

WeGO Friendship Membership Application Process



Thank you for your interest in WeGO. Please find below information on the WeGO Friendship Membership application process. The WeGO Secretariat looks forward to welcoming you to the global WeGO network.

Eligibility

Traditionally, cities and local governments around the world are eligible to become Full Members of WeGO.

A **Friendship Member** category was newly established in 2014 to expand the WeGO network in the international e-Government community and formalize strong partnerships with local government associations and government entities, in recognition that they can contribute significantly to WeGO's mission to promote sustainable urban development through ICT/e-Government. The following are eligible to become Friendship Members of WeGO:

- 1) Any regional association of local governments; or
- 2) Any government agency or governmental entity that is directly concerned with local e-Government issues

Application Procedure

1. Please complete and submit the Membership Application Form (signed by an authorized representative of the organization) to the WeGO Secretariat.
2. After the submission of the application, a Friendship Member will be confirmed upon the approval of the Executive Committee of WeGO.

WeGO Member Rights and Benefits

1. Active Participation in WeGO

- The authorized representatives of **Friendship Members** can attend regular sessions of the WeGO General Assembly and present their opinions.
- The authorized representatives of **Friendship Members** can attend WeGO Executive Meetings as Observers, with WeGO's consent.
- The authorized representatives of **Friendship Members** will be given the same opportunities to request selection as a Speaker/Presenter at WeGO events as Full/Associate WeGO Members.

2. WeGO e-Government Capacity Building Programs for WeGO Members

WeGO has been running the popular annual WeGO e-Government training program - **The Seoul Program** - for WeGO members in Seoul since 2011. In 2014, WeGO expanded its training offerings to its Regional Offices in Chengdu, China and the Ulyanovsk Region, Russia and is launching the WeGO Webinar Series in 2015.



Local costs (accommodations, meals and local transportation) of selected participants are usually sponsored for The Seoul Program and other capacity building programs.

As a general guideline, **Friendship Members** may submit applications for a maximum of two (2) individuals with respect to any given WeGO e-Government capacity building program. The two individuals may either be an authorized representative of the Friendship Member or in the case of a regional association of local governments, a WeGO member city that is a member of such association.

3. e-Government Consultation

WeGO provides consulting services to help member cities assess their current e-Government status and draw realistic e-Government strategies. In 2013, WeGO conducted consultation projects on “Complaints and Claims Management” and “Improving Delivery of Government Services to Citizens” for WeGO members Maputo and Addis Ababa, respectively. In the case of a **Friendship Member** that is a regional association of local governments, a WeGO member city that is a member of such association may apply to receive WeGO’s consulting services.

4. e-Government Tools Developed for WeGO Members

Pursuant to an ongoing partnership, WeGO has developed the cost-efficient and user-friendly “City e-Government Diagnostic & Solution Framework” (CeDS) toolkit with a focus on local government agenda in cooperation with the World Bank. WeGO is currently working on an online data platform for the CeDS toolkit, which will be made available exclusively to WeGO members through the WeGO website in early 2015. In the case of a **Friendship Member** that is a regional association of local governments, a WeGO member city that is a member of such association may access the CeDS Online Platform.

5. WeGO e-Government Framework (WeGO eGovFrame)

WeGO provides a complimentary e-Government Framework that includes common modules and standard templates generally required to develop new e-Government applications. Built upon open-source software, the eGovFrame is a standardized infrastructure that can reduce technical dependency on vendors and increase software development productivity, component reusability and interoperability among application systems. Pursuant to a partnership with the National Information Society Agency (NIA), WeGO provides comprehensive technical support and training opportunities relating to the WeGO eGovFrame to **all WeGO members**.

6. Cooperation and Exchange with other WeGO Members, International Organizations and IT Experts, including Access to the UN Public Administration Network

Being a WeGO **Friendship Member** means to be connected to the WeGO network of cities and local governments all over the world for easy communication and collaboration. Further, through a wide network of partnerships, WeGO links **Friendship Members** to international organizations and agencies, including the United Nations and the World Bank. For example, WeGO is a partner of the UN Public Administration Network (UNPAN) providing access to the rich online resources, training courses and networking opportunities of UNPAN to WeGO



members. WeGO's network also includes leading IT experts and professionals from academia, civil society and the private sector.

7. Active Participation in the WeGO Awards

WeGO members as well as non-members may participate in the WeGO Awards, which is traditionally held in the same year as the WeGO General Assembly, to recognize and promote outstanding and innovative practices of e-Government. Only WeGO members – including **WeGO Friendship Members** -- may nominate e-Government experts for the Judging Pool of the WeGO Awards. The final Judging Panel that selects the winners of the WeGO Awards is appointed from such Judging Pool.

8. Networking at WeGO events, including the WeGO General Assembly

WeGO organizes conferences, seminars and forums – including the triennial WeGO General Assembly – to facilitate the exchange of ideas, good practices and collaboration projects among **all WeGO members**. At the WeGO General Assembly, participants can actively network with Mayors, CIOs, and other high-level public officials, as well as with representatives of international organizations, development agencies and IT companies from all around the world. Highlights of the General Assembly include workshop sessions on urban e-Government issues and trends, Mayors' Roundtable meetings, Matchmaking Meetings, exhibitions, and tours. The 3rd WeGO General Assembly took place in Chengdu, China in November 2014 and was attended by approximately 300 delegates and experts from over 60 cities. The 4th WeGO General Assembly will be hosted by the Ulyanovsk region, Russia in 2017.



Member Responsibilities

1. **Friendship Members** should participate in projects and meetings of WeGO actively.
2. **Friendship Members** should endeavor to share good practices and knowledge on e-Governance with other cities and local governments worldwide.
3. **Friendship Members** of WeGO should pay the annual membership fee following the chart below or qualify for the membership fee exemption.
4. **Friendship Members** should maintain updated contact information with the WeGO Secretariat at all times.
5. **Friendship Members** should promote WeGO to cities and partner organizations for the expansion of the WeGO network.

Membership Fees

Members should begin to pay annual membership fees starting from the year immediately following the year when they become the official **Friendship Member** of WeGO. Membership fees vary depending on the GDP per capita of the country where the office of the organization is based. Please find below the membership fee structure.

Membership Fee Chart for Friendship Members (in USD)

GDP per capita	Fee for national/regional associations of local governments	Fees for national government agencies/other governmental entities
0 ~ 9,999	1,000	1,000
10,000 ~ 19,999	3,000	3,000
20,000 ~	5,000	5,000

- ✓ Note¹: The latest International Financial Statistics published by the International Monetary Fund shall be applied in calculating the GDP per capita in the table above. The GDP per capita is based on purchasing power parity.
- ✓ Note²: The membership fee amount in any given year is determined based on the GDP of the year immediately preceding the previous year.

Membership Fee Exemption

A **Friendship Member** will be exempt from the membership fee requirement, if at least five (5) new WeGO member cities are formed in the year immediately preceding any given year, directly through the assistance of the Friendship Member.



The World e-Governments Organization of Cities and Local Governments (WeGO)

WeGO is an international cooperative body of cities and local governments worldwide that pursues sustainable city development based on e-Government. WeGO was officially launched at the Inaugural General Assembly in September 2010 and the Secretariat is hosted by WeGO's President City, Seoul. WeGO has member cities across all continents and Regional Offices in Chengdu, China and Ulyanovsk Region, Russia.

The Mission of WeGO is to:

- Discover and share information on good practices of e-Government around the world
- Bridge the digital divide within and among cities
- Use ICT to advance openness, transparency and efficiency in public administration
- Promote exchanges and cooperation between cities and other stakeholders



Ready to Become a Friendship Member of WeGO?

→ Simply fill out the following Membership Form and enjoy the benefits reserved for WeGO Members NOW!



**World e-Governments Organization of
Cities and Local Governments**

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Friendship Membership Form



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Organization

■ Official name of organization	
■ Address:	
Postal address	
Postal code	
Country	
■ Official Website	

Head of the Organization

■ Name (Mr./Ms.)	
■ Official Title	
■ Email	
■ Telephone	
■ Fax	
■ Term of Office (mm, yyyy-mm, yyyy) <i>if applicable</i>	

Focal Point for Liaison with the WeGO Secretariat

■ Name (Mr./Ms.)	
■ Official Title	
■ Name of Division/Department	
■ Email	
■ Telephone	
■ Fax	

Description of Organization

- ✓ **Note:** Please attach a description of your organization, including mission, history, governance/organizational structure, primary activities, number of employees and relationship with cities/local governments in your country.
- ✓ **Note:** If your organization is a **Regional Association of Local Governments**, please also attach a list of all local government members of your association.



(Name of organization)

hereby agrees to abide by the WeGO Statute and applies to join WeGO as a member.

(Signature of the Head of the organization)

(Name/Official Title)

(Date: dd/mm/yyyy)

Note: Please email, mail or fax the completed membership form to the WeGO Secretariat at the address below.

