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## **ABOUT US**



• International organization representing the natural diamond industry across the value chain

Based in NYC and founded in 2000, with the purpose to

- protect the integrity of the supply chain
- → be the industry representative in the Kimberley Process



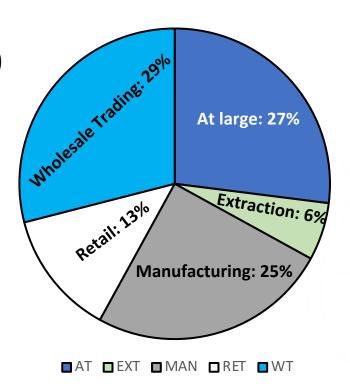




The WDC currently has 52 members representing the diamond pipeline

- Extraction: De Beers ,Rio Tinto, Burgundy
- Trading & Polishing
- Manufacturing
- Jewelry manuf & Retail (Signet, Chow Tai Fook, Tiffany & Co...)
- Associations (WFDB, IDMA, CIBJO, USJC, RJC...)
- Services providers (banks, carriers, labs, broker...)

Most representative body within the natural diamond industry







Chairmanship Transition

London, May 2023

## WHAT IS OUR MISSION





o **Protect** the integrity of the natural diamond supply chain



 Represent the interests of the industry and voice its positions within the Kimberley Process



 Develop & Implement industry due diligence and self-regulation processes to further responsible sourcing & consumer confidence

**Stakeholders =** industry, governments, NGOs

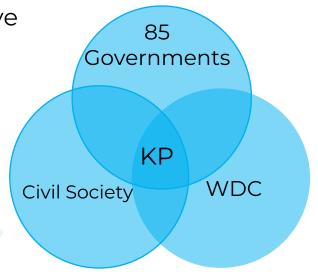
## WDC & KP



Kimberley Process → commitment of a **tripartite coalition** to remove conflict diamonds from the global supply chain

### **Key Facts:**

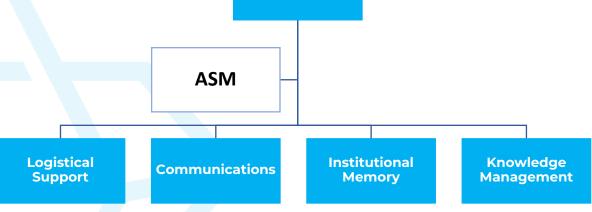
- WDC → diamond and jewellery industry's official representative
- International Permanent Forum under the UN
- No legal binding between govs
- A country presides over it every year
- Responsibility and compliance to the KPCS rest on govs
- Govs have the voting power, and Industry and Civil Society are "Observers"
- KP vs Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS)
- 7 standing Committees working on a monthly basis
- 2 physical gatherings/year: Intersessional (mid year) and Plenary (November)





The WDC supports the Kimberley Process through technical and financial assistance

Ex → Administrative Support Mechanism



WDC

### **Kimberley Process Task Force**

- → 20 committed people from across the globe
- Follow the work of KP all year long
- Participate in review visits
- Chair some of the Committees
- Travel for a week, twice a year, to further the negotiations
- Align within the WDC on each KP topic to speak as "ONE" voice



### On Going support to KP

- Managing the ASM (10 years)
- Chairing the Working Group of Diamond Experts (20 years)

### **Current Review & Reform Cycle**

- Driving the creation of the Permanent Secretariat
- Leading the discussion on the expansion of the Definition



WDC President & KP Chair , Hon' Minister Winston Chitando

Victoria Falls, Zim - May 2023







Intersessional – Victoria Falls Zimbabwe, May 2023



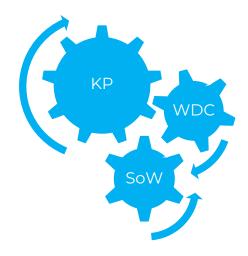




Intersessional – Victoria Falls Zimbabwe, May 2023

# SYSTEM OF WARRANTIES (SoW)





To ensure that all diamonds being sold were sourced responsibly, the WDC created the **System of Warranties (SoW)** in 2002.

Originally designed to reinforce the effectiveness of the KPCS by ensuring that KP certificates could be associated with polished diamonds as well as rough diamonds, each time diamonds change hands.

The SoW is a warranty statement required to be applied on every B2B invoices and memos by buyers and sellers from the whole industry, assuring the next buyer that the goods are from conflict-free origin, in compliance with the KPCS and responsible business practices

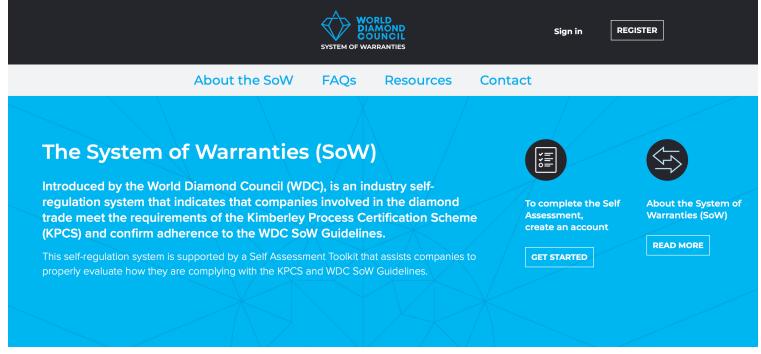
→ creating a **Chain of Warranties**.



In 2021 the WDC updated the SoW and launched a dedicated SoW self-assessment mechanism:

SoW Guidelines were created, along w/self assessment + Toolkit

→ Provides a stronger assurance + Encourages Due Diligence



Go register and take the self-assesment at www.wdcsow.org



The 2018 SoW comes with a Toolkit and an online self-assessment to include specific Guidelines relating to international conventions such as:

Human rights, Labor rights, Anti-money Laundering, Anti Corruption.

	Old WDC SoW	New WDC SoW
Printed Warranty Statement	Yes	Yes
Usage Guidelines	No	WDC SoW Guidelines 2018
Compliance Self Assessment	No Limitation to abstract support of the KP	Yes Self Assessment as a key element of SoW implementation
Scope	KPCS, Industry Self-Regulation	KPCS, Industry Self-Regulation + universal standards on human rights, labor rights, AML/CTF and anti- corruption practices
Cross-recognition with Industry standards	No	Yes + OECD awareness

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### The WDC is an active force in leaving no one behind:

- 1. Tool open to all
- 2. Brings a stronger assurance than before
- 3. Provides equal opportunities to build responsible practices
- 4. Avoids administrative burden thanks to cross-recognition w/ existing standards











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"The WDC's System of Warranties plays a key role in providing assurance for diamonds. Evolving it required intensive engagement with the full spectrum of industry stakeholders, whilst extending it beyond conflict-free to include human rights and business integrity – not just at the source but across the diamond supply chain."

#### **Feriel Zerouki**

President - World Diamond Council Senior Vice President, Corporate Affairs - De Beers Group

**WORLD DIAMOND COUNCIL** System of Warranties



## JOIN THE WDC



Join us to work in continuous cooperation with leading organizations, governments and civil society.

Your help & commitment = WDC grows and serves better the industry at large

More voices → better understanding of ever-changing needs of the industry

→ more weight to engage governments

By becoming a **member**, your seat at the table matters, showcasing leadership and **enhancing your role** in the diamond industry.





### Reach out and let's meet!

Trade shows (LV, HK)

**Diamond Conferences** 

Industry gatherings

Social events

Or via Zoom if you prefer!

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## Thank You!





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