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**World Diamond Council membership gathering in Antwerp  
for Annual General Meeting, October 2 and 3**



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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019**

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NEW YORK: SEPTEMBER 25, 2019 – Members of the World Diamond Council (WDC) will be traveling to Antwerp, Belgium, for the organization’s Annual General Meeting, scheduled to take place October 2 and 3, 2019. The yearly gathering of the WDC membership will provide the opportunity to review the position of the diamond and jewelry industry regarding the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme, less than two months before the KP ends its current reform and review cycle.

The 2019 WDC Annual General Meeting is being organized by the Antwerp World Diamond Centre (AWDC), which during the evening of October 3 will also host a gala dinner for participants, members of the local diamond industry, representatives of government and the European Union, and members of the diplomatic corps.

The official venue of the AGM on October 3 will be the DIVA Museum in Antwerp's historic old city, which is the world's largest such facility dedicated to diamonds and jewelry crafts. The WDC's Board of Directors will meet on October 2 at the AWDC headquarters on Hoveniersstraat in the city's Diamond District, and the gala dinner will take place the following evening at the nearby Antwerp Diamond Bourse.

"The WDC has played an active role in the KP's review and reform process, which is now in a critical phase," said Stephane Fischler, the organization's president. "The AGM will allow our officers to provide a status report to the members, and for us to discuss together how we move forward. It also will provide an opportunity to look at the tools that are being developed to implement the expanded WDC System of Warranties, which was approved last year."

More information about the 2019 WDC's Annual General Meeting, including registration, is available on a dedicated website at: <https://www.worlddiamondcouncil.org/wdc-agm-2019/>.

#### **About the World Diamond Council**

The World Diamond Council (WDC) is an industry organization focused on preventing conflict diamonds from entering the global supply chain and on preserving the value attached to natural diamonds. Formed in 2000, it is the only organization where the diamond trade is represented in full, from producer to retailer, and includes the most influential commercial businesses, not-for-profit organizations, and individual companies in the industry today. The WDC is the voice of the international diamond industry in a tripartite collaboration with governments and civil society known as the Kimberley Process (KP). The KP secures and manages monitoring processes that have virtually eliminated the trade in conflict diamonds to ensure that the world's supply of diamonds is from sources free of conflict. Visit [www.worlddiamondcouncil.org](http://www.worlddiamondcouncil.org) to learn more.