



2019 KP Civil Society Coalition Annual Report to the Kimberley Process

Introduction

This Report sets out activities implemented by KP Civil Society Coalition members in 2019 at the community, national, regional and international level. The activities are linked to the CSC's mission to defend the rights of communities in diamond mining areas through research, advocacy, community empowerment and engagement with Government and the diamond industry. The following is an outline of the activities in 2019;

General Issues

- In 2019, all the 11 members of the Civil Society Coalition continued to contribute to discussions and negotiations in the Kimberley Process on various issues related to the final year of the KP's three-year reform cycle. Most time was spent on negotiations meant to expand the conflict diamonds definition to include diamonds mined from areas where there are systematic and widespread cases of violence, human rights abuses and environmental harm. The KP eventually found no consensus on the issue of definition, which was a huge disappointment to the Civil Society Coalition. The Coalition also participated in other subgroups of the reform and review committee, where some progress was achieved, for instance on an update of the Peer Review system to include CSOs, communities and other stakeholders as sources of information to be consulted during KP Review visits or missions in KP member countries;
- In other working groups and committees, CSC members equally contributed actively and constructively, by way of various proposals and suggestions, multi- and bilateral exchanges and advocacy;
- In 2019, the CSC conducted a cross-country research and published the Real Care is Rare Report: An On-The-Ground Perspective on Blood Diamonds and the Fifth 'C', highlighting the existence of modern day blood diamonds due to ongoing ties between diamonds and brutal human rights abuse in certain diamond mining locales on the African continent and beyond.

Participation in KP Meetings and Working Groups

CSC members participated in Intersessional and Plenary meetings in India in 2019. Below are details of CSC of engagements;

- **Intersessional and Plenary meetings:** All 11 members of the KP CSC attended the 2019 KP Plenary meeting in New Dehli, while only 4 members (from IPIS, ZELA and NMJD) attended Intersessional in Mumbai due to limited resources. However, participation of 11 CSC members during Plenary enabled the coalition to be spread across all the Working Groups and to contribute ideas to reform discussions. In particular, CSC members participated in the Adhoc Committee on Reform and Review sub-groups including the Sub-Group on Expanding the scope of the KP in the Sub-

Group on Core Document, Sub-Group on Establishment of a Permanent Secretariat, Sub-Group on Establishing a Multi-Donor Trust Fund and Sub-Group on Improving the Peer Review Process.

- **Working Group Meetings and Teleconferences** : CSC members participated in teleconferences organised by different working groups including the Working Group on Monitoring, Committee on Participation and Chairmanship, Working Group of Diamond Experts, Working Group on Statistics, Working Group on Artisanal and Alluvial Production and the Central African Republic Monitoring Team.
- **Regional meetings** :
 - CSC members in the Mano River Union region, namely NMJD, CECIDE, GRPIE and Green Advocates, participated in the Mano River Union Regional Approach meetings in 2019 that included Government, industry and civil society.
 - CSC participated in a workshop on Regional Cooperation in Central Africa held in Kinshasa, DRC at the Kempiski Hotel Fleuve Congo from April 10 to 11, 2019. A Regional Action Plan was developed focusing on three aspects namely Reinforcement of internal controls, Law enforcement and the positive spin-offs for communities, governments and artisanal miners.
- **Other meetings**: The CSC actively participated in a number of KP meetings and events; this includes the March 2019 meetings linked to the adoption of the annual UNGA resolution on conflict diamonds in New York, the April and September meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee on Review and Reform (AHCRR) in Paris and Durban.

KP CSC Internal Planning:

- A KP civil society coalition (KP CSC) in Paris in April 2019 discussed internal governance issues and prepared for the face-to-face meeting of the AHCRR as well as the 2019 OECD Forum on Responsible Mineral Supply Chains;
- In November 2019 CSC members organised an internal planning meeting in preparation for the Plenary meeting in New Dehli to discuss strategies in advocating for KP reforms and CSC internal governance.
- At the November 2019 meeting, the CSC welcomed a new member from Guinea, *Action Mines Guinea*, upon completion by the later of the CSC's membership procedure.

National level Events and Initiatives

- In Liberia, Green Advocates monitored the diamond mining sector, spoke out on harmful practices affecting the sector, advocated for actions to address the challenges and improve governance of the sector, and participated in and/or contributed to various KP-related activities. These actions contributed to policy actions to improve diamond governance in the country. Green Advocates also attended regular meetings of the National KP Task Force in Liberia.

- In Zimbabwe, ZELA organised Multi-stakeholders and community meetings on diamonds and on the Kimberley Process attended by diamond mining affected communities, ZCDC, Government and other civil society groups.
- In 2019, ZELA attended and facilitated participation of communities in an All-Stakeholders Diamond Conference *organised by ZCDC in June and November 2019 in Mutare*. The meetings brought together communities affected by diamond mining operations, Ministry of Mines officials, civil society groups, ZCDC, state security (police and military) and private security companies involved in protecting diamond mining concessions in Marange. The meetings enabled communities, the KP CSC and other civil society groups to engage with ZCDC, state security officials based in Marange and Ministry of Mines officials on the impacts of diamond mining operations in Marange.
- Diamond workers Labour Rights Training: In Zimbabwe, ZELA conducted legal training for diamond mine workers on labour rights in December 2019. The focus was on labour rights, redress mechanisms and grievance handling mechanisms in the diamond mining sector.
- Community Monitoring Training: In 2019 ZELA conducted community human rights monitoring training workshops. The workshops were meant to refresh the skills of community monitors on data gathering on the impacts of diamond mining, environmental management, revenue management and illegal mining and trade of diamonds.
- In September 2019, ZELA organised the Zimbabwe Alternative Mining Indaba. A special session on diamonds was held during the Indaba to discuss developments at the national and international level on diamond mining. The Indaba was attended by 289 participants from mining communities, faith-based organisations, non-governmental organisations, research institutions, members of Parliament, representatives of government departments and mining companies.
In August 2019, ZELA conducted a special Human Rights training for ZCDC management and field officers in Marange. ZCDC also invited ZELA to train its private security on human rights. The training was part of plans by ZCDC to implement recommendations from ZELA and other civil society groups in Zimbabwe for the company to train its security and management on human rights issues.
- CNRG in Zimbabwe organized the Marange Commemoration on November 1, 2020, in conjunction with Community Based Organisations from Marange. The commemoration sought to deal with various forms of trauma the community has endured since the discovery of Diamonds in 2006. More than 4 000 people drawn from the wider Marange community, other mining areas, national CSOs and officials from the National Peace and Reconciliation Commission participated.
- CNRG also engaged Marange Traditional Leadership, the Zimbabwe Republic Police and the Zimbabwe Consolidated Diamond Company to establish common ground between the organization and the stakeholders, on issues affecting the community as a result of diamond mining.
- CNRG also engaged the National Peace and Reconciliation Commission to look into the past and present diamond related conflicts.
- CNRG conducted community workshops on Transnational Organised Crime to investigate illicit financial flows and document secretive diamond deals taking place in Marange.
- Meeting with Alrosa: ZELA and CNRG held a meeting with Alrosa on its proposed investments in Zimbabwe. Alrosa shared its CSR plans and shared its global standards to be applied in Zimbabwe. CNRG and ZELA shared their own expectations on new investments in the diamond mining sector including respect of community rights, the environment and human rights. The meeting was meant to get the Alrosa position on diamond mining in the country and also give a civil society and community perspective on diamond governance in Zimbabwe – creation of a win – win mining framework.

- In Lesotho, Maluti Community Development Trust conducted a detailed research on the situation of Patising community which is affected seepage from by Letseng slime dams operated by Gem Diamonds. The seepage of these slime dams is a disaster to communities, especially Patising community living downstream. Maluti was also involved in rehabilitation of the wetlands in the community.
- CENADEP in DRC held meetings with local organizations in the provinces of Kinshasa, Sud-Kivu, Nord-Kivu, Kasai, Tshopo to identify challenges affecting implementation of certain provisions of the new mining code and the opportunities for action to be taken in order to push authorities to take appropriate measures that promote the socio-economic development of local communities.
- In Guinea CECIDE produced a Guidebook on the Kimberley Process which was shared with communities, civil society groups and other stakeholders. The Guidebook was also used to train stakeholders on the implementation of the KP.
- In Cameroon, RELUFA instituted a new programme on Independent Monitoring of the implementation of the Kimberley Process in Cameroon in the East and Adamawa region.
- In Sierra Leone, NMJD held Dialogue meetings with policy makers at national level drawing attention to economic social and environmental rights of female ASM miners.
- NMJD conducted Training of Mano River Union tripartite groups on the Kimberley Process online database platform (ODIS) that was created by the MANO RIVER UNION. NMJD is one of two administrators of the ODIS platform.
- In Belgium, IPIS organised a workshop on conflict mapping (CAR) and KP CSC perspectives as part of Mine to Finger workshop organised by Antwerp University in association with AWDC
- Together with Antwerp University, IPIS developed a toolbox on Business and Human Rights for companies;

Research, Publications and Press Releases

The following research publications relevant to the Kimberley Process were produced by CSC members in 2019 ;

- The KP CSC published the Real Care is Rare study in 2019. <https://www.kimberleyprocess.com/fr/system/files/documents/report-real-care-is-rare-final-web.pdf>
- The KP CSC issues 6 press releases in 2019, which can be found on <https://www.kpcivilsociety.org/>, together with the Coordinator's opening and closing speeches at Intersessional and Plenary
- CNRG article: <http://www.cnrzim.org/just-like-eiti-is-the-kimberley-process-sanitizing-primitive-accumulation-and-uneven-development/>
- CNRG article: <http://www.cnrzim.org/crunch-time-for-the-kimberley-process/>
- ZELA also published media articles on the Ease of Doing Business Reforms in Zimbabwe's diamond mining sector: See generally; http://www.zela.org/zela_blogs/the-return-of-anjin-to-marange-the-blind-side-of-the-zimbabwe-is-open-for-business-agenda/ and <https://www.newsday.co.zw/2019/02/the-blind-side-of-zim-is-open-for-business-agenda/> .
- IPIS published a report and map on community perceptions regarding industrial mining in Tanzania: <https://ipisresearch.be/publication/dissecting-social-license-operate-local-community-perceptions-industrial-mining-northwest-tanzania/>

- IPIS undertook research to map artisanal and small-scale gold and diamond mines in the Central African Republic: <https://ipisresearch.be/2019/07/mapping-asm-sites-central-african-republic-update-field-teams/>