



Recent Activities

Smart Cities KSB at Korea Innovation Week

Smart Cities team organized two events as part of the [Korea Innovation Week](#), which was held on February 18-19 at the World Bank's HQ in DC.

The Panel Discussion focused on the smart city policies and practices in Korea. Panelists discussed global smart city opportunities and challenges both in Korea and in the world and explored Korea-WBG partnership to move forward.

[Watch the Panel Discussion](#)

The second Annual MOLIT-WBG Joint Smart City Workshop was also held as part of the Korea Innovation Week this year.

Organized jointly by the Korean the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MOLIT) and the World Bank Group, the whole-day event featured sessions on smart urban development, smart water management, smart city land administration and geospatial technology, smart city financing and PPP, smart urban resilience, smart citizens and governance, and smart mobility.

During the workshop, Sameh Wahba, Global Director for the Global Director of GPURL, and Hyuckjin Kwon, Director General of MOLIT, exchanged the Smart City Partnership Work Plan to deepen the partnership on Smart Cities and agreed to continue support the Global Smart City Partnership Program for the second phase.

The Smart Cities Exhibition Booth also showcased various cutting-edge smart city approaches and solutions on both days.

[Watch the morning session of the Workshop - Part 1](#)

[Watch the morning session of the Workshop - Part 2](#)

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BBLs

Harnessing the Power of SoftBank's Unique Ecosystem of AI and IoT Solutions to Answer Smart Cities Needs Globally

Nadia Soussi, Business Development Expert at Softbank's Global Business Division, introduced SoftBank's unique ecosystem of leading-edge technologies and solutions. The presentation focused on three shortlisted SoftBank solutions that will deliver real impact on the identified cities communicated by the World Bank team and their respective pain points. It also showcased how these three cutting edge solutions can be harnessed to solve city challenges, improve service delivery while also delivering positive outcomes for the city and its citizens. [Watch the recording](#)

Using Data to Enhance Women's Mobility in Cities - co-organized with Urbanscapes

Women's lack of safety negatively affects their right to work and study, their health, and their mobility within their neighborhoods and the wider city. Experiences of violence and fear result in women and girls adapting their behaviors by avoiding certain parts of the city, not going out alone, or during certain times of the day and night, in order to avoid sexual harassment or violence. Kalpana Viswanath introduced the Safetip, which is a map-based technology platform that analyzes urban spaces on parameters of safety and accessibility. The team has worked with city governments and other urban stakeholders since 2013 to map urban spaces and produce data that is participatory, robust and useful to make spaces safer [Watch the recording](#)



EVENTS hosted by IFC

Microsoft Talk – a private sector perspective on Smart Cities

While most smart cities initiatives are government driven, increasingly around the world, cities governments are seeing the role of collaboration between public and private sectors to create and accelerate the implementation of smart cities infrastructure for their citizens. Omar Rashid, Head of Governments for Microsoft LAC & North America, shared Microsoft's perspectives on smart cities and emerging challenges such as privacy, security and data management to IFC Staff during this BBL. [Watch the recording](#)

Smart Cities: Business Models, Case Studies and a path towards collaboration across infrastructure to support IFC's role in this sector

A lot is in the news these days about Smart Cities on the back of mainstreaming broadband connectivity, 5G, IoT, etc. But what are the business models out there, how far are we from mainstream deployment in emerging markets and how different groups within IFC can join efforts to deliver business and impact for IFC in this sector. This event brought together lessons learned in deploying smart cities in emerging markets and beyond. The focus was on business models, security concerns, addressing citizen's needs, privacy, rural broadband initiatives and relevant global projects (completed by Wireless 20/20). [Watch the recording](#)

Blog: How is Seoul, Korea transforming into a smart city?

by Myunggu Kang

As the world urbanizes rapidly, cities continue to be the physical and social base for people's prosperity and nature's sustainability. In recent years, the idea of "smart cities" has grown more prominent as new solutions emerge to address urbanization challenges. What is a smart city? What's the role of smart cities in this urbanizing world?

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In Case You Missed: Izmir's Challenge

In partnership with SCEWC, the World Bank team organized the 2nd City Solutions Workshop in Barcelona in November 2019. The interactive session convened smart city experts and practitioners from leading cities and institutions to co-create solutions to the smart city challenges of Izmir. **Watch the video:**



[Access the presentation](#)

Smart City Expo World Congress Editions Abroad in 2020

Smart City Expo World Congress events all around the world in 2020



SCEWC is one of the largest events on Smart Cities in the world where both industry and public sector meets. We are happy to share upcoming Smart City Expo World Congress events that will be held all around the world in 2020. If teams are interested to participate we can get free tickets for delegations and also find speaking opportunities for our technical TTLs/clients. Travel expenses are self-funded by teams (i.e., need to be covered by the teams).

[Check out the events here](#) and if you would like to apply, please send a notification to Global Smart City Partnership Program team (gscp@worldbank.org).

External Events

In the News

[Smart City Expo Atlanta: Redefining Smart, June 10-11, 2020, Georgia Atlanta](#)

[Data Governance And Smart Cities Are Helping Improve Quality Of Life In Japan](#)

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