

## **WDC mourns the passing of Board Member Sanjay Shah**

**NEW YORK: MAY 5, 2022** – The World Diamond Council (WDC) mourns the untimely loss of Sanjay Shah, a serving member of its Board of Directors, who passed away in New York on April 29, 2022.

Joining the WDC Board in November 2021, as the representative of India's Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC), Mr. Shah was a long-time member of GJEPC's Kimberley Process core team and the convenor of the organization's Diamond Panel Committee. In private life he was a partner of the KBS Group, one of the world's largest diamond manufacturers and traders.

"Sanjay epitomized the sense of community and commitment that we are so proud of in our industry," said Edward Asscher, WDC President, "giving of his time selflessly to international bodies like the World Diamond Council, and closer to home in India. Our thoughts go out to his wife Sangita, his children and their families, his colleagues and his company. He will be sorely missed, but his memory will serve as a beacon for all of us."



*Sanjay Shah, addressing the Kimberley Process Intersessional meeting in Mumbai, India, in June 2019.*

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### **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.