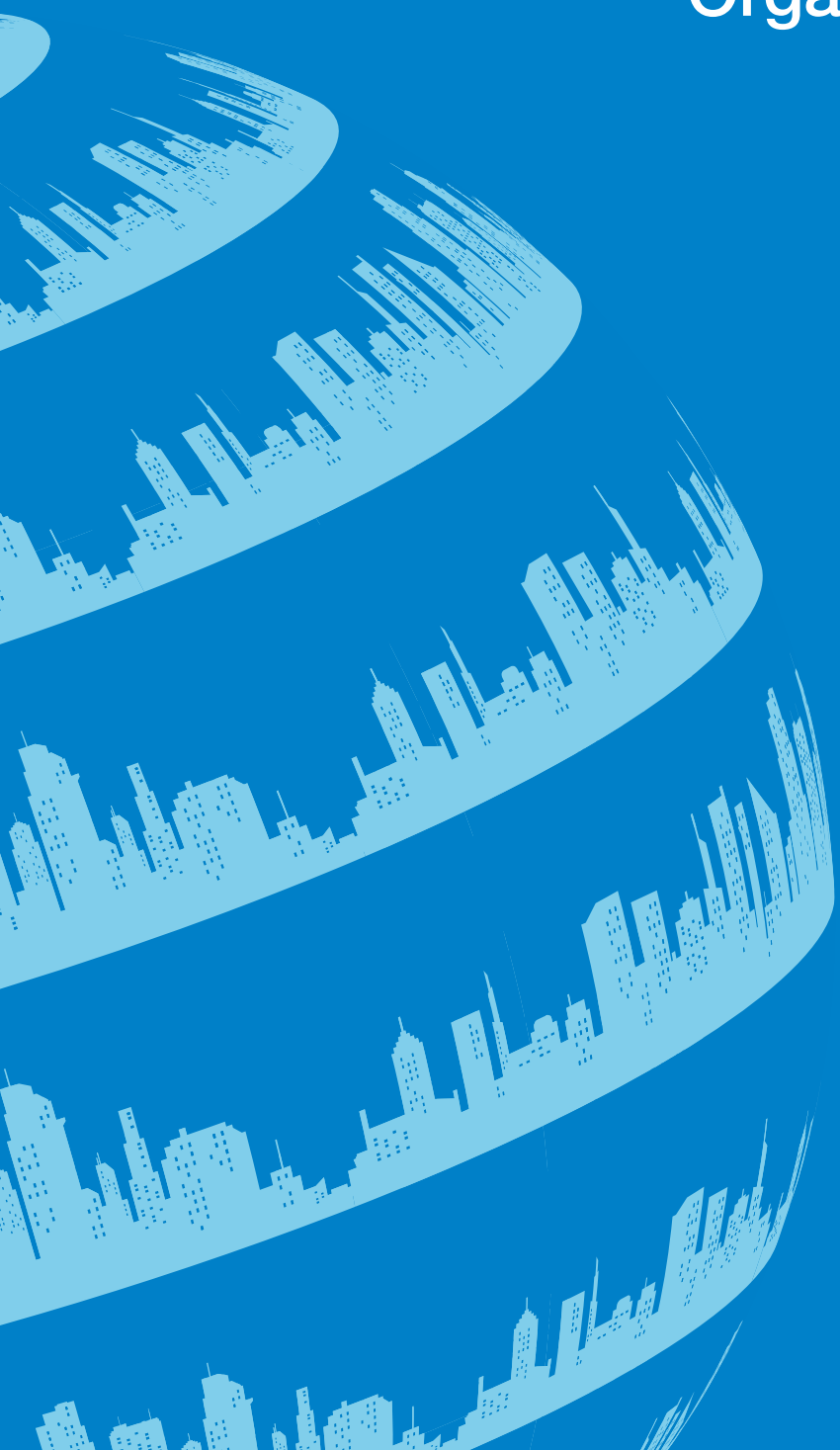
World Innovative Cities Cooperation Organization



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About Us

(1) Background

The international community is undergoing unprecedented profound adjustments

As economic globalization, social informatization, and cultural diversity move forward, the destinies of people in all countries are closely linked. With the emergence of this new scientific and technological revolution and industrial transformation, it is a common wish for the international community to improve global governance, tackle risks and challenges head on, and achieve more open, inclusive, balanced, and mutually beneficial development.

Cities around the world are facing varying degrees of development challenges

With the accelerated development of cities, pressure on economic performance, social governance, environmental protection and other areas has continued to increase. The unexpected COVID-19 pandemic has had an even larger impact on the global social and economic order.

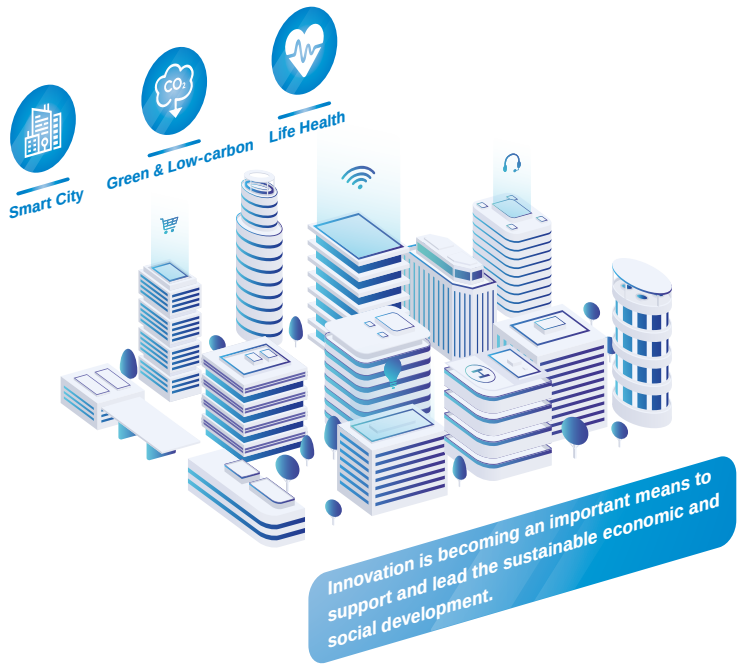
Economic growth is slowing

Social governance is lagging behind

The environment is overburdened

Innovation development has become a solution to challenges

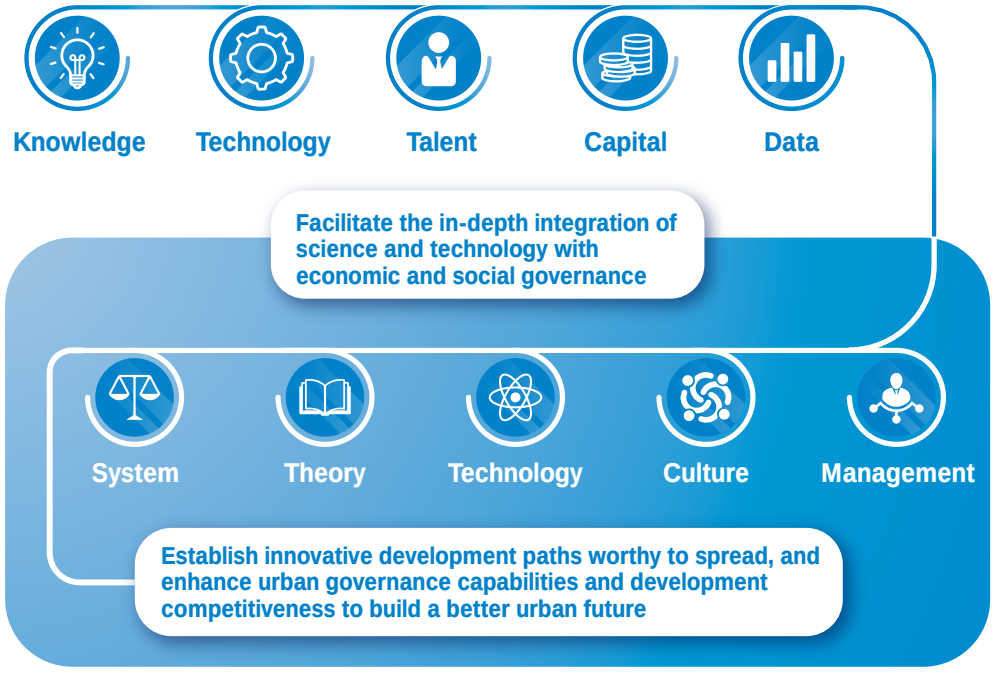
With the accelerated integration of innovations in various fields and constant emergence of disruptive technologies, innovation has become an important means to support and guide sustainable economic and social development.



Innovative cooperation among global cities is of great value

Global cities should carry out cooperation in innovation activities, breaking down barriers to the flow of knowledge, technology, talent, capital and data, and facilitating the in-depth integration of innovation with economic and social governance, which is conducive to identifying development paths that are worthy of spreading and enhancing urban governance capabilities and development competitiveness.

Break down barriers to the flow of elements such as knowledge, technology, talent, capital and data



Shenzhen proposes to build an innovation platform together

Shenzhen remains committed to implementing the strategy of innovation-driven development and stands ready to work with the world's leading innovative cities to build the **World Innovative Cities Cooperation Organization (WICCO)**, and to construct an innovation ecosystem by empowering urban sustainable development with innovation.

(2) WICCO’s nature, vision, core values and missions

Nature: WICCO is an international non-governmental and non-profit organization voluntarily formed by cities and organizations committed to stepping up global innovation cooperation.

Vision: WICCO is created to jointly build an open and innovative global platform jointly, enhance exchange and cooperation in innovation across various domains among cities, empower sustainable urban development with innovation, and lead innovation-driven urban economic development, social progress, and improvement of people's livelihood.

Core values:
Equality, openness, innovation, and shared growth

Mission 1
Establishing a cooperation network

Establish a comprehensive and multi-dimensional innovation cooperation network on a global scale to share advanced experience and case studies of innovation in various areas and promote exchange and cooperation among cities.

Mission 2
Building a cooperation platform

Build an international cooperation platform for innovation with well-established elements and active exchange to provide support for the development of innovation projects, transformation of innovative technological achievements, and deep integration of innovative elements.

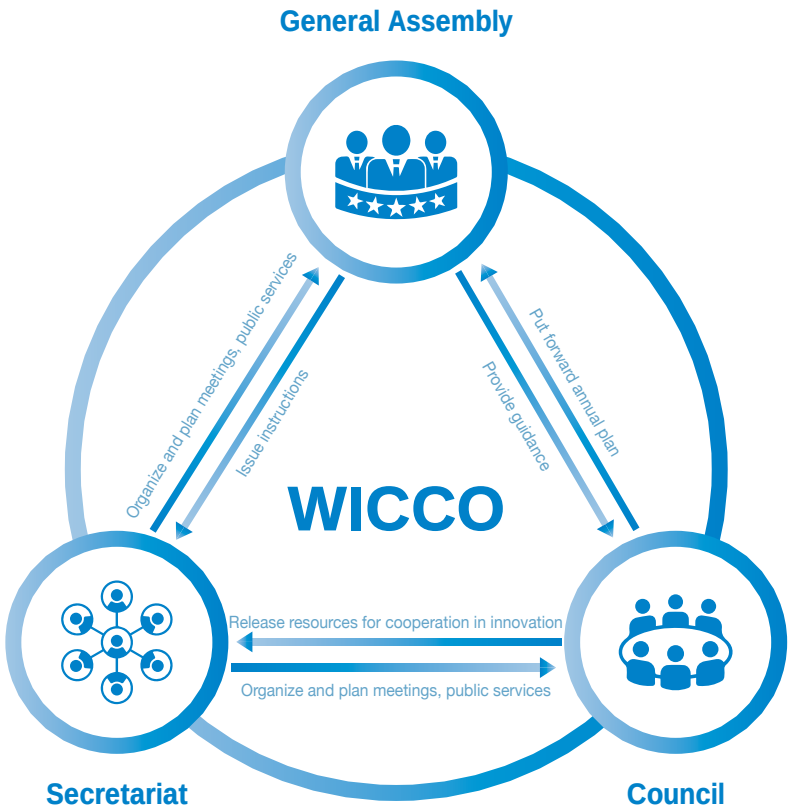
Mission 3
Organizing brand events:

Hold a range of innovative themed events such as the "World Innovative Cities Cooperation Conference" and the "World Innovative Cities Tech Week" to promote the sharing of innovation resources among members, work on innovation cooperation, and lead the development of global innovation.

Mission 4
Strengthening research on innovation

Enhance research on global innovation theories and models, and provide basic support and forward-looking suggestions for the sustainable development of global innovation cooperation.

(3) Organizational structure



General Assembly

The General Assembly serves as the highest authority of WICCO, responsible for formulating and amending the articles of association, electing and unseating council members, and voting on other matters in line with the mission of WICCO.

The General Assembly is held every two years, and the chair will be the chief executive of the city where the General Assembly is held.

Council

The Council is the executive body of the General Assembly, and is composed of the President, Vice President and Council Members.

The term of office of the President of the Council is four years, with each President serving no more than two terms. The first President shall be the chief executive of the city where the headquarters of the organization is located. Following the first President, any subsequent President shall be recommended by the preceding President and elected by the Council.

The term of office of Council Members is four years, and they can be re-elected. The Council meets once a year, in Shenzhen or the host city of the World Innovative Cities Cooperation Conference.

Secretariat

The Secretariat is the Standing executive body of the WICCO. The Secretariat is responsible for the daily administrative work of the WICCO, daily communication between the General Assembly, the Council, and the organization As well as planning meetings, contacting innovative cities and organizations around the world, and integrating and providing relevant public service resources. If conditions permit, cities are encouraged to send their representatives to the Secretariat to participate in its work.

The Secretary-General is the legal representative of WICCO. The candidate shall be nominated by the city where the headquarters of the organization is located, and appointed by the Council. Each Secretary-General shall serve no more than two terms with each term lasting four years.

Major Projects

World Innovative Cities Cooperation Conference

Project Introduction

The World Innovative Cities Cooperation Conference is a themed event that WICCO plans to organize. It brings together government representatives of innovative cities, executives of innovative companies and organizations, and well-known experts and scholars to have dialogues, exchange innovative ideas, share innovative experience and case studies, identify development standards and set development paths. Concurrent with the Conference will be exhibitions and innovation project matchmaking, roadshows, and other activities. Establishment of the World Innovative Cities Science and Technology Achievement Award is also on the agenda. The purpose of the award is to recognize the wisdom and contributions of practitioners in the field of scientific and technological innovation, and drive the transfer and transformation of world-class scientific and technological achievements.

Expected benefits to members

1. Explore cutting-edge areas of international scientific and technological development, and stay abreast of global innovation trends.
2. Engage in the theme and agenda setting of the Conference, and enhance the influence and voice of members in global urban governance.
3. Promote and learn from success stories and good practices of leading innovative cities.
4. Bring together outstanding innovation projects and gain access to joint development, achievement transformation and technology commercialization.
5. Connect with well-established organizations from the government, business community, and academia, and expand foreign cooperation networks and channels.

Member privileges

1. Enjoy the right to attend and host the World Innovative Cities Cooperation Conference, and launch cooperation initiatives, activities and projects within the framework of the Conference.
2.. Promote and publicize city or institution information and display their logo on the official website as well as related promotional materials and platforms.
3. Obtain assistance and facilitation in conference logistics, transportation, and accommodation, etc.

Project Introduction

The World Innovative Cities Tech Week will be launched and organized voluntarily by member cities, with WICCO assisting in inviting iconic businesses and organizations in scientific research, entrepreneurship, investment, industry, and other sectors. Focusing on innovation and the development of the organizing cities, week-long exchange, exhibition, and connection activities will be held. In addition to the World Innovative Cities Tech Week, WICCO also plans to organize a wide range of activities including innovation and start-up competitions and a maker camp and work actively with member cities to build

Innovation and entrepreneurship activities and cooperation

incubators and accelerators, in a bid to facilitate the formation of international platforms for garnering innovative businesses and start-ups.

Expected benefits to members

1. Participate in various innovation and entrepreneurship activities and connect to innovative resources within the network of WICCO.
2. Obtain a list of innovative service organizations in member cities and have access to such services, including the details of professional organizations such as those involved in intellectual property, law, and business consulting, as well as incubators and accelerator platforms.
3. Obtain services and support in the areas of marketing, partnership, talent, manufacturing and capital within the member city network.

Member privileges

1. Participate in or host the "World Innovative Cities Tech Week" and other activities.
2. Recommend representatives to participate in various innovation and entrepreneurship projects and activities organized by WICCO.
3. Self-organized innovation and entrepreneurship activities can be supported in terms of brand authorization, agenda setting, and guest invitation, etc.

Project Introduction

Exchanges and cooperation will be conducted in smart city development to build cooperation platforms, match supply and demand, connect resources, and provide consultation for member cities and institutions in smart city development. Major topics include: exchanges and cooperation in the application of 5G and other next-generation information technologies; exploring and developing policies and measures for digital connectivity; developing smart city cooperation in administrative affairs, healthcare and

Smart city exchange and cooperation

transportation; employing high-tech means to fuel the intelligent upgrade of trade and finance; and building a smart exhibition hall for global innovative cities.

Expected benefits to members

1. Push forward the application of smart city technology, and carry out exchanges and cooperation on the R&D and achievement transformation of frontier application scenarios for smart cities.
2. Explore smart city policy development and coordination, and share and learn from successful experiences and case studies.

Member privileges

1. Connect to channels and resources in smart city development within the WICCO network.
2. Obtain the support of WICCO's mechanism and network in smart city application scenarios, partnerships, policy analysis and other areas.
3. Obtain support for the innovation project roadshows in the planned smart exhibition hall.

Project Introduction

The WICCO gathers and releases the latest developments, innovation achievements, preferential policies, foreign cooperation needs and activity plans of global innovative cities and organizations on its official website and in its publications, aiming to create an exchange center for innovation information.

Gathering & release of innovation information

Expected benefits to members

Obtain the right to use publicity channels and media, carry out project information release and city promotion, and enhance the visibility and influence of cities and organizations.

Member privileges

1. Acquire the information about innovation cooperation and exchange activities of member cities and organizations.
2. Open and operate a membership account on the official website of the WICCO.

Project Introduction

The WICCO will discuss establishing the Innovative City Research Institute, initiate extensive cooperation with research institutions involved in global innovative development, conduct analysis of various themed activities and projects, carry out in-depth research on the frontiers of innovation, study and judge global innovation development trends, and provide research and consulting services to member cities and member institutions as needed.

Innovative research and consulting

Expected benefits to members

1. Share research results and obtain such information as the latest developments in global innovation, and industry forecasts.
2. Work with research institutes to conduct preliminary research, market analysis, and follow-up research on inter-city project cooperation to provide a decision-making reference for project cooperation and innovative development.

Member privileges

1. Recommend experts or research fellows to engage in agenda setting in the research institute based on the needs and areas of concern of cities and organizations.
2. Obtain academic research achievements published by the WICCO.
3. Customize research and consulting services.

Other rights and interests

1. Enjoy the rights to speak and vote at the General Assembly, and the rights to vote and be elected as council members.
2. Dispatch permanent personnel to work in the Secretariat of the WICCO. The city (Shenzhen) where the Secretariat is located provides free office space and basic office facilities.
3. Enjoy the right to participate in and organize various activities of the WICCO. Activities such as exhibitions, forums, promotional events, innovation contests, internships, and trainings independently launched by member cities and institutions are supported by the operating network of the WICCO.
4. Enjoy other rights granted by the WICCO Council.

Accession & Withdrawal

Accession

The WICCO welcomes cities and organizations that have a good foundation and endowment for innovation, that are committed to promoting innovative development, and that have a positive and open attitude towards innovation exchanges and cooperation.

Withdrawal

Members can withdraw from the WICCO freely, but they must notify the Secretariat in writing at least 3 months in advance. The Council will make related decisions upon discussion, and the secretariat will issue the notice in writing.

Membership fee

The standard membership fee of the organization is $2,000 per year, with invited members exempt from membership fee for 3 years.

Intended Cities

Europe (23)

Almere (The Netherlands)
Athens (Greece)
Barcelona (Spain)
Berne (Switzerland)
Brussels (Belgium)
Copenhagen (Denmark)
Cork (Ireland)
Turin (Italy)
Edinburgh (UK)
The Hague (The Netherlands)
Hanover (Germany)
Helsinki (Finland)
Milan (Italy)
Moscow (Russia)
Munich (Germany)
Nuremberg (Germany)
Paris (France)
Plovdiv (Bulgaria)
Porto (Portugal)
Poznan (Poland)
St. Petersburg (Russia)
Vienna (Austria)
Zurich (Switzerland)

Asia (37)

Almaty (Kazakhstan)
Ankara (Turkey)
Bangkok (Thailand)
Beijing (China)
Busan (South Korea)
Changchun (China)
Changsha (China)
Chengdu (China)
Chongqing (China)
Colombo (Sri Lanka)
Dubai (UAE)
Guangzhou (China)
Gwangyang (South Korea)
Harbin (China)
Haifa (Israel)
Haiphong (Vietnam)
Hangzhou (China)
Hefei (China)
Hong Kong (China)
Islamabad (Pakistan)
Kobe (Japan)
Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia)
Macau (China)
Manama (Bahrain)
Phnom Penh (Cambodia)
Nanjing (China)
Qingdao (China)
Seoul (South Korea)
Singapore(Singapore)
Shanghai (China)
Suzhou (China)
Tel Aviv (Israel)
Tianjin (China)
Tokyo (Japan)
Tsukuba (Japan)
Wuhan (China)
Xi'an (China)

The Americas (8)

Boston (USA)
Buenos Aires (Argentina)
Charlotte (USA)
Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)
San Francisco (USA)
Seattle (USA)
Sao Paulo (Brazil)
Toronto (Canada)

Africa (3)

Cairo (Egypt)
Johannesburg (South Africa)
Nairobi (Kenya)

Oceania (2)

Christchurch (New Zealand)
Port Moresby (Papua New Guinea)

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