



Global Organization of Smart Cities

Charter

Article I General Rules

Clause 1 The full name of GO SMART is Global Organization of Smart Cities (GO SMART, referred to as “Our Organization”).

Clause 2 We are a non-profit international organization that aims to build a global network of smart cities to accelerate sustainable city development. Our mission is to trigger and accelerate urban innovations, leading to sustainable cities with a high quality of life for its citizens.

Clause 3 GO SMART is an international organization; branch organizations may be established within.

Clause 4 The tasks of Our Organization are as follows:

1. Connect cities around the globe to build a city-centered online platform for sharing information and resources.
2. Encourage international cooperation between cities and develop Inter-City Proof of Concept (PoC) projects.
3. Promote innovative solutions to solve urban issues in order to raise the standard of living among citizens. Assist Smart City related industries to expand their global market share.
4. Improve the corporate social responsibility (CSR) of member corporations.



Article II Membership

Clause 5 Membership Eligibility:

1. **City Members:** Local government agencies (including state governments, provincial governments, city governments, and county governments) that agree with the mission of Our Organization, are willing to share experiences for building smart cities, and will allow Inter-City projects to operate in their cities, are qualified to become eligible city members once their applications are approved by the Secretariat.
2. **Industrial Members:** Companies and corporations that agree with the mission of Our Organization, are equipped with the technologies/products/services to resolve urban issues, and are willing to co-develop a smart-city vision and to engage in inter-city empirical exchanges of innovative applications, are qualified to become eligible industrial members once their applications are approved by the Secretariat.
3. **Academic/Corporate Body Members:** Academic institutions that agree with the mission of Our Organization and retain solutions/interests of study/professional personnel regarding problems of smart cities, and Corporate bodies willing to jointly develop a vision of smart cities and to engage in inter-city empirical exchanges of innovative applications, are qualified to become eligible Academic/Corporate Body Members, members once their applications are approved by the Secretariat.
4. **Honorary Members:** Members can be nominated to become honorary members, when meeting one of the following requirements:



- (1) Having made extraordinary contributions to the development of smart cities.
- (2) Having made extraordinary contributions to the general affairs of Our Organization.

After being nominated by more than one of our Strategy Committee members, having received approval by the Strategy Committee, and after this has been announced by the Assembly, the member will become an honorary member of Our Organization.

Clause 6 City Members, Industrial Members, and Academic/Corporate Body Members shall appoint representatives to exercise their membership rights. Membership rights are as follows:

1. To attend the General Assembly of Our Organization during which they retain the right to speak, to vote, to be elected, to recall and to propose ideas.
2. To participate in Inter-City PoC projects facilitated by Our Organization and to promote relevant solutions, to request for assistance to support their CSR.
3. To participate in exhibitions, workshops, competitions, media conferences, and other events held by Our Organization.
4. To use the marketing channels owned by Our Organization.

Clause 7 Members are obligated to abide by the Charter and resolutions of Our Organization and to pay their membership fees. Obligations of our members (excluding honorary members) are as follows:

1. To pay the membership fee when due.
2. To appoint representatives and attend conference meetings.



3. To assist with the execution of resolutions passed by the General Assembly.
4. To facilitate the development of Our Organization as a resource-sharing platform for smart cities.

Clause 8 Members who fail to pay their annual fee, when they are past due, are not eligible to exercise their membership rights. Memberships are deemed to have been automatically withdrawn if the relevant member fails to pay their membership fees for two consecutive years.

Clause 9 Members may submit a request for withdrawal, via email or letter, to Our Organization along with their reasons. A request for withdrawal will become effective once it is received and confirmed by the Secretariat. All fees that have been paid to Our Organization will not be returned.

Clause 10 A member who violates the law, the Charter, or does not abide by any resolution of the General Assembly, may be subject to a warning or the suspension of its membership if so resolved by the Strategy Committee. Those who inflict severe harm on Our Organization might have their membership canceled by the General Assembly if such a resolution is passed.

Clause 11 Members who wish to have their memberships reinstated may do so with the approval of the Secretariat.



Article III Organization and Authority

Clause 12 The General Assembly is the highest authority of Our Organization. When there are more than 300 members, regional representatives may be elected to form an Assembly of Regional Representatives in order to exercise their rights as members of the Assembly.

Clause 13 Members (representatives) of the General Assembly hold the following privileges:

1. To elect and recall members of the Strategy Committee.
2. To propose annual work policies, guidelines, projects and budgets.
3. To dissolve Our Organization by resolution.
4. To decide on any other major affairs related to the rights and responsibilities of members by resolution.

Clause 14 A Strategy Committee shall be established within Our Organization. Members of the Strategy Committee are elected by city members, industrial members, and the academic/corporate body members. Each of the above-mentioned membership categories may appoint no more than three representatives and three alternate representatives to the Strategy Committee. The Strategy Committee has a maximum of nine members, and it has the authority to elect the Chairperson of Our Organization. However, the first Chairperson will be assigned by GO SMART's initiating city.

Clause 15 If the Chairperson, for any reason, resigns, the Strategy Committee may hold an emergency meeting in order to elect a succeeding



Chairperson; the Secretary-General shall temporarily assume the duties of the Chairperson before the successor is elected.

Clause 16 The rights and duties of members of the Strategy Committee are as follows:

1. To propose changes to the Charter of Our Organization.
2. To elect and recall the Chairperson.
3. To draft and resolve the annual work policies, guidelines, plans and, budgets of Our Organization.
4. To conduct other duties and affairs.

Clause 17 The duties and privileges of the Chairperson are as follows:

1. To execute the resolutions passed by the Strategy Committee.
2. To administrate the Secretariat as well as appointing and dismissing staff members.
3. To conduct other general affairs.

Clause 18 The duties and privileges of the Secretariat are as follows:

1. To accept, review, and approve membership applications as well as representative qualifications.
2. To execute the resolutions of the Chairperson and the Strategy Committee.
3. To execute the tasks of Our Organization and to protect the rights and privileges of our members.
4. To conduct other general affairs.

Clause 19 The Chairperson and members of the Strategy Committee all hold unpaid positions with two-year terms and may be re-elected. The



Chairperson may only be re-elected once. The term of the Chairperson and members of the Strategy Committee commences from the date of the first meeting of the General Assembly.

Clause 20 The Chairperson or a member of the Strategy Committee shall be dismissed immediately upon the occurrence of one of the following situations:

1. Loss of membership.
2. Resignation being approved by the Secretariat.
3. Position being recalled or withdrawn.

Clause 21 Members of the Secretariat of Our Organization include: (1) the Secretary-General, who is appointed by the Chairperson to conduct general affairs of Our Organization; and (2) other staff members nominated by the Secretary-General, approved by the Chairperson, and announced by the General Assembly.

The Secretary-General has the sole discretion to decide on the rights and duties of the above staff members, their respective tasks, and the level of management.

Clause 22 Our organization may establish working groups or other internal working organizations, and the rules and regulations of these organizations are implemented once approved by the Strategy Committee. The same process applies to any changes or revisions made to these rules or regulations.



Article IV Meetings

- Clause 23 The General Assembly shall convene once a year. The meeting shall be assembled by the Chairperson and notices must be sent to individual members, via email, thirty days prior to such meeting.
- Clause 24 If a member (representative) is unable to attend the General Assembly in person, the member (representative) may attend via video conference, by submitting written opinions, or by appointing another member (representative) to attend the General Assembly on their behalf.
- Clause 25 Resolutions of the General Assembly shall be passed by simple majority of the members present. A resolution to dissolve Our Organization shall be passed by a two-third majority of all members of Our Organization.
- Clause 26 The Strategy Committee convenes once every six months either in person or via video conference and notices shall be sent, via email, fifteen days prior to the meeting. Resolutions of the Strategy Committee are to be passed by simple majority of the members present.