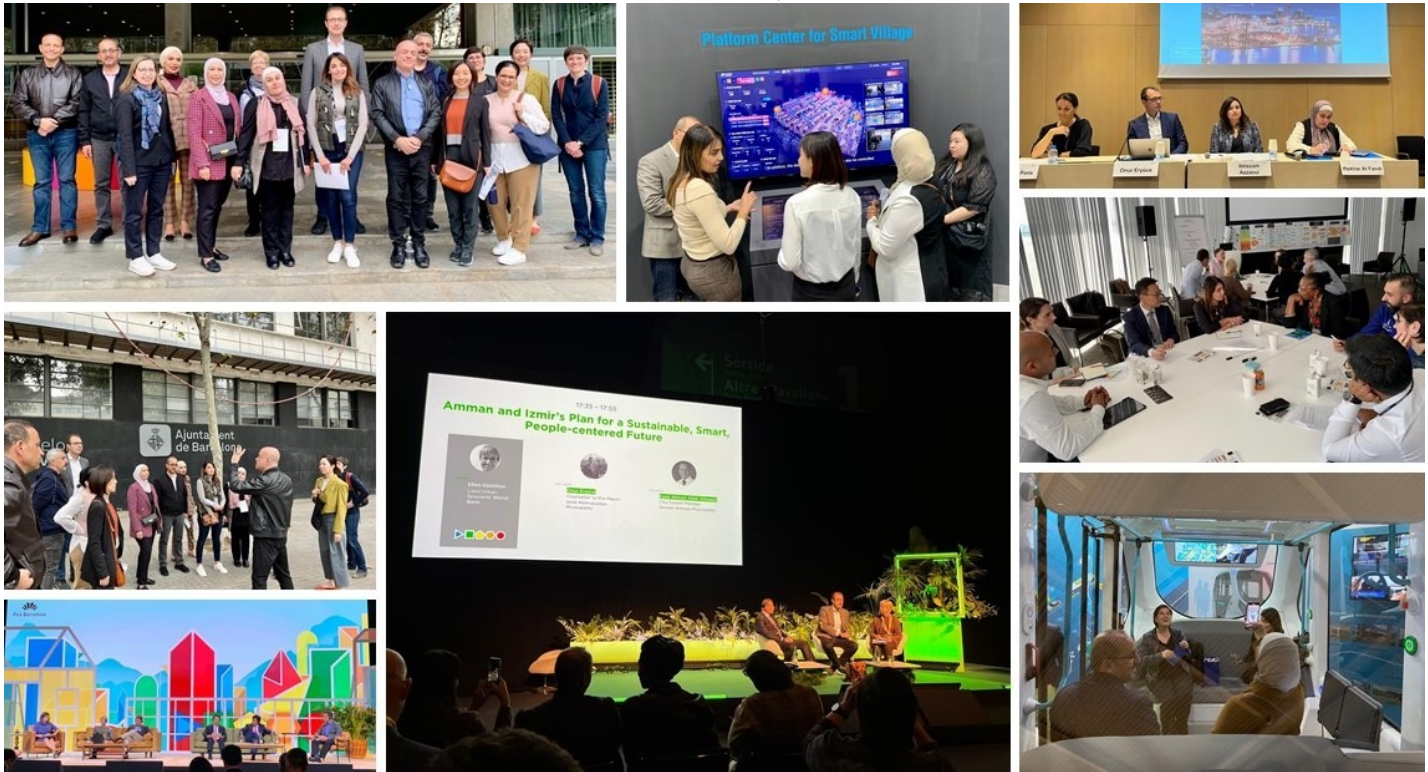


## Global Smart City Partnership Program

### Barcelona Smart City Knowledge Exchange Program and Smart City Expo World Congress November 15-17, 2022



The [Global Smart City Partnership Program \(GSCP\)](#) organized a Knowledge Exchange Program in Barcelona with delegations from the Greater Municipality of Amman and from the Izmir Metropolitan Municipality. They were invited to the Smart City Expo World Congress (SCEWC) - one of the largest smart city congresses in the world with the participation of more than 134 countries. The delegations participated in various sessions at the SCEWC and also presented their smart city journey so far and ambitions going forward.

Jointly with the World Bank and IFC teams, GSCP held a “City Solutions Workshop” dedicated to supporting Amman and Izmir delegations in finding concrete solutions for the most pressing issues in their cities. The Program also facilitated an exchange between the City of Barcelona and the delegations to learn from Barcelona’s smart city development experiences through a presentation and site visit to 22@ - Barcelona’s Innovation District.

### Panel Discussion: How Smart Technologies Make Cities More Livable?

October 12, 2022

Since 2018, Global Smart City Partnership Program (GSCP) has supported the World Bank Group (WBG) teams in meeting their clients’ demands for smart city development through policy engagement, technical assistance and investments. This session tells the story of four task team leaders reflecting on how smart city-related demands arose in their engagement and what outcomes and lessons they learned from applying smart technologies to city development. The session also features a discussion on how much of their experiences can be replicated and what factors other teams may consider in supporting the clients’ ambition in using smart technologies for more efficient city planning and service delivery. [Watch the recording here.](#)

### Coming Up

**Smart and Inclusive Cities: How digital technologies can help promote disability inclusion in cities?**

December 8th, 8:00-9:30 am EST

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How can smart



technologies help expand equitable opportunities to all including persons with disabilities and the elderly? In celebration of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (December 3rd), this event explores the nexus between smart and

inclusive cities with a vision to utilize smart technologies to build cities that are disability-inclusive and age-friendly. This webinar will present emerging initiatives and practices from inside and outside the World Bank, showcasing how digital technologies can enhance participation of persons with disabilities and the elderly in cities of countries diverse as El Salvador and Uruguay.

**Smart City Indicators: How to make them easy to use and relevant for developing cities?**

**December 15th, 8:00-9:00 am EST**

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With the rise of smart cities as a development agenda, a plethora of indicators has emerged, with some counting over 1,000 different indicators in existence. This reflects a huge interest in measuring the readiness or maturity of a city from a smartness perspective and monitoring the progress towards city vision and goals over time. Yet, the complexity and data requirement of many indicators make it difficult to apply them to data- and capacity-constrained environments. Focusing on cities in developing countries, this webinar aims to provide a platform to explore ways to make smart city indicators relevant and easy to apply to these cities. For this, the webinar will introduce two sets of smart city indicators as below and engage the speakers and participants to discuss their utility and applicability to these cities.

**Smart Cities South Africa Bulletins**

The World Bank (WB) works with the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) under the “Smart Cities South Africa (SCSA) Pilot Programme” to support with the development of Smart City Strategies in Ekurhuleni, Johannesburg, Tshwane and EtheKwini. The SCSA Bulletins are envisaged as a series of short newsletters which will both inform and be informed by the programme and its community of practitioners.



[Access all issues here](#)

**Around the WBG**

**Events**

**Coming Up:**

**[City Planning Labs: Transforming Cities Through Data](#)**

City Planning Labs (CPL), a World Bank’s technical assistance initiative, is assisting municipal governments to harness the power of data to create competitive, inclusive, and resilient cities since 2017. It aims to support selected

municipalities to enhance their capacity to use geospatial data for evidence-led urban planning and management, allowing them to react to rapid urbanization processes with informed and clear-sighted decisions. Join the session to learn more about how to apply!

#### Previous sessions:

##### [2022 GovTech Maturity Index and Data Dashboard Launched](#)

Despite progress in online service delivery, and underlying shared digital platforms, the digital divide widens mainly due to the lack of policies and resources needed to launch key digital transformation initiatives in most of the low and middle-income countries. This is one of the main findings of the second edition of the GovTech Maturity Index (GTMI) that was presented for the first time to the public in November 2022. The updated [GTMI web page](#) provides access to the main findings, reports, datasets, blogs and more. Finally, the new [GTMI Data Dashboard](#) is now available to explore the GovTech Dataset and the DG/GovTech Projects database including the details of FMIS activities as well.

##### [Digital Government Readiness Assessment \(DGRA\) Dissemination Workshop](#)

Digital Government Readiness Assessment (DGRA) toolkit focuses on assessing the current status of digital government transformation, a core part of the digital economy, and proposes future-looking action plans to improve and/or develop a comprehensive national ICT strategy. Since the first launch in 2017, the updated version (DGRA 2.0, launched in December 2021) includes additional pillars to assess preparedness to emergency response, such as Emergency Response, Resilience & Cybersecurity and Interoperability & Governance. The DGRA toolkit has both [excel version](#) and online version surveys. The online version survey, which the aggregated results can be integrated to the global level dashboard, is run invitation-only. TTLs interested in using this survey for client countries' digital government readiness assessment can reach out to Samia Melhem ([smelhem@worldbank.org](mailto:smelhem@worldbank.org)) and Jeongjin Oh ([joh4@worldbank.org](mailto:joh4@worldbank.org)).

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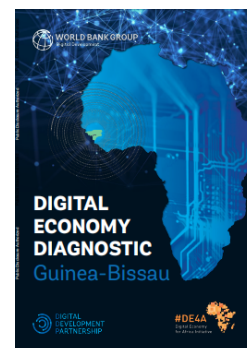
- [Digital technologies, child nutrition, and women's inclusion: A digitalization pilot in Guatemala](#)
- [CyberTalk on the "Top Challenges for Cyber Resilient Development"](#)

## Reports

### Digital Economy Diagnostic for Guinea-Bissau

Digital Development Partnership (DDP) is pleased to announce the launch of the report Digital Economy Diagnostic for Guinea-Bissau. This assessment analyzes the opportunities and constraints along each of the five foundational pillars of the digital economy—digital infrastructure, public platforms, financial services, businesses, and skills—and puts forward actionable recommendations. The report offers a series of prioritized recommendations for the short-, medium-, and long-term to support the development of a vibrant, safe, and inclusive digital economy.

[Access full report here.](#)



### Improving Paratransit in Maseru and Gaborone: Using Innovative Data Techniques in a Diagnostic Approach to Inform Strategy

This report aims to advance the understanding of how to improve urban mobility in cities in Sub-Saharan Africa through building incrementally on the existing paratransit sector, informed by innovative data techniques and data-driven diagnostics. It is based on assessments of paratransit undertaken in Gaborone and Maseru, the capital cities and main economic centers of Botswana and Lesotho respectively; and aims to identify short-term, practical initiatives to improve mobility in these cities.

[Access full report here.](#)



## Blogs

- [Improving paratransit through digital innovation](#)
- [Digitalizing Guinea-Bissau: The Future Starts Now](#)

## Around the World

## Seoul Awarded Smart City of 2022 at Smart City Expo World Congress

The capital of South Korea, Seoul, has been awarded as Smart City of 2022 at the World Smart City Awards presented annually by the Smart City Expo World Congress (SCEWC) to acknowledge the most outstanding initiatives and projects in the innovation and urban transformation industry. [Read more...](#)

## When Landfills Become Smart

Recycling, smart waste management and reducing the use of polluting materials or those with the greatest impact. These are the solutions embraced by some cities. [Read more...](#)

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