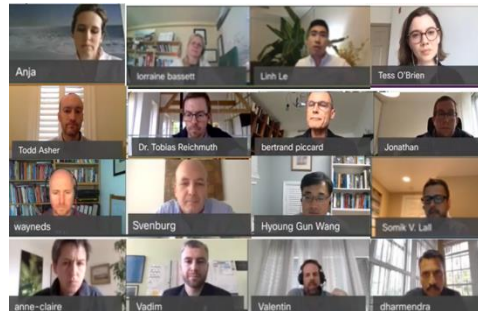


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COVID Action Platform
An Example

The projects are linked to accelerate public-private cooperation and introduce solutions to emerging markets:



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Recent Activities

The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted life around the world. Given the rapid changes that we are all now experiencing due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Smart Cities KSB has organized a series of events to share knowledge concerning smart cities and technology-driven COVID-19 response.

- **Smart City Innovations to Overcome COVID-19 in Swiss Cities** April 16, 2020

As we had to postpone the Smart Cities Switzerland Study Tour due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we decided to bring the Swiss expertise to your home. The learning event presented how Smart City Hub Switzerland, SmartCities Alliance, InnoSuisse, SECO, World Economic Forum and Risk Reduction Foundation are collaborating on a platform to combine efforts of private and public stakeholders in applying Smart Technologies to address Smart Cities challenges in Switzerland and transfer the best technologies and solutions to emerging markets. [Presentation and Recording here](#)

- **Bloomberg Associates Helping Cities Go Digital in the Face of the Coronavirus** April 22, 2020

Bloomberg Philanthropies is accelerating the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic with initiatives including the Coronavirus Local Response Initiative and the Coronavirus Global Response Initiative. In addition, its philanthropic consulting arm, Bloomberg Associates, provides bespoke consulting support to a number of global and domestic cities. The learning event introduced Bloomberg Associates and shared how Bloomberg Philanthropies is supporting city governments around the world to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. [Presentation and Recording here](#)

- **Smart Technologies as Tools to Support Responsible Recovery After COVID-19** April 30, 2020

Based on the positive response to the learning event on Swiss Smart Technology Solutions to fight against COVID-19 on April 16th, a follow-up learning event was organized with Swiss partners, focusing on (i) COVID-19 recovery efforts, and (ii) just-in-time technical support our Swiss partners can offer to Bank clients and project teams. [Presentation and Recording here](#)

- **Amazon Web Services Public Sector and WB Programs in Response to COVID-19** May 20, 2020

In 2006, Amazon Web Services (AWS) began offering IT infrastructure services to businesses in the form of web services -- now commonly known as cloud computing. One of the key benefits of cloud computing is the opportunity to replace up-front capital infrastructure expenses with low variable costs that scale with businesses. Today, AWS provides a reliable, scalable, low-cost infrastructure platform in the cloud that powers hundreds of thousands of businesses in 190 countries around the world. In the learning event, AWS public sector team shared their focus on Smart Cities in terms of vision, technologies, and use cases as well as work with specific customers that leverage AWS services to address growing challenges in managing the complexity and aspirations of cities, as well as in response to COVID-19. [Recording here](#)

- **Follow-up Live Discussion on AWS and WB Programs in Response to COVID-19** May 28, 2020

On May 20, the Amazon Web Services (AWS) public sector team provided a review of their smart city vision, plans, and foundational technologies. Following up on the very engaging session that raised a number of critical questions from the World Bank colleagues, the AWS elaborated on those questions and addressed other inquiries about Smart Cities. [Recording here](#)

[4th Call for EOI] Technical Support for Smart City/Technology-Driven COVID-19 Response

The Global Smart City Partnership Program (GSCP) and Smart Cities KSB launched the 4th Call for EOI for World Bank Group teams seeking technical support for project preparation, implementation, and engagement with clients on smart cities and technology-driven COVID-19 response. The Program is currently supporting 32 WBG projects, which were selected through three rounds of call for EOI for (i) just-in-time technical assistance (TA) and (ii) operational support. In collaboration with partnering agencies in Switzerland, a new partnership window has been added.

(i) Just-in-time TA is a short-term engagement (up to 10 working days) and responds to immediate needs that include entry engagement to open up a dialogue with clients, technical evaluation, identification of technical solutions, drafting TORs and technical specifications, advice, and transfer of expert knowledge and global best practices.

(ii) Operational Support is a longer-term engagement (up to 30 working days) and provides support to develop a specific smart city component in lending operations.

(iii) Partnership window in collaboration with Swiss Innovation Agency (InnoSuisse) and other Swiss partners

- Matchmaking between challenges identified in emerging markets and smart technologies and solutions that resolve similar challenges in Switzerland and G-20 countries
- Incubating public-private partnership to twin technology providers, de-risk transfer of smart technologies to emerging markets and build local capacities

The selected project teams will be matched with global experts who will provide pre-arranged technical support virtually and/or through field visits (pending on COVID-19 status).

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FY20 Highlights Recap

Covid-19 Resources

The Korea Innovation 2020 Learning Series on OLC

- [Korea Innovation 2020: Smart Urban Resilience](#)
- [Smart City Financing and PPP](#)
- [Smart Mobility](#)
- [Smart Citizens and Governance](#)
- [Smart Urban Development](#)
- [Smart City Land Administration and Geospatial Technologies](#)
- [Data-Smart City Solutions](#)
- [Covid-19 Local Action Tracker](#)
- [Activator - COVID-19 Mitigation Roadmap](#)

External Events

In the News

- [Webinar on "Accelerating cities' transformation through standards"](#) 25 June 2020, 12:00-14:00 (Geneva Time)
- [23rd meeting of JCA-IoT and SC&C](#) 26 June 2020, 11:00-13:00 (Geneva Time)
- [ITU-T Study Group 20 meeting](#) 6-16 July 2020
- [Covid-19 Accelerates the Adoption of Smart City Tech to Build Resilience](#)
- [Smart Cities in the Wake of Covid-19](#)
- [Responding to COVID-19 – a Framework for Smart Cities](#)

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