosystem and civil society, driven by local authorities who are committed to fostering social, technological, environmental, and touristic advancements. Almaty has become a center for smart and sustainable urban development, hosting the regional offices of prominent international organizations such as the International Monetary Fund, International Finance Corporation, and regional UN office, alongside significant IT and financial sector players.



With a dynamic IT and R&D sector, Almaty boasts over 3,000 IT companies and 15,000 developers. The city thrives on its youthful population, and houses a third of Kazakhstan's universities. Small and medium-sized businesses are pivotal, contributing 47.5% to the city's GDP and employing 65.4% of the workforce. Almaty's scientific community is robust, with nearly 39% of the national R&D budget being spent within its boundaries.

Almaty is dedicated to enhancing the citizens' quality of life and sustainable urban growth through its "Program for the Development of the City of Almaty until 2025 and Medium-Term Prospects until 2030." This program, developed with input from various stakeholders, focuses on nine key areas including polycentric development, transport infrastructure, and the "Smart City" initiative. The program integrates ESG principles and UN Sustainable Development Goals, aiming for inclusivity and environmental responsibility.

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. The city is also committed to pursuing their efforts in the future with plans for an automated traffic control system and telemedicine center. As a WeGO member, Almaty actively seeks collaboration and recognition for its innovative smart city initiatives, positioning itself as an emerging leader in regional urban development.

The 2024 Executive Committee Meeting is held in and hosted by Almaty, the Executive Vice-President City of WeGO, to showcase the power of technology and the importance of connectivity to promote international cooperation for smart city development.

Welcome Message from the Secretary General of WeGO



Jung Sook Park
Secretary General of WeGO

Welcome to the WeGO Executive Committee (EXCOM) Meeting 2024!

This year, we are privileged to have the WeGO EXCOM Meeting 2024 hosted by the vibrant city of Almaty, to which I extend my heartfelt gratitude for their hospitality and commitment in making this event a success. This year's meeting is especially significant as it marks our first in-person gathering since the end of the pandemic. This annual EXCOM gathering will then serve as a foundation to reflect on past lessons and define WeGO's strategic direction in 2024 and beyond. Indeed, over the years, WeGO has remained committed to playing a pivotal role in advancing the agenda of smart cities globally by facilitating collaboration with regional stakeholders.

This is the spirit with which we have celebrated a significant milestone with the opening of the Central Asia Regional Office in Almaty. As the Executive Vice-President of WeGO and recipient of the 2023 Seoul Smart City Prize, Almaty stands as a model for economic development and innovation, embodying the values carried by WeGO. This commitment not only facilitates WeGO's ability to provide tailored assistance and support to cities in the region but also emphasizes Almaty's pivotal role as a hub for knowledge exchange. As we gather today, we are excited to leverage this new presence to further advance our collective efforts towards contributing to the prosperity of urban communities worldwide.

We are also delighted to share that this year's meeting is also happening alongside the "Eurasian Mobile Summit 2024" that highlights the latest advancements in telecommunications, AI, green technologies and smart cities with the goal of sharing advanced technologies to improve urban infrastructure management and increase resilience. This conjunction of events provides a unique opportunity for mayors and city officials to engage with solution providers and explore strategies for building sustainable and adaptive cities.

I would like to thank all of you for your participation and constant support to make this event a success.

Welcome Message from the Mayor of Almaty



Erbolat Dossaev
Mayor of Almaty

Dear Delegates of the WeGO EXCOM 2024,

Almaty is honored to host the WeGO Executive Committee Meeting this year and welcomes you all!

On behalf of the city, I would like to express my gratitude to the WeGO Secretariat for organizing this event and to all the delegates who will be attending the conference.

Over the past few years, urban areas have become home to more than half of our planet's population. This makes providing an enabling environment in these areas crucial for global development. However, the growing population in cities leads to increasing pressure on resources, infrastructure, and the environment. One way to tackle this challenge is by implementing sustainable and smart city practices. Smart technologies enable efficient management of energy, transportation, and waste, while sustainability initiatives ensure that development is ecologically responsible and future-proof. Combining both helps enhance resilience, reduce carbon footprints, promote economic growth, and improve the quality of life for residents by creating healthier, more livable communities.

The theme for this EXCOM meeting is "Smart City, Smart Citizen". In Almaty we have prioritized the integration of innovative technologies into the establishment of effective governance mechanisms to enhance the quality of life for our citizens and ensure sustainable urban development.

The Smart City program is one of the key directions in Almaty's policy until 2030 and is incorporated into all other spheres of the urban development and maintenance. Almaty aspires to become an IT hub for the Central Asian region, providing education and accelerating the region's greatest minds and young talents in IT to implement urban-scale innovative IT solutions for the city. For example, intelligent transportation systems (ITS) for city transportation, physical security by expanding the video surveillance network with analytics in the urban environment, AI systems implementation for governmental institutions and socially important facilities - health and education. All these solutions are implemented in projects such as Urban Transport Control Center, Unified Video Monitoring System, Unified City Mobile Application, Situational Center of Almaty with further development towards creating a digital twin of the city.

We hope to share our city's experience in implementing smart city initiatives and learn from others' practices in this field.

I believe the WeGO EXCOM 2024 will be a significant step toward mutual smart city development for the participating cities.

Program at a Glance

WeGO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS MEETING 2024

September 20th, 2024

| Sep 18th | Sep 19h | Sep 20th | | Sep 21st | Sep 22nd |
|----------|----------------|--|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Arrival | Technical Tour | WeGO Central Asia Regional Office Opening Ceremony | Eurasian Mobile Summit 2024 | Cultural Tour | Departure |
| | | WeGO Executive Members Meeting | | | |
| | Welcome Dinner | WeGO Dinner | | Farewell Dinner | |

| Sep 18th (Wed.) | | |
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| Arrival | | |
| All Day | Arrival of the Delegates | Almaty International Airport |
| Sep 19th (Thurs.) | | |
| Technical tour | | |
| 9:00 - 9:30 (30') | Gathering at the lobby of the hotel | Swissotel Wellness Resort |
| 10:30 - 11:30(30') | Tour in the "Almaty City Development Center" | |
| 11:30 - 12:00(30) | Heading to the lunch venue | |
| 12:00 - 13:00(60') | Lunch | Provided by the city |
| 13:00 - 14:00(60') | Moving to the "Medeo & Shymbulak" | |
| 14:00 - 18:00(360') | Tour in the "Medeo & Shymbulak" | |
| 18:00 - 19:00(60') | Moving to the Restaurant "Abay" | |
| 19:00 - 21:00(120') | Welcome dinner | Host city welcome dinner |
| 21:00 - | End of the Program & heading to the hotel | |

Program at a Glance

| Sep 20th (Fri.) | | |
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| WeGO Central Asia Regional Office Opening Ceremony | | |
| 10:30 - 10:34(4') | Opening Remarks by the Secretary General of WeGO | |
| 10:34 - 10:38(4') | Welcoming Remarks by the Mayor of Almaty | |
| 10:38 - 10:42(4') | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiation Remarks by the Ambassador of Seoul Delivery of RO plaque to Almaty | RO plaque Recipient: Mayor of Almaty |
| 10:42 - 10:45(3') | Congratulatory Remarks by one of the WeGO Regional Office | |
| 10:45 - 10:50(5') | Almaty City's Introduction to the Regional Office | |
| 10:50 - 11:00(10') | Commemoration of the Official Opening of Central Asia Regional Office | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ribbon ceremony Photo of VIPs |
| 11:00 - 12:00(60') | Moving to the meeting venue for EXCOM and Summit | |
| 12:00 - 14:00(120') | Lunch | Summit Venue |
| WeGO EXCOM Meeting 2024 | | |
| 14:00 - 15:00(60') | WeGO EXCOM Meeting (Open Session) | Eurasian Mobile Main Hall Venue |
| 15:00-16:30(90') | WeGO ECXCOM Meeting (Closed Session) | Closed session Venue |
| 15:00-17:30(90') | Eurasian Mobile Summit | |
| 17:30 | Gathering for WeGO Dinner with Members | |
| 17:30 - 18:20(50') | Moving to the Restaurant "Alasha" | |
| 18:30-20:30(120') | WeGO Dinner | Provided by WeGO |
| 20:30 - | End of the Program & Heading to the rooms | |

Program at a Glance

| Sep 21st (Sat.) | | |
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| Cultural Tour | | |
| 09:00 - 13:00(240') | Outdoor Mounting Tour (AyuSay Visit Center etc.) | |
| 13:00 - 14:00(60') | Lunch | Provided by the city |
| 14:00 - 18:00(180') | Outdoor City Tour (Central State Museum, 28 Panfilov Guardsmen Park, cultural venues) | |
| 18:00 - 19:00(60') | Moving to the Restaurant | |
| 19:00 - 20:00(60') | Farewell Dinner | Host city Farewell dinner |
| Sep 22nd (Sun.) | | |
| Departure | | |
| All day | Departure of the Delegates | |

Eurasian Mobile Summit 2024

The Eurasian Mobile Summit 2024 stands as a premier conference dedicated to exploring the forefront of mobile technology across the Eurasian region. This summit serves as a dynamic platform where industry leaders, policymakers and technology experts converge to delve into the latest advancements, regulatory challenges and strategic opportunities within the mobile sector. Through a series of insightful presentations, interactive panels and networking sessions, the summit aims to drive forward thinking discussions and foster collaboration across the industry.

Find more information on the Eurasian Mobile Summit on the official website: <https://eurasianmobilesummit.com/en>

Program of the Summit

**08:30 -
09:30** **Registration**

Opening Ceremony

Speakers

- Olzhas Zhanabek - Head of the Almaty City Digitalization Department
 - Jung-Sook Park - Secretary General of the World Smart Sustainable Cities Organization (WeGO)
 - Askar Zhambakin - Chairman of the Management Board, Chief Executive Officer of Kcell JSC
 - Mirat Akhmetsadykov - CEO MOST Holding
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Panel Sessions : Infrastructure (Telecom)

- "5G in Kazakhstan: Current Achievements and Challenges"
 - "Digital Evolution: Telecoms as Neobanks"
 - "Brand, Trust and Reputation. Secrets of Effective Communication in the Telecom Area"
 - "Let them talk. Robots as New Interlocutors"
 - "Kazakhstan in the Digital Age: The Content Industry"
 - "Growth Point: Where Corporations and Innovation Meet"
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**13:05 -
14:00** **Lunch break**

**14:00 -
16:30** **WeGO EXCOM 2024**

Eurasian Mobile Summit 2024

Keynote Speeches: AI

15:45 - 16:30

- "AI for Business: A Revolution in Content Creation"
- "How to create AI for business and not lose to competitors"
- "Corporations and cities in the age of AI: How to build the right strategy"

Keynote Speeches : Smart City

16:30 - 18:40

- "IoT in Kazakhstan: Trends, Forecasts and Role in Telecom"
- "AdTech + SmartCity. How to solve city challenges cost effectively"
- "Smart-technologies: How smart solutions reduce air pollution in megalopolises"

Panel Sessions: Smart City

- "Smart City: The City as a Platform for Innovation"
- "Women's Leadership"

18:40 - 19:00

Closure

WeGO EXCOM Meeting Online Participants

① Click [HERE](#) if you would like to join to the EXCOM Meeting 2024 online session

All VIP participants, please kindly change your name to your affiliation and your full name in parenthesis.

Full name (affiliation)

② Make sure that your screens are on and your microphones are muted.

③ The EXCOM meeting will be recorded throughout the event.

④ In the unavoidable case that you have to turn off your camera for a short while, we advise participants to have their Profile Picture shown on the screen.

Instructions on how to do so can be found in the event program book under the "How to Participate Section".

⑤ Please feel free to use the chat box or Q&A function to address your questions or comments. For those who did not register online, please register by clicking [HERE](#).

WeGO EXCOM Meeting 2024

September 20, 2024 (Friday) 14:00 - 16:00 (GMT +5)

Central Asia Regional Office Opening Ceremony (10:00 - 12:40)

*Almaty City Hall - Invitation only**

- Opening Remarks
- Welcoming Remarks
- Initiation Remarks by the President of WeGO in Korean
- Delivery of RO plaque to Almaty
- EXCOM Members/RO Remarks (Speaker TBD)
- Almaty City's Introduction to the Regional Office
- Commemoration of the Official Opening of Central Asia Regional Office
- Ribbon ceremony
- Photo of VIPs

EXCOM Meeting 2024 (14:00 - 16:30)

- Opening Announcement and Welcome Remarks by Almaty
- Introduction of Participants and Overview of the Meeting Schedule
- Group Photo
- **Open session for all participants**
 - Agenda 1: Review of 2024 WeGO Secretariat Annual Report
 - Agenda 2: Approval of Host City of the EXCOM Meeting 2025
 - Agenda 3: Approval of New, Withdrawals, Suspension, and Termination of WeGO Membership since EXCOM Meeting 2023
 - Agenda 4: Approval of New WeGO Logo
- **Closed session for only WeGO EXCOM members**
 - Adoption of the Agenda for WeGO EXCOM 2024 by all present EXCOM Members
 - Review of Meeting Memorandum of WeGO EXCOM 2023
 - Agenda 5: Annual Assessment of WeGO Regional Offices
 - Agenda 6: Review of 2024 Financial Report
 - Agenda 7: Upcoming WeGO Activities for 2025
 - Agenda 8: Approval of Membership Fee Use for 2025
 - Agenda 9: Review of Proposed Amendments to WeGO Statutes
- Closing Remarks by the Chair
- EXCOM Meeting Adjourns

Program Details

Central Asia Regional Office Opening Ceremony

*Invitation Only

The World Smart Sustainable Cities Organization (WeGO) is proud to announce the official opening of its WeGO Central Asia Regional Office. This event marks a significant milestone in WeGO's mission to drive sustainable urban development across the region.

As WeGO inaugurates our new office in Almaty, Kazakhstan, we are looking forward to new challenges and opportunities brought by WeGO's presence in Central Asia. The Central Asia Regional Office will play a crucial role in promoting WeGO's vision by collaborating closely with our headquarters to implement and expand our core values in the region. At WeGO, we see great potential in the role this office will play in the region as a strategic hub for innovation, encouraging knowledge exchange and capacity building to address the urban challenges faced by Central Asia.



Program Details

- Opening Remarks by the Secretary General of WeGO
- Welcoming Remarks by the Deputy Mayor Mr. Alisher Abdykadyrov
- Initiation Remarks by the Ambassador of Seoul
Delivery of RO plaque to Almaty - Recipient: Mayor of Almaty
- Congratulatory Remarks by one of the EXCOM members or RO
- Almaty City's Introduction to the Regional Office
- Commemoration of the Official Opening of Central Asia Regional Office
 - Ribbon ceremony
 - Photo of VIPs
- Moving to the meeting venue for EXCOM and Summit

EXCOM Members

Participants



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Omar Al Nuaimi

*Director General,
Corporate Affairs*



Abuja

Nasir Umar Usman

Deputy Mayor of Abuja



Almaty

Erbolat Dossaev

Mayor of Almaty



Beyoğlu

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Mayor of Beyoğlu



Chengdu

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EXCOM Members

Participants



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Mayor of Hebron Municipality



Kampala

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Makati

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Mayor of Makati



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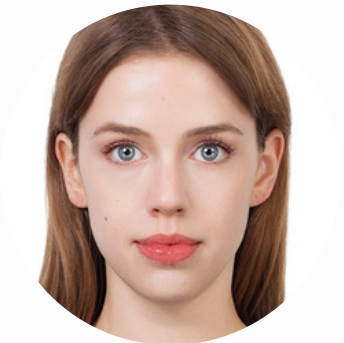
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WeGO Activities 2021-2024

WeGO in 2024

WeGO Activities Kick-off Event 2024



On February 20th 2024, the World Smart Sustainable Cities Organization hosted the WeGO 2024 Annual Kick-off Event at the Seoul Global Center around the theme “Smart Life in Smart City”.

The event showcased WeGO’s aim to exemplify our strategy around digital technologies, and their evolution in the advent of emerging virtual worlds that are implemented in the welfare, tourism, public safety, and civil services around the world.

In sharing our vast range of shared opportunities for smart city development through WeGO’s programmatic landscape such as training programs, feasibility studies, the smart city prize, and more, this forum aims to inform event guests of the relevance and utility for smart city development for cities around the world practically and efficiently.

Champions Workshop around the World



Marking its third year, the World Smart Sustainable Cities Organization (WeGO) is expanding its youth capacity building program – WeGO Sustainable Smart City Champions. This initiative is designed to enhance the capabilities of young people in the field of smart city development.

In addition to the foundational online course on smart city transitions, the WeGO Champions program is also set to increase the number of in-person workshops conducted globally in 2024, with sessions planned in Athens, Baku, Brescia, Geneva, Seoul, and Toronto.

This year’s online lectures will cover topics related to “Frameworks, Technologies, and Solutions for Urban Sustainable Infrastructures,” while the in-person workshops will delve into subjects such as urban planning and design, infrastructure development, and the integration of technology and innovation in cities undergoing smart city transformations.

WeGO Activities 2021-2024

WeGO in 2024

WeGO EXCOM Meeting 2024



WeGO Executive Committee (EXCOM) in 2024. It's WeGO's main decision-making body, gathers annually to review the Secretariat's activities and accomplishments in the past year and to decide on key agenda items guiding the organization's direction for the future. This gathering also welcomes invited observers from local governments and institutions to foster diverse viewpoints and inclusive dialogue.



On this occasion, WeGO will also celebrate the opening of the new WeGO Central Asia Regional Office in Almaty City, Kazakhstan. The Central Asia Regional Office will play a crucial role in promoting WeGO's vision by collaborating closely with our headquarters to implement and expand our core values in the region.

The 2nd Seoul Smart City Prize Ceremony



The Seoul Smart City Prize Ceremony will take place on October 10th, 2024 in Seoul. The 21 winners of the Seoul Smart City Prize will be officially announced on the stage by distinguished presenters including 2023 previous year prize winners and Steering Committee members and be given a trophy and a certificate according to the categories of Tech-InnovaCity, Human-CentriCity, Leadership, and Special Mention.

The Seoul Smart City Prize aims to honor leaders and pioneers in smart city innovation. This esteemed prize celebrates individuals, organizations, companies, and cities that have made substantial contributions to the development of smart cities.

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IMD-WeGO index 2024



WeGO and IMD, a prestigious Swiss institution known for executive education, collaborated to produce the annual Smart City Index (SCI) through IMD's Smart City Observatory. This index, which combines hard data with citizen surveys, evaluates how effectively cities use technology to address challenges and enhance residents' quality of life. The Smart City Index 2023 was published last year, with the 2024 edition released in April.

In addition, WeGO and IMD released a special case study book highlighting winners of the Seoul Smart City Prize. The book features cities that have made significant strides in their smart city initiatives, promoting inclusive prosperity through innovation. It also emphasizes the importance of global exchange and learning among city governments to share best practices in local governance.

2024 Seoul Smart City International Cooperation Program

São Paulo has been chosen for the 2024 Seoul Smart City International Cooperation Program, which offers support for smart city projects. São Paulo will receive up to KRW 200,000,000 (about USD 150,000) for a pre-feasibility study of the project "Enhancing Accessibility in São Paulo: Upgrading the Accessible Service Network Map." This project aims to improve the Accessible Service Network Map (ASNM) for individuals with disabilities by developing an advanced service system and database, and creating a sustainable long-term implementation plan to enhance accessibility and integration for disabled individuals in the city.

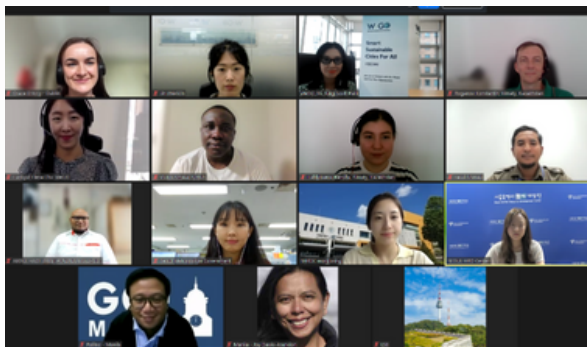
COP16 Colombia in Collaboration with Cali

WeGO's new member, Cali, Colombia, will host the Conference of the Parties on Biological Diversity (COP16) this coming October-November under the theme "Peace with Nature". The COP's primary aim is to develop and enhance global agendas, commitments, and action plans to conserve biological diversity. This includes promoting the sustainable use of biodiversity and ensuring the fair and equitable sharing of benefits derived from genetic resources.

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WeGO in 2024

Seoul Human Resource Development Center (SHRDC) Training Program Online



WeGO launched its International Training Program for the winners of the 2023 Seoul Smart City Prize, in partnership with its President City Seoul and its long-term partner, the Seoul Human Resource Development Center (SHRDC). The program began on June 19th, with multiple lectures until July 9th concluding with an intensive offline course in Seoul this October. This year's training program is designed to equip the prize winners with the knowledge and skills necessary to implement innovative smart city solutions in their respective cities.

Additionally, finalists of the Seoul Smart City Prize will get the opportunity to receive a 4-week online and offline training program from the Seoul Human Resource Development Center (SHRDC), through a series of virtual live lectures and a 1-week long offline training session in Seoul.

WeGO-National Information Society Agency (NIA) Joint Training Course



The WeGO-NIA Joint Training Course will feature lectures on key smart city topics including advanced technologies and Public Communication Plan (PCP) drafting techniques. Participants will also benefit from institutional visits that provide insights into successful smart city implementations. The course also includes detailed sessions on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Data Protection Governance (DPG). PCP presentations will allow participants to present and receive feedback on their draft plans, promoting a robust learning experience and meaningful connections among smart city stakeholders.

Designed in collaboration with the National Information Society Agency (NIA) this program aims to build an understanding of policy and services in e-government and smart city development, and improve capacities to respond to urban challenges and social crises. This year, the program also aims at providing training to winners of Seoul Smart City Prize 2023 together with SHRDC.

WeGO Activities 2021-2024

WeGO in 2024

Training Program for the Winners of Seoul Smart City Prize 2023



Finalists of the Seoul Smart City Prize get the opportunity to receive a 4-week online and offline training program from the Seoul Human Resource Development Center (SHRDC), through a series of virtual live lectures and a 1-week long offline training session in Seoul. The main activity of the program is for each city to formulate an Action Plan that illustrates each of the city's smart city projects. This Action Plan will be presented in Seoul and be able to receive feedback and insights from experts on implementation and execution of the project.

The training program allows both an online and offline platform not only for learning but to network and cooperate with global cities. Different city representatives get the opportunity to hear about various solutions and projects in energy, environment, water, waste management, AI, data, IoT, climate, traffic, agriculture, cybersecurity, mobility, health, ICT, digitalization and much more from other regions that provide knowledge-sharing beyond borders.

Chengdu Training Program



WeGO Secretariat and WeGO's East Asia Regional Office are partnering together for knowledge sharing and capacity building for governmental officials. The Chengdu Training Program themed "Smart Mobility and Logistics" is scheduled for 4th to 8th November 2024, and aims at increasing WeGO's credibility in its expertise in smart sustainable urban development and expanding WeGO network in China through partnerships with other entities or stakeholders that are based in China. Participating local government officials will gain enriching learning experiences in the field of smart cities while also being able to enhance their expertise in smart sustainable urban development.

WeGO Activities 2021-2024

WeGO in 2024

WeGO has created opportunities to gather our members in Las Vegas, Seoul, Taipei, Kaohsiung, Geneva, Abu Dhabi, Singapore, Ulanbataar and Almaty by attending different events throughout the year.

2024 International Consumer Electronics Show

WeGO conducted meetings with three prospective corporate members while promoting the Seoul Smart City Prize to over 30 corporations and institutions present with their booths.

World Cities Summit 2024

WeGO successfully conducted bilateral meetings with 5 partners and promoted the Seoul Smart City Prize to 19 cities.

ITU WSIS+20

WeGO co-organized high-level events where mayors and international organization representatives gathered to form dialogue in a global community, WeGO successfully conducted bilateral meetings with 8 partners and signed an MoU with CMAI Association of India to foster mutual collaboration and to further promote the Seoul Smart City Prize.

AIM 2024

WeGO conducted 13 bilateral meetings and received one membership application. WeGO signed an MoU with the Malaysia Smart Cities Alliance Association to exchange expertise on urban issues, sustainability, and digitalisation and co-organize training programs. Finally, WeGO conducted the Opening Ceremony for the newly established WeGO MENA Regional Office in Abu Dhabi.



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WeGO in 2024

2024 Smart City Summit & Expo

To promote the Second Seoul Smart City Prize to a global audience and attract applications, WeGO attended the Smart City Summit & Expo and the CityCOP Sustainable City Forum in Taipei and Kaohsiung. WeGO successfully conducted the membership welcoming ceremony of Kaohsiung and bilateral meetings with the Mayors of Kaohsiung, Maple Ridge, Suva, and Cebu City.

6th Northeast Asian Mayors' Forum

WeGO successfully conducted meetings with officials from Beijing, Dalian, Saint Petersburg, Ulan-Ude, Busan, and Boryeong to explore avenues for collaboration. WeGO also took the opportunity to meet 3 members cities for the occasion.



WeGO Activities 2021-2024

2023 Activities Timeline



FEB 21

WeGO
Activities
Kickoff



**MAR 13 -
MAR 17**

ITU World Summit on
the Information
Society Forum 2023



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IMD Smart City
Index 2023

**MAR 27 -
MAR 31**

Smart City
Summit & Expo
2023 (SCSE)



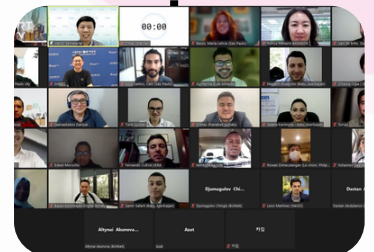
FEB 2

GEEF 2023: Global
Engagement &
Empowerment
Forum on
Sustainable
Development



**MAY 7 -
MAY 10**

Annual
Investment
Meeting 2023



**JUN 26 -
JUL 14**

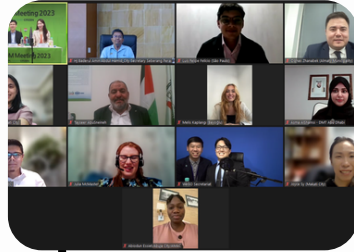
WeGO - Seoul Human
Resource Development
Center (SHRDC) Training
Program

WeGO Activities 2021-2024

2023 Activities Timeline

**JUL 24 -
JUL 25**

Discover NEOM:
A New Future
by Design



SEP 4

The Executive
Committee
(EXCOM)
Meeting 2023



**SEP 25 -
SEP 27**

6th WeGO
General
Assembly



**JUL 24 -
JUL 28**

WeGO - National
Information
Society Agency
(NIA) Joint
Training Course



SEP 25

The Seoul Smart
City Prize
Ceremony



OCT - NOV

WeGO
Sustainable
Smart City
Champions

WeGO Activities 2021-2024

2022 Activities Timeline



MAR-JUN

WeGO
Smart City
Champions



JUL 30

World Cities
Summit (WCS)
2022



SEP 6

Sustainable
Cyber-
Environment
Workshop

SEP 1

Solutions Meet
Cities: Online
Matchmaking
Webinar
(part 3)



JUL 30

Latin America
Smart Cities
Network
(LASCN)
Webinar on
Smart Tourism

AUG 30

The 5th ASEAN
Smart Cities
Network Annual
Meeting

SEP 2

Korea University
- WeGO Smart
City Champions
Energy Expert
Seminar



FEB 23

WeGO 2022
Activities
Kickoff

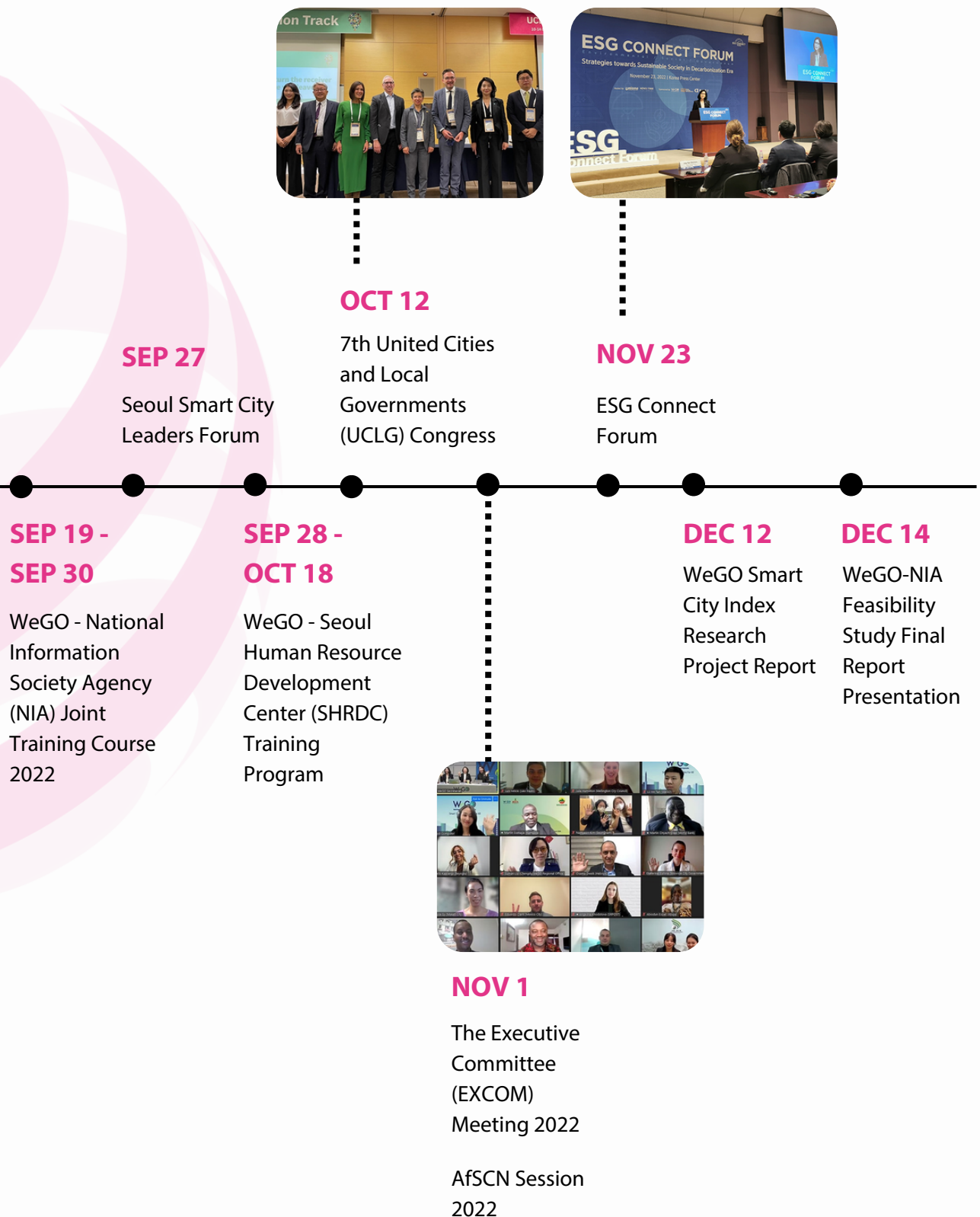


SEP 13

Jeju Forum for
Peace and
Prosperity 2022

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2022 Activities Timeline



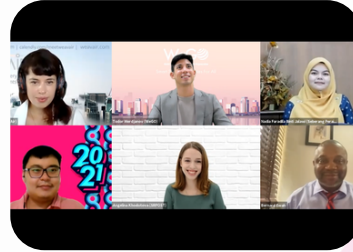
WeGO Activities 2021-2024

2021 Activities Timeline



FEB 24

WeGO 2021
Activities
Kickoff



JUN 10

China-Korea
Capacity Building
for Digital
Transformation
Webinar

JUN 22

Solutions Meet
Cities: Online
Matchmaking
Webinar (Part 1)

SEP 14

4th WeGO
Awards: Meet
the Winners
Webinar (Part 2)

JUN 7

WeGO e-
Government
Thematic Group

JUN 29

Africa Smart
Cities
Network
(AFSCN)
Seminar



MAR 31

Smart Health
Responder
Webinar Part 4:
(Smart Technologies
for the Next Normal:
Exploring the Context
of Solutions in
Europe, the Middle
East and Africa)



JUN 17

Latin America
Smart Cities
Network (LASCN)
Pre-workshop

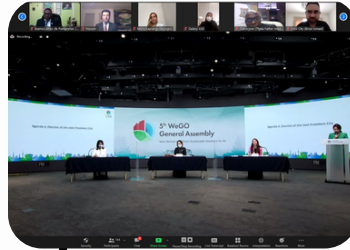


SEP 8

ASEAN Smart
City
Development
Cooperation
Forum

WeGO Activities 2021-2024

2021 Activities Timeline



SEP 29

Solutions Meet
Cities: Online
Matchmaking
Webinar (Part 2)

OCT 18

5th WeGO
General
Assembly

**NOV 15 -
DEC 3**

WeGO-National
Information Society
Agency (NIA) Joint
Training Course

**SEP 27 -
OCT 8**

WeGO - Seoul
Human Resource
Development
Center (SHRDC)
Training Program

DEC 9

Co-creation of
Empowering Smart
Cities through
Citizen Engagement
Webinar



OCT 14

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NOV 25

Latin America Smart Cities
Network (LASCN)
Workshop Digital Urban
Planning: Geographical
Information Systems in
Latin America

Africa Smart Cities
Network (AFSCN)
Workshop on Urban
Resilience: How to
prepare your community
for the next shock?

Language, Weather, Currency

Language

The official language of Kazakhstan is Kazakh.
Generally, Kazakh and Russian are used as primary languages in the country.
During the event, Russian and English translations will be provided for guests.

Weather

The weather in Almaty during September typically offers pleasant temperatures and few rainfalls. Daytime temperatures generally settle around 20°C, while night time can see a drop to about 8°C. Almaty in September usually receives moderate rain and generally offers sunny days throughout the month.

Currency

The currency in Kazakhstan is the Kazakhstani Tenge.
The currency code for the Tenge is the abbreviation KZT. The currency symbol is ₸.
Approximately, \$1.00 USD = ₸479.54803 KZT [24.09.12]

Transportation

Airport Pickup and Drop-off

A private van service will be provided from the airport to the hotel and from the hotel to the airport for confirmed WeGO member participants attending the WeGO EXCOM Meeting 2024. Member cities interested in this service should contact the Organizers in advance to coordinate logistics.

- Almaty International Airport → Hotel
- Hotel → Almaty International Airport
- Occupant (6-7 seater, 3-4 seater if with large luggages)
 - Head of Delegation + accompanying delegates
- White Bus (50 seats) - additional bus for the delegates



- Location
 - Upon arrival,/departure the van driver/staff will meet and greet you. They will escort you to the car.
- To coordinate the service, please share your flight schedule and accommodation information with the organizer (Mr. Konstantin Roganov | k.roganov@almatyc.kz | +7 701 266 76 80) by September 15. The service may not be available if participants do not confirm by this date.

A driver or our staff will be waiting at arrival gate in the airport with your name on a signboard, please find your name and meet them, the driver will take you to your hotel. Please inform driver about your hotel in Almaty. Please note that the driver speaks very basic English, in any case of emergency or difficulties, please feel free to contact Konstantin +7 701 266 7680 (whatsapp available).

Tour Bus

Ride on top of Almaty in a tour bus ride through and pass the most popular destinations during the tours provided by the host city.



Useful taxi services for navigating Almaty

There are several types of taxi services available in Almaty:

Yandex Taxi Kazakhstan (logo) is the most popular taxi service, similar to Uber in other countries. Taxis can be reserved through phone calls or the mobile app which is available in English among other languages.

Download links : [Yandex for iPhone](#) / [Yandex for Android](#)

Alternatively, Almaty Airport has partnered with BlueSkyEnergy to provide electric taxi services to and from the airport. The rate from Almaty airport to any point of the city is fixed. The premium fare to any hotel in the city costs KZT 7000, while the standard fare costs KZT 5000. Cars can be pre-ordered by phone call at the following number +7 (701) 671 4165.



Transportation

Delegates who will not be using this service have other options:

Public transport services in Almaty

City bus and subway services information website : <https://alatransit.kz/en>

Bus

- For a more cost-savvy alternative, the local bus No. 92 (daytime) and No.3 (nighttime) run from the Almaty Airport to the city center. The journey takes 45 minutes and costs KZT 150.
- Please note that after reaching the city center you have to take a taxi to get to the Swissotel Wellness Resort Alatau.

Subway

- The subway service in Almaty consists of a single line which does not connect to the airport or the hotel.



Accommodation



Swissotel Wellness Resort Alatau Almaty

Tausamaly 50A Almaty
050067 Kazakhstan
+ 7 727 391 0101

The event will take place at the Swissotel Wellness Resort Alatau Almaty. The hotel offers classic and luxury rooms with breathtaking views of the Zailiysky Alatau surrounded by a territory of 54 hectares with its own lake, internal flora and fauna, birch and pine groves.

For the WeGO Delegates participating in the WeGO EXCOM Meeting, 30% discount will be provided. For the reservation, please contact (Mr. Kakim Danabayev | kakim@we-gov.org | +82 10 27903260) .

Information

- Check-in time: 15.00 p.m. Check-in before 15.00 p.m. can be guaranteed in case of booking from the previous night.
- Check-out time: 12.00 p.m. Late check-out depends on the hotel occupancy.

Reservation includes:

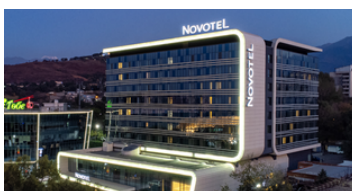
- Buffet style breakfast at The Quarter restaurant
- Free access to PUROVEL SPA & Sport (hammam, Finnish sauna, swimming pool)
- Free Wi-Fi
- Tea and coffee stations in each room.

Find here some additional recommendations for alternative hotels in Almaty



InterContinental Almaty

181 Zheltoksan Street Almaty 050013 Kazakhstan
+7 727 2505000
5 stars hotel
[Go to website Booking.com](#)



Novotel Almaty City Center

Dostyk street 104 A, 50050 Almaty, Kazakhstan
+7 (727)3553838
4 stars hotel
[Go to website Booking.com](#)



Holiday Inn Almaty

2D, Timiryazev Street Almaty, 050013 Kazakhstan
00 798 142 03 0212
Business hotel
[Go to website Booking.com](#)



Depending on your nationality, you may need to provide official documentation from the host organization or entity for a visa application to enter Kazakhstan.



Generally, consideration and approval of the visa invitation will take on average 5 to 7 business days. Additionally, 5 working days are required to issue a visa at the Republic of Kazakhstan consular office in the foreigner's country of residence. Please consider this crucial information to begin your visa application process if necessary.

If necessary, in order to obtain an electronic visa, foreign citizens should register on the web portal (<https://vmp.gov.kz/en/>)



Any international visitor wishing to enter Kazakhstan must hold a valid passport and obtain a relevant visa. However, visitors from 54 countries who wish to visit Kazakhstan temporarily benefit from a visa waiver regime for tourism, business and private purposes for a period of 30 days.

Please refer to the following website and contact the Embassy of Kazakhstan in your country for further information on visa regulation.

For more information on visa requirements, please visit the [Visa regime of the Republic of Kazakhstan for foreign citizens](#)



Foreigners are required to notify their arrival within 3 business days from the initial arrival date in Kazakhstan. The submission does not depend on the order of entry and stay as well as the purpose of visit of the foreign visitor.

For more information, please visit the [Rules for entry and exit from Kazakhstan for foreign nationals](#).



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