

**KIMBERLEY PROCESS ANNUAL REPORT  
WORLD DIAMOND COUNCIL  
2018**



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In the framework of the peer review system of the KPCS, Participants are required to make an annual report on their implementation of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS) during the previous year.

The World Diamond Council (WDC) has agreed, on a voluntary basis to submit an annual report on its KPCS implementation and support to the KP as stated in its mandate and mission statement. The WDC 2018 Annual Report is submitted to the KP Chair and the Chair of the Working Group on Monitoring.

**Institutional Framework of the World Diamond Council (WDC)**

The purpose and objective of the WDC is to represent the diamond industry in the development and implementation of regulatory and voluntary systems to control the trade in diamonds embargoed by the United Nations or covered by the KPCS. The WDC assists the KP by providing administrative, technical, financial and other support services in its observer status on all Working Groups, ad hoc committees and participates in Review Visits and Missions. The WDC serves as the Chair of the Working Group on Diamond Experts (WGDE) and as the Chair of its Sub-Group on Valuation. The WDC hosts the Administrative Support Mechanism (ASM) and maintains the Kimberley Process web site.

**Contact details/Contact persons of the WDC as regard the KP**

The WDC is governed by a Board of Directors, the composition of which is representative of all sectors of the trade with a broad geographic distribution. The 20 members of the Board of Directors are listed on the WDC web site: [www.worlddiamondcouncil.org](http://www.worlddiamondcouncil.org).

The WDC Officers are:

- President - Stephane Fischler ([president@worlddiamondcouncil.org](mailto:president@worlddiamondcouncil.org));
- Vice President – Edward Asscher ([vicepresident@worlddiamondcouncil.org](mailto:vicepresident@worlddiamondcouncil.org));
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- Corporate Secretary and General Counsel - Udi Sheintal, Israel Diamond Institute, ([secretary@worlddiamondcouncil.org](mailto:secretary@worlddiamondcouncil.org) );
- Executive Director - Marie-Chantal Kaninda ([ed@worlddiamondcouncil.org](mailto:ed@worlddiamondcouncil.org) ).

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### **Members of the WDC**

The WDC currently has over 38 core members, from every sector of the diamond industry, including extraction (mining), wholesale trading of diamonds, manufacturing, and retail sale of diamonds or diamond jewelry. Some of these members represent more than one company or organization. The WDC also has members who represent affiliated services, such as banks, diamond valuers and shipping companies. A list of all WDC members is available on its web site.

### **Actions taken to support the KP in 2018**

During 2018, WDC continued its active participation in all Working Groups and committees of the KPCS.

1. The WDC KP Task Force (KPTF) committee members and WDC Executive Director attended most KP Committees and Working Group teleconference calls in 2018.
2. The WDC has been a member of all KP Committees and Working Groups and performed tasks as assigned and allotted by the Chairs of each Committee and Working Groups including statistical analyses and annual report reviews.
3. WDC President represented the WDC at the following diamond and jewelry industry events where he highlighted KP engagement and WDC activities:

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- CIBJO Conference, October 2018 in Colombia
  - WDC Breakfast Meeting, June 2018, JCK Show, Las Vegas, USA – Summary of the 2018 KP Intersession was made to the attendees
  - UNGA adopted a KP Resolution in March 2018
  - In New-York prior to the UNGA session, March 7, 2018, he was a panelist on “The Kimberley Process, sustaining peace and achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: the diamond industry as a model for transforming lives”
  - OECD Forum, April 2018 in Paris – Panelist on the Diamond Session
  - The IDMC (International Diamond Monitoring Committee) in Hong Kong and in Mumba, invited by the Diamond Producers Association to support a presentation made to journalist, where the WDC President made a presentation on the KP
  - An agreement was concluded with the Minister of Mines of the Central African Republic for the Trade of conflict diamonds in their possession of which the revenues would totally be given to a humanitarian project
  - Meetings in Kinshasa (DRC) and Luanda (Angola), with the Ministers of Mines and the KP focal points in the respective countries
4. WDC President spoke at the KP Intercessional and Plenary meetings, respectively in Antwerp and in Brussels, and attended meetings with the 2018 KP Chair and Vice Chair, ASM, KP WG Chairs, KP Participants and Observers, and various government officials.
  5. WDC Chair, Executive Director and some members attended forums, meetings, calls with the Civil Society Coalition (CSC), in order to exchange on diamond governance and how best to strengthen the KP.
  6. WDC members attended and were panelists on the KP Intersessional Special Forum on “Innovation and technology: State-of-the art in the rough diamond trade” and on “Artisanal and alluvial mining”; and on the KP Plenary Special Forum on “Environmental Challenges”.
  7. The WDC held bilateral meetings at the KP intercessional in Antwerp with the following KP Participants and Observers: KP Chair/EU, KP Vice Chair/India, The Republic of China, Central Africa Republic, Botswana, USA, South Africa and Qatar.

8. The WDC held bilateral meetings at the KP Plenary in Brussels with the following KP Participants: KP Chair/EU, KP Vice Chair/India, Civil Society Coalition, USA, Botswana, and various one on one meetings with different country members.
9. The WDC held meetings with the Civil Society, respectively at the OECD forum in Paris, at the KP Intercessional meeting in June in Antwerp and at the KP Plenary meeting in December in Brussels. The meetings were attended by WDC delegates and representatives from CSC and IPIS.
10. Internally, the WDC has a KP Task Force Team who held 3 meetings in 2018
11. The WDC seats on the 4 Sub groups of the Ad Hoc Committee on Review and Reforms
  - Permanent Secretariat, led by the WDC, Peter Karakchiev
  - Update of the Core Document, represented by Udi Sheintal, on behalf of the WDC
  - Strengthening of Peer Review Mechanism, represented by Karla Basselier on behalf of the WDC
  - Multi Donor Fund, represented by the Executive Director, on behalf of the WDC
12. The following WDC members participated in Review Visits/Missions:
  - a. Thailand – WDC President
  - b. Mauritius- AWDC/ Karla Basselier
  - c. Russia – AWDC/ Nick De Vlaminck
  - d. Angola – WDC Executive Director
13. WDC representatives, Udi Sheintal and Damian Gagnon, continued to serve on the CAR MT, as requested in the Administrative Decision on CAR and subsequent Operational Framework. The WGDE Chair and other technical experts support the CAR MT through examination and monitoring of export shipments from CAR.
14. The WDC continued to serve as chair of the WGDE's Sub Group on Valuation, and assisted with efforts related to WGDE Sub-Group on Valuation. Mark Van Bokstael was replaced by Peter Karakchiev, as Chair of the WGDE in November 2018.

15. WDC actively contributed to the continued review cycle of the KPCS by submitting extensive proposals concentrating around:

- Revision of KP Core document;
- Strengthening of the KP Peer review system;
- Creation of a Permanent KP Secretariat –Chaired by the WDC

The WDC commissioned a legal firm opinion on the Review of the mechanisms identified by WDC for establishing and determining the status of a Kimberley Process Secretariat.

At the KP Plenary session in November 2018, in Brussels, the Civil Society Coalition and the WDC, together with the government of Canada, submitted a proposal for expanding the scope of the KP, as a basis for discussions.

### **Administrative Support Mechanism**

As noted in the 2015 KP Plenary Final Communiqué, the 2015 KP Chair, upon approval of the KP Plenary, extended the ASM mandate until Plenary 2019, to continue its role in hosting and implementing the Administrative Support Mechanism for services which are administrative in nature. The ASM, through members of the WDC, continued to voluntarily undertake the designated tasks including:

- Antwerp World Diamond Centre – Central focal point of the ASM including Knowledge Management, Institutional Memory and KP web site hosting and maintenance
- Gem and Jewelry Export Promotion Council of India – Logistical support for KP Chair, KP Vice Chair, Chairs of WGs and Ad Hoc committees
- Israel Diamond Institute – Communications
- Diamond Development Initiative (an Independent Observer, not a member of WDC) – Brings its Technical and Professional Assistance.

2018 Activities of the ASM continued as performed in 2017, specifically:

- Provide communications services for the KP Chair and Chairs of the Working Groups and Committees facilitating all messages sent to Participants and Observers of the KPCS.

- Provide administrative support to the Working Groups, Committees, Ad Hoc Committee and the CAR Monitoring team.
- Through the hosting and maintenance of the web site, provided an enhanced compilation of KPCS official documents, final review visit reports, annual reports, ...
- Collection of minutes of all working group telephone conference calls and meetings, follow-up on submission of reports, questionnaires, ... upon request of Chairs of the Working Groups and Committees.
- Administrative and support services prior to, and during the Intersessional and Plenary meetings in Antwerp and Brussels, such as registration and visa coordination, session agendas, etc.
- Meetings with the KP Vice Chair at Intersessional and Plenary meetings to assist with smooth transition to 2019 chairmanship.

### **Other WDC initiatives in 2018**

- The 2017 WDC KP Annual Report was submitted on time, and the report was uploaded onto the public side of the KP web site.
- The WDC attended the International Conference on Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining & Quarrying – ASM18, 11-13 September, Livingstone-Zambia
- WDC held its Board Meeting and Annual General Meeting in Mumbai, India in October to discuss the WDC Strategic Plan and further KP engagement, relating to the last year of the KP Review Cycle.
- In November 2018, WDC Member Antwerp World Diamond Centre organized a two-week course in French in cooperation with the Diamond Development Initiative (DDI) on valuation, in the framework of the work of the Administrative Support Mechanism on capacity building. 7 representatives from Ivory Coast, Cameroon and Congo-Brazzaville enrolled in this capacity building program.
- Continued focus on adherence to correct policy and procedures in all WDC activities, both internal and in conjunction with the KP.
- The WDC continued its work of introducing a new System of Warranties.

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