



KP Annual Report World Diamond Council 2015

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 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 2015 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 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.

WDC Officers are:

President - Edward Asscher (Royal Asscher);

Vice President - Andrey Polyakov (ALROSA);

Treasurer - Ronnie Vanderlinden (USJC);

Corporate Secretary and General Counsel - Udi Sheintal (Israel Diamond Institute).

The main contact person for the organization is Executive Director Patricia Syvrud: patricia.syvrud@worlddiamondcouncil.org, with WDC Corporate Secretary and General Counsel Udi Sheintal serving as an alternative contact for the WDC: secretary@worlddiamondcouncil.org.

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Members of the WDC

The WDC currently has over 40 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 trades, such as banks and shipping companies. A list of all WDC members is available on its web site.

Actions taken to support the KP in 2015

During 2015, 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 the majority of KP WG teleconference calls in 2015.
2. The WDC is a member of all KP Committees and Working Groups and performed tasks as assigned and allotted by the Chairs of each

Committee and Working Group including statistical analyses and annual report reviews.

3. WDC President represented the WDC as speaker/panelist at the following diamond and jewelry industry events where he highlighted KP engagement and WDC activities:
 - Dubai Diamond Conference, April;
 - WFDB/IDMA 2015 President's Meeting in Israel, June;
4. WDC President spoke at the KP Intercessional and Plenary meetings, and attended meetings with the 2015 KP Chair and Vice Chair, ASM, KP WG Chairs, KP Participants and Observers, various government officials.
5. Seventeen WDC members participated in the KP Intersessional meeting in Luanda, Angola in June.
6. Fifteen WDC members and staff participated in the KP Plenary meeting in Luanda, Angola in November.
7. Three WDC representatives attended the MRU Regional Initiative meeting held in Luanda on June 21st. The WDC assigned a representative to this initiative, Mr. Damian Gagnon of Lazare Kaplan International.
8. Three WDC representatives attended the MRU Regional Initiative meeting held in Luanda on November 15th.
9. WDC continued to serve as the Chair of the Working Group of Diamond Experts.
10. The WDC served as chair of the WGDE's Sub Group on Valuation, and assisted with efforts related to WGDE Sub-Group on Valuation.
11. The following WDC members participated in Review Visits:
 - Cote d'Ivoire - Marie-Chantal Kaninda, Rio Tinto Diamonds
 - UAE – Karla Basselier, AWDC
 - EU – Peter Karakchiev, ALROSA
 - Mexico - Michael de Geelhand de Merxem, AWDC
 - Congo-Brazzaville – Michael de Geelhand de Merxem, AWDC
 - Armenia – Peter Karakchiev, ALROSA
12. Two WDC representatives, Stephane Fischler and Damian Gagnon, were assigned to the CAR MT, as requested in the AD on

CAR and subsequent Operational Framework approved directly after the KP Intersessional Meeting in June.

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, Chairs of WGs and Ad Hoc committees
- Israel Diamond Institute - Communications
- Diamond Development Initiative (not a member of WDC) – Requests for Technical and Professional Assistance.

2015 Activities of the ASM continued as performed in 2014, specifically:

- Provide communications services for the KP Chair, facilitating all messages sent to Participants and Observers of the KPCS.
- Through the hosting and maintenance of the web site, provided an enhanced compilation of KPCS official documents, and published completed review visit reports, both in short version (for the public section of the web site) and the longer versions for the “Members Only” section for the web site.
- Collection of minutes of all working group telephone conference calls and meetings.
- Extensive administrative and support services prior to, and during the Intersessional and Plenary meetings in Angola, such as registration and visa coordination, session agendas, etc.

Other WDC initiatives in 2015

- Global Diamond Trading center presentations on industry AML efforts were requested and provided for the AML 'Reflection Day' session as chaired by the EU at Intersessional in June. presentations were uploaded onto the WDC and KP web sites.
- The Executive Director position of the WDC extended from part-time to full-time in the last quarter of 2015 to further increase industry-wide knowledge of, and engagement with the KP.
- The 2014 WDC KP Annual Report was submitted on time. Edits were made during the KP Intersessional meeting and the updated report is uploaded onto the public side of the KP web site.
- WDC held its Annual General Meeting in Moscow, Russia in October to discuss the WDC policies and further KP engagement.
- A WDC Member meeting was held during the JCK Show, Las Vegas in June, where members received an update of KP and WDC activities.
- The WDC scheduled bilateral meetings with KP Participants, Observers and other stakeholders during the Intersessional and Plenary meetings in Luanda, Angola.
- Continued focus on adherence to correct policy and procedures in all WDC activities, both internal and in conjunction with the KP.