

**Kimberley Process Annual Report
World Diamond Council
2016**



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.

As an Observer, the WDC has agreed on a voluntary basis to submit an annual report on its KPCS implementation and support for the KP as stated in its mandate and mission statement. The WDC 2016 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 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 with regard to 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 – Andrey Polyakov (ALROSA);(president@worlddiamondcouncil.org)

Vice President – Stephane Fischler (AWDC);
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Treasurer - Ronnie Vanderlinden (USJC);(treasurer@worlddiamondcouncil.org)

Corporate Secretary and General Counsel - Udi Sheintal (Israel Diamond Institute);
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2016 Executive Director: Patricia Syvrud,
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As of March 1, 2017, WDC Executive Director: Marie-Chantal Kaninda,
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Members of the WDC

The WDC currently has over 40 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 and shipping companies. A list of all WDC members is available on its web site at www.worlddiamondcouncil.org.

Actions taken to support the KP in 2016

During 2016, WDC continued its active participation in all Working Groups and committees of the KPCS.

1. Upon the request of KP Chair and Plenary in Luanda, Angola (November 2015), the WDC was asked to mediate between the incoming KP Chair/UAE and the KP Civil Society Coalition during the months leading up to 2016 Intersessional in UAE, with the ultimate goal being to address the KP CSC's concerns and facilitate the possible participation of the KP CSC in the KP meetings in Dubai.
2. The WDC KP Task Force (KPTF) committee members and WDC Executive Director attended most KP WG teleconference calls in 2016.
3. 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.
4. WDC President represented the WDC at the following diamond and jewelry industry events where he highlighted KP engagement and WDC activities:
 - WFDB/IDMA 2016 World Diamond Congress in Dubai, UAE in May;
 - CIBJO 2016 Congress in Yerevan, Armenia in September;
 - WFDB Executive Committee meeting in September 2016
5. In April 2016, WDC Member Antwerp World Diamond Centre organized a 2-week course on rough diamond analysis and the implementation of the KP in Brasilia, Brasil. Fourteen Brazilian civil servants from various government bodies enrolled in this capacity building program.

6. WDC President spoke at the KP Intercessional and Plenary meetings, and attended meetings with the 2016 KP Chair and Vice Chair, ASM, KP WG Chairs, KP Participants and Observers, and various government officials.
7. Nineteen WDC members participated in either the KP Special Forum on Valuation and/or the Intersessional meeting in Dubai, UAE in May 2016.
8. WDC Member Antwerp World Diamond Centre hosted the second KP Chair Special Forum on Valuation in Antwerp, Belgium in September 2016.
9. Nineteen WDC members and staff participated in either the 3rd KP Chair Special Forum on Valuation, KP Chair Special Forum on Synthetic Diamonds or the KP Plenary meeting in Dubai, UAE in November.
10. The WDC held bilateral meetings at the KP Intersessional meeting with the following KP Participants and Observers: KP Chair/UAE, KP Vice Chair/Australia, China, DDI, EU, India, USA, Zimbabwe.
11. The WDC held bilateral meetings at KP Plenary Dubai with the following KP Participants and Observers: KP Chair/UAE, KP Vice Chair/Australia, China, EU, India, USA, OECD.
12. The WDC launched a new initiative, the KP Observers Forum, on November 14, in conjunction with the KP Plenary meeting. The meeting was attended by WDC delegates and representatives from DDI and ADPA.
13. Eight WDC representatives attended the December 19th meeting in Paris with the author of the FATF report, at the invitation of the WGM Chair.
14. WDC continued to serve as the Chair of the Working Group of Diamond Experts and was re-elected at the 2016 KP Plenary to chair the WGDE for another 3-year period.

15. 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.
16. The following WDC members participated in Review Visits:
 - a. DRC – AWDC/Michael Geelhand de Merxem
 - b. Lesotho – Rio Tinto/Marie-Chantal Kaninda
 - c. Belarus – ALROSA/Maxim Makogorenko
 - d. Mozambique - De Beers/Lauren Vopni
 - e. Turkey – WFDB/Alex Popov
 - f. Cameroon – AWDC/Michael Geelhand de Merxem
 - g. India – ALROSA/Peter Karakchiev
17. Two WDC representatives, Stephane Fischler and Damian Gagnon, continued to serve on the CAR MT, as requested in the AD 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.

Administrative Support Mechanism

As noted in the 2015 KP Plenary Final Communique, 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 (not a member of WDC) – Requests for Technical and Professional Assistance.

2016 Activities of the ASM continued as performed in 2015, 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.
- Administrative and support services prior to, and during the Intersessional and Plenary meetings in Dubai, UAE, 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 2017 chairmanship.

Other WDC initiatives in 2016

- The WDC Executive Director made presentations to the jewelry industry to share the work and successes of the KP, and the WDC’s role within the KP, at the following events: National Association of Jewelry Appraiser ACE©IT Annual Conference, Tucson, AZ; GIA Alumni Association, Washington DC; Israel Diamond Week, Tel Aviv, Israel; American Gem Society Conclave, Washington, DC.; JCK Talks, JCK Las Vegas, NV; UL’s Responsible Sourcing Seminar, New York, NY.

- The 2015 WDC KP Annual Report was submitted on time. Edits were made during the KP Intersessional meeting and the updated report was uploaded onto the public side of the KP web site.
- WDC held its Annual General Meeting in New York NY, USA in September to discuss the WDC policies and further KP engagement, including bilateral meetings with the KP Vice Chair, and presentations by Ambassador Churkin, Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the UN; Deputy Assistant Secretary Keller, US Department of State; Robert Owen-Jones, KP Vice Chair; Maurice Tempelsman, Chairman of the Board of Lazare Kaplan International, Inc.; Andrew Bone, CEO of the Responsible Jewellery Council and Fred Waelter, Global Business Lead, Responsible Sourcing, UL Consumer and Retail Services.
- 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 Dubai, UAE.
- WDC Board and Officers elections were held to secure the ongoing smooth functioning of the organization.
- Continued focus on adherence to correct policy and procedures in all WDC activities, both internal and in conjunction with the KP.