



WORLD SMART SUSTAINABLE CITIES ORGANIZATION



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OVERVIEW

The World Smart Sustainable Cities Organization (WeGO), with over 200 members, is a membership-based international association of local governments, smart tech solution providers, and institutions committed to the transformation of cities into smart sustainable cities through facilitating public-private partnerships (PPP).

WeGO was founded by 50 member cities in 2010 as the World e-Governments Organization, hence our acronym. However, as the concept of smart city continued evolving, during the 4th General Assembly (2017) WeGO expanded its mandate and changed its name to the World Smart Sustainable Cities Organization.

WeGO 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.

Smart City Smart Citizen

VISION

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

- exploiting the power of digital technologies
- engaging city leaders and communities
- integrating across sectors 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.

WeGO'S PRIORITIES FOR 2026

HUMAN-CENTERED SMART CITIES

To build human-centered smart cities, inclusion has become one of the most important values in today's smart city development. Technology, despite causing the digital divide, can still be the driving force in reducing the gap and ensuring an inclusive digitalization of public services that benefit all people in sectors ranging from mobility, safety, welfare, environment, culture, and governance. WeGO will work towards the creation of an agenda that promotes the global efforts in building inclusive and human-centered cities.

DECENTRALIZATION AND REGIONAL APPROACH

The pandemic has highlighted the importance of cities and local governments as Smart City transformation drivers. Recognizing the constraints in the national level approach, the role of cities and local governments as transformation drivers to stimulate city-specific development and activate citizen participation is paramount. WeGO believes a regional approach focusing on local context is crucial to build regional consensus in finding solutions to challenges that cities and local governments face in Smart City development.

INCREASE PARTNERSHIPS FOR MORE INNOVATIVE TECH SOLUTIONS

In line with WeGO's vision of "exploiting the power of digital technologies" and "accessing investment for smart sustainable cities development", the organization will actively partner with tech solution providers to provide more and improved programs and services to its members. With this new collaborative framework, the Secretariat will continue striving to engage with more public and private actors to expand on the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model.

INTEGRATING ESG FRAMEWORK INTO SMART SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

ESG (Environment, Social, Governance) is the concurring new norm intertwined with corporations and smart city development, multiple aspects across the fields that access the social changes of the 4th Industrial Revolution, especially to transform cities into sustainable cities by investing in ESG aspects. Incorporating the dimensions of ESG, WeGO aims to promote ESG issues starting from business practices to socially profitable values that combine ICT with greater social inclusion and greater access to services of a city to meet the needs of governments, citizens, and businesses, prioritizing Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) criteria as a "socially responsible city."



WeGO'S CORE PROGRAMS IN 2026

THE 7TH WEGO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The WeGO General Assembly (GA) is WeGO's triennial flagship event, gathering both members and partners from all parts of the world to shape the key agenda of smart sustainable development and chart WeGO's direction for the next three years. The event features various smart city sessions and workshops, the Executive Committee (EXCOM) Meeting, and the General Assembly session itself. All WeGO members and partners are invited to attend the 7th WeGO General Assembly.

THE 4TH SEOUL SMART CITY PRIZE

The importance of the city's role and human-centered smart city value stands at the heart of all WeGO programs and activities. The Seoul Smart City Prize is designed to promote an innovative yet inclusive smart city model that looks after underprivileged groups in the era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution. Efforts of city governments, corporations, institutions, and individuals to ensure inclusive smart sustainable development will be recognized in front of a global audience and winners will share their vision for leading the inclusive growth of the global community. The 4th Seoul Smart City Prize Ceremony will be held in October from 6th to 8th, 2026 hosted in Seoul during Smart Life Week, a global tech event co-organized by WeGO and its President city Seoul Metropolitan Government where smart city innovations and inclusive future technologies are showcased with exhibitions, conferences, and international participation.

WEGO SUSTAINABLE SMART CITY CHAMPIONS

The WeGO Smart Sustainable Cities Champions (WeGO Champions) is WeGO's flagship youth capacity-building program designed to equip students and young leaders from around the world with the skills and knowledge to shape the cities of the future. Delivered through a hybrid learning format, the program combines an online course covering key topics such as smart cities, sustainable infrastructure, and AI for smart and sustainable cities. This learning is complemented by offline workshops hosted in major global cities including Athens, Brescia, Geneva, Kuala Lumpur, Milan, New York, and Seoul, allowing participants to gain hands-on experience and practical insights into real-world smart city initiatives.

Building on this initiative, WeGO launched the inaugural Global Youth Award in 2025 to recognize exceptional young leaders advancing innovation in smart cities, advanced technologies, net-zero initiatives, digital transformation, culture, and leadership, with awardees honored during the Global Youth Award Ceremony.

WEGO SMART SUSTAINABLE INDEX

WeGO launched a new smart city index named Cities Future Readiness Index (CFRI) in partnership with the "Descartes Institute" and "United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)-University of Geneva (UNIGE) Center of Excellence for Smart Sustainable Cities", providing a comprehensive tool for cities to prepare for the future. It was created in line with WeGO's missions, designed to prioritize human-centric innovation within the context of urban digital transformation. Developed by a globally recognized team, the CFRI distinguishes itself from other city assessment indices through its innovative, dual-structure approach.

WeGO SMART CITY DRIVER



WEGO CITY-TO-CITY KNOWLEDGE SHARING PROGRAM

Cities are encouraged to share their key urban challenges and ongoing smart city initiatives and connect with peer cities across the WeGO Network to learn how similar challenges are being addressed worldwide.

- Share your city's key urban challenges and ongoing smart city projects
- Connect with peer cities from the WeGO Network facing similar challenges
- Learn from practical, real-world solutions implemented by leading smart cities
- Accelerate project development through targeted knowledge exchange and peer learning
- Participate in tailored one-to-one, city-to-city meetings facilitated monthly by WeGO

To apply or request a city-to-city meeting, please contact the WeGO Secretariat at secretariat@we-gov.org



WEGO CITY-TO-CORPORATE KNOWLEDGE SHARING PROGRAM

Search for the right smart city solutions

- Join our flagship 'Solutions Meet Cities' matchmaking events or schedule an on-demand matchmaking meeting with a partner of your choice
- Discuss and share your smart city plans with the WeGO network
- Gain inspiration from smart city best cases from our WeGO members and partners



PROJECT IMPLEMENTER

Reach your smart city goals with project implementation opportunities

- Share your ready-made project proposal with WeGO and establish direct project partnerships within the WeGO network
- Apply for partner smart city funding programs through consultation and support from WeGO



WeGO MEMBERS | 201

as of December 2025

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS | 157

AFRICA | 17

Andek, Batibo, Tubah
Addis Ababa
Accra
Nairobi
Maputo, Quelimane
Abuja
Kigali
Tshwane
Kampala
Chingola, Kasama, Lunte
Harare
Monrovia

EUROPE | 14

Minsk
Brussels
Paris
Berlin, Frankfurt
Rotterdam
Bucharest
Magas, Moscow, Vladivostok
Ankara, Antakya, Malatya, Muğla

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA | 28

Isfahan, Shiraz, Tabriz, Tehran
Erbil
Rabat
Muscat
Hebron, Ramallah
La Marsa, Menzel Jemil, Tunis
Abu Dhabi

AMERICAS | 18

San Antonio de Areco
Porto Alegre, São Paulo
Cali, Cartagena de Indias
Buenos Aires (Costa Rica)
Villa Tapia
Cuenca
Coatzacoalcos, Mexico City
Asunción
Cusco, Lima, Urubamba
Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Fullerton
Caracas

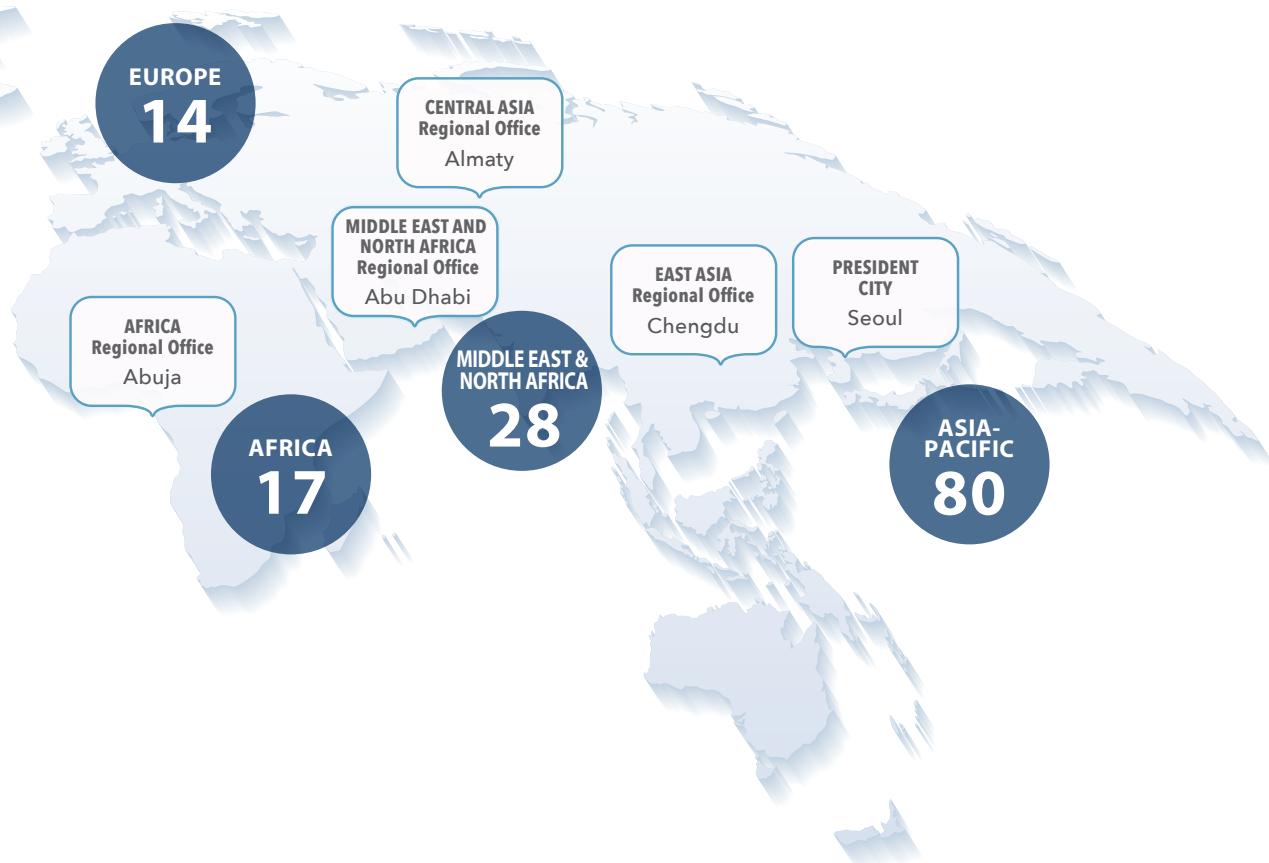
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Regional Office
Cuenca



ASIA-PACIFIC | 80

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Dhaka North, Dhaka South, Rajshahi City
Chengdu, Dujiangyan, Hong Kong SAR, Ningbo, Zhejiang Province
Suva
Agra
Bandung, Batam, Baubau, Jakarta, Kepulauan Riau, Serang Regency
Saga Prefecture
Almaty, Astana
Bishkek
Anyang, Goyang, Jeju, Seoul, Pohang
Penang Island, Seberang Perai
Altai, Choibalsan, Erdenet, Sainshand, Ulaanbaatar
Belbari, Bhadrapur, Bharatpur, Birgunj, Dhankuta, Dharan, Dhulikhel, Itahari, Kanakai, Kathmandu, Patharishanishchare, Pokhara, Ramgram, Ratuwamai, Shivasatakshi, Sunawarshi, Sundarharaicha, Sunwal, Tarakeshwor
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Islamabad, Peshawar
Baguio, Cauayan, La Union, Makati, Manila, Quezon City, San Fernando La Union
Dambulla, Galle, Matale, Sri Jayawardenapura Kotte
Kaohsiung
Bangkok
Tashkent, Chirchik
Da Nang, Ha Noi, Thua Thien Hue



INSTITUTIONS | 22

African Smart Cities Innovation Foundation (ASCIF)
 Association of Ecuadorian Municipalities (AME)
 Busan Economic Promotion Agency (BEPA)
 FIWARE Foundation
 Healthy City Network of Mongolia (HCNM)
 Korea Green Foundation

Korea Internet and Security Agency (KISA)
 National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA)
 Paris Est Marne & Bois (PEMB)
 Seoul AI Foundation (SAIF)
 Seoul Housing & Urban Development Corporation (SH)
 Seoul Tourism Organization (STO)
 University of the Commonwealth Caribbean (UCC)

CORPORATIONS | 22



PARTNERS



MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS	CORPORATIONS	INSTITUTIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cities and Other MunicipalitiesDistricts and Other Sub-MunicipalitiesStates, Provinces, and Other Regions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Multinational Corporation (MNC)Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs)Start-ups	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Associations and AlliancesNational and Subnational Public AgenciesAcademic InstitutionsNon-profit Organizations

APPLICATION PROCESS



ANNUAL FEES

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Population ('000) GDP per capita (USD)	0 - 49	50 - 199	200 - 299	300 - 599	600 - 999	1,000 - 1,999	2,000 - 3,999	4,000 - 6,999	7,000 - 9,999	10,000+
0 - 999	400			500			600			700
0 - 1,999	400		500			600			700	
2,000 - 3,999	400	450	500	750	1,000	1,250	1,500	1,750	2,000	2,250
4,000 - 5,999	500	500	700	1,000	1,300	1,600	1,900	2,200	2,500	3,000
6,000 - 7,999	900	1,200	1,500	2,000	2,500	3,000	3,500	4,000	4,500	5,000
8,000 - 9,999	1,600	1,800	2,000	2,500	3,000	3,500	4,000	4,500	5,000	5,500
10,000 - 14,999	2,500	3,000	3,500	4,000	4,500	5,000	5,500	6,000	6,500	7,000
15,000 - 19,999	3,500	4,000	4,500	5,000	5,500	6,000	6,500	7,000	7,500	8,000
20,000+	4,000	5,000	6,000	6,500	7,000	7,500	8,000	8,500	8,500	10,000

CORPORATIONS

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

INSTITUTIONS

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

* For Local Governments:

The GDP per capita (PPP) of the country is determined by the latest available international financial statistics published by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), while the population of the city is determined by the official statistics provided by the entity when joining WeGO.

* For Corporations and Institutions:

The number of employees is determined by the official statistics provided by the entity when joining WeGO.

GOVERNANCE (Term 2023-2026)



THE SECRETARIAT AND REGIONAL OFFICES

The WeGO Secretariat is located in Seoul, the President City of WeGO. It is supported by five (5) Regional Offices in advancing the Organization's mission in their respective regions.



WeGO ACTIVITIES



WeGO GENERAL ASSEMBLIES (GA)





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