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Global Smart City Partnership Program (GSCP)

# Grant Excellence Awards to GSCP! Highlights from KWPF 10th Anniversary Conference April 25, 2023



Korea-World Bank Partnership Facility (KWPF) 10th Anniversary Conference was held on April 25, 2023 in Seoul. Welcoming an audience of over 300 people, the attendees at the KWPF 10th Anniversary Conference represented over 30 nationalities, including 70 officials, staff of the World Bank Group, KWPF grant recipients, as well as 200 Korean knowledge partners and academia.



During the conference, the Global Smart City Partnership Program (GSCP) featured a session on promoting smart city development through Korean and global benchmarking. Narae Choi, the GSCP lead, provided an overview of the program's achievements and successful engagement cases. Hendro Prastowo, Head of the Survey and Mapping Division at the Provincial Land Office of DKI Jakarta Province, Indonesia, shared insights on the Jakarta One Map Project, emphasizing the implementation of 3D Cadaster for Smart Land and Infrastructure Management. Jeonghee Jeong, Deputy Director of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, and Transport of Korea, emphasized the importance of benchmarking and discussed ways to strengthen the partnership in supporting smart city initiatives in developing countries.

Last but not least, GSCP received two Grant Excellence Awards for "Best Use of Technical Assistance to Mainstream an Innovative Development Approach" and for "Best Synergy Between the World Bank and Korean Experts" Congratulations to the team and thank you to KWPF for their continuous support!

#### **GSCP Transition to Phase 3**

GSCP Phase 2 is closing on June 20, 2023 and GSCP Phase 3 is starting implementation in FY24 for three years. The new phase builds on five years of solid program implementation under Phase 1 (2018-2021) and Phase 2 (2021-2023), which generated valuable insights into key challenges and opportunities of smart cities in developing countries. This experience also yielded important lessons for a support program like GSCP that is set up to work through WBG teams to help clients achieve their smart city goals. GSCP team look forward to supporting new WBG teams and clients in planning for, and advancing, smart city ambitions under Phase 3.

**Smart City Scenarios for Brazil** 

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A webinar is organized to discuss findings from the report on "Insights about Smart Cities in Brazil for policy makers and public managers: Leveraging technologies for sustainable development", which is conducted by Deloitte and commissioned by NEC Latin America. The report presents different scenarios of smart cities that emerge from the Brazilian context, comparing local initiatives with global references and exploring projects from Brazil and Latin America, regulatory and technological trends related to smart cities, existing public policies, and main barriers for implementation. With the participation of Rio de Janeiro Smart, Green and Resilient Urban Mobility project (P178729) team, the findings of the report has been discussed through the lens of WB project team's where they provided insights on key challenges, lessons and recommendations for project design and implementation on the ground. Presentation & recording.



## MENA VPU award to WB-IFC Smart and Green Amman Engagement

GSCP supported engagement on Smart and Green Amman was selected as one of the recipients of the 2023 MENA VPU Awards, which recognizes, among other selection criteria, teams and activities that are addressing urgent challenges while laying sturdy foundations for sustainable and inclusive growth and development in MENA countries, in line with the regional strategy.

A big congratulations to the WB GPs and IFC teams who are involved in this achievement!

## **Publication Alert: Smart Journeys of Developing Cities**



GPURL Global Director Bernice K. Van Bronkhorst and GSCP Lead Narae Choi contributed a chapter to the <u>TOP AGENDA Smart City Global Journal 2023</u>. The chapter on "Smart Journeys of Developing Cities: Key takeaway from the World Bank's smart city engagement", on page 106, presents GSCP's engagements with developing countries in defining, planning for, and realizing their smart city goals. Using several successful engagement cases, the paper demonstrates how both high-level strategies and specific solutions can contribute to the aspirations of developing cities and draws lessons for better supporting them, mainly by strengthening the link between upstream and downstream engagements.

## Blog: Towards digital transformation for resilient urban development in Bangladesh

Supported by the GSCP, Local Government COVID-19 Response and Recovery Project in Bangladesh has taken big steps towards municipal digital transformation. An online web-based survey was conducted, covering all 329 municipalities and 12 city corporations of Bangladesh to understand the status and needs of municipal staff, and to identify smart technological support to improve municipal functioning during COVID-19 recovery period and build back better. Based on the survey results, and under the overall leadership and guidance of the Government of Bangladesh, the project was designed as a pragmatic yet flexible intervention to support varying local needs and improve local government ownership and capacity. Read more...

### In Case You Missed: GSCP Engagement Briefs are available online now

Learn more about how the Program helps WBG task teams in different parts of the world:







Jakarta, Indonesia

Kinshasa, DRC

Dhaka, Bangladesh

#### **Around the WBG**

## SmartCities.za Bulletin - Smart City Implementation: Energy

The Smart Cities South Africa pilot programme is being implemented in the Cities of Tshwane, eThekwini, and Johannesburg. "Smart City Implementation: Energy" bulletin is produced in collaboration with the eThekwini Municipality, and takes an ecosystem perspective in diving into smart energy systems and approaches in South Africa. Access the bulletin and all previous editions here.

#### **Previous Events**

- Cloud Computing: Implementation Guidance on Innovative Procurement, Institutional Coordination | March 9, 2023
- Amplifying Community Voices through Digital Innovation | March 28, 2023
- World Bank-ITU Partnership: How to build CIRT, the experience of Digital Resilience Program in Kyrgyzstan | April 7, 2023

# **Coming up**

• CyberTalk on Securing Critical Infrastructure - Launch of Sectoral Cybersecurity Maturity Model | June 21, 2023

#### Around the World

# **Korea Smart City Supercluster**

MOLIT (Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport Korea) and KAIA (Korea Agency for Infrastructure Technology Advancement) have established a New Korea Smart City Supercluster to coordinate international standardization for smart cities. The Korea Smart City Supercluster is a research & development group, cross-domain collaboration organization created to make open standard interoperable smart city. Learn more...

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