

WDC FACT SHEET

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HISTORY, MISSION AND ACTIVITIES

- Established in July 2000 by a resolution passed at the World Diamond Congress by the World Federation of Diamond Bourses and the International Diamond Manufacturers Association
- Founded to address the issue of conflict diamonds and develop requirements for preventing their access to the legitimate diamond market
- Serves as the single voice of the international diamond industry in a tri-partite initiative with governments and civil society known as the [Kimberley Process](#) (KP) which co-created the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS) that both safeguards the shipment of rough diamonds and certifies them as conflict free
- Mission is to strengthen the Kimberley Process from within and foster industry alignment to protect the value of natural diamonds and continue to prevent trade in conflict diamonds
- Only platform where the diamond supply chain is represented in full: diamond mining companies, diamond manufacturers, diamond trading centers, retailers, banks and even carriers, as well as other institutions having weight in the rough and polished diamond business
- The only organization where issues pertaining to industry self-regulation relative to conflict diamonds can be discussed in a format representative of the entire diamond supply chain
- Frequently acts as a mediator for disputes, for example in 2016 between the UAE and Civil Society Coalition (CSC)
- Encourages greater participation in the diamond trade, for example the breakthrough talks held in 2010 to establish Zimbabwe's supervised exports
- Continues to make important contributions to activities and deliberations
- Official Observer of the KP

MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

- Officers: Stephane Fischler, Acting President; Ronald VanderLinden, Treasurer; Udi Sheintal, Secretary
- Executive Director: Marie-Chantal Kaninda
- Members include commercial businesses, not-for-profit organizations, and individual companies engaged in every sector of the diamond trade, from producer to retail
- Members from the complete spectrum of the diamond industry

CURRENT MEMBER LIST

[ABN AMRO International Diamond & Jewelry Group](#)

[ALROSA Group](#)

[Antwerp World Diamond](#)

[Centre \(AWDC\)](#)

[Asian Star Limited](#)

[Bharat Diamond Bourse \(BDB\)](#)

[Brinks Global Services Limited](#)

[C. Krishniah Chetty](#)

[Chow Tai Fook](#)

[CIBJO The World Jewelry Confederation](#)

[De Beers Group](#)

[Diarough NV](#)

[Dimexon Diamonds Ltd](#)

[Dominion Diamond Corporation](#)

[Dubai Diamond Exchange](#)

[Gem Diamonds](#)

[Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council - India \(GJEPC\)](#)

[Grib Diamonds NV](#)

[Hari Krishna Exports Pvt. Ltd.](#)

[HVK International Pvt Ltd.](#)

[All India Gems and Jewellery Trade Federation \(GJF\)](#)

[International Diamond Manufacturers Association \(IDMA\)](#)

[Israel Diamond Exchange Ltd. \(IsDE\)](#)

[Interjewel](#)

[Israel Diamond Institute Group of Companies \(IDI\)](#)

[K. Girdharlal International Ltd. \("KG"\)](#)

[KGK Diamonds BVBA](#)

[Lazare Kaplan International](#)

[Leo Schachter Diamonds](#)

[Malca-Amit Group of Companies](#)

[Mohit Diamonds Pvt. Ltd.](#)

[Petra Diamonds](#)

[Rio Tinto Diamonds NV](#)

[Roberto Coin SpA](#)

[Royal Asscher Diamond Company Ltd.](#)

[Sheetal Manufacturing Co. Pvt. Ltd.](#)

[Signet Jewelers Limited](#)

[Tiffany & Co.](#)

[Treliss Worldwide, Inc.](#)

[US Jewelry Council](#)

[Venus Jewel](#)

[World Federation of Diamond Bourses \(WFDB\)](#)

Hon. Member: [Eli Izhakoff](#)

Hon. Life President, [Rory More O'Ferrall](#)

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- Members interact with public authorities of diamond producing and consuming countries to educate them on how the industry operates
- Members conduct and participate in valuation seminars to further increase awareness and education on the value of rough diamonds
- Members provide comments and feedback on KP initiatives and developments, including a recent proposal to enhance the Kimberley Process website to promote the KP to a wider audience
- WDC Executive Director actively presents information about the KP and WDC at industry trade events
- Supports the DDI activities to develop a protocol for alluvial producing countries
- Supplies the overall KP Administrative Support Mechanism (ASM) including the KP public website and its KP-only private web site
- Provides technical, financial and administrative support for the KP's working groups
- Continually improves the educational and training tools and resources available to KP participants. Holds an annual general meeting for members to come together to discuss KP related issues and receive information and education about the KP and the supply chain