
Strategies for Promoting Cooperation with International Organizations in Seoul

Direction

- **Establishing a robust operational foundation for international organizations and fostering mutually beneficial relationships through strengthened collaboration between Seoul and international organizations, as well as among international organizations.**

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○ **Enhancing networks with international organizations**

- The Seoul Metropolitan Government is not only pursuing quantitative expansion by attracting international organizations to the city but also undertaking various projects to promote cooperation with international entities through activities such as international organization conferences and seminars.
- Seoul has successfully hosted the World Cities Summit Mayors Forum 2023 and is scheduled to host the 40th Anniversary General Assembly of the World Association of Major Metropolises (Metropolis) in 2025. By attracting international events involving cities worldwide and various international organizations, Seoul is providing a platform for discussing global agendas and solidifying its position as a recognized global leader.

○ **Support for international organizations in Seoul**

- Seoul City provides various financial support to international organizations housed within municipal properties for the activities of international organizations attracted by Seoul City, as stipulated in Article 16, Subparagraph 3 of the Seoul Metropolitan Government Ordinance on the Promotion of International Exchange and Cooperation.
- This support primarily takes the form of rent subsidies, supplemented by additional aid for personnel and project expenses for organizations chaired by Seoul. Over the past decade, an average of 10 organizations have received approximately KRW 43,552 million in support. Notable beneficiaries include the World Smart Sustainable Cities Organization (WeGO) and CityNet, among others.

○ **Talent acquisition**

- Seoul City also strives to secure talent for expanding collaboration with international organizations by conducting annual seminars on careers in international organizations and offering internships to young individuals interested in such opportunities.