

Introducing...

# ROSEWOOD

Champagne Diamond Jewellery from THE ARGYLE MINE

Advertisement

SEARCH STORIES BY:

AND/OR

## NEWS



After years of debate and disagreement, the World Diamond Council claims that a recently proposed broader definition for the term 'conflict diamonds' may receive industry approval. | Source: DMCC

## ‘Meaningful’ progress made in conflict diamond language debate

Posted May 20, 2025 | By Samuel Ord

**After years of debate and disagreement, the World Diamond Council claims that a recently proposed broader definition for the term ‘conflict diamonds’ may receive industry approval.**

At the recent Kimberley Process intersessional in Dubai (12-16 May), the African Diamond Producers Association (ADPA) proposed a new definition.

In a statement, World Diamond Council president Feriel Zerouki said that this new definition would include an understanding to encompass armed groups, individuals, and entities subject to United Nations Security Council sanctions.

“This contribution opened a path forward and brought many stakeholders back to the table,” Zerouki said.

“This is meaningful progress. This time, we feel that the majority of KP members have come prepared. Prepared with the will to act. Prepared with the will to modernise the definition, prepared with the will to make the Kimberley Process as impactful as it was at its inception.”

As reported by [Rapaport News](#), the Kimberley Process chair, Ahmed Bin Sulayem, said that while a consensus has not yet been reached, progress has been made.

“The text proposal from ADPA is moving the conversation forward and showcasing the importance of a clear and non-ambiguous new definition. While we’re still some distance from consensus, this marks real and necessary progress,” he said.

The Kimberley Process was criticised by the [European Union](#) and the [US State Department](#) late last year and accused of failing to appropriately address the conflict between Russia and Ukraine due to the continued disagreement around the definition of 'conflict diamonds'.

**More reading**

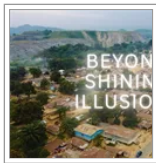
- [Diamond sanctions: Tensions mounting at Kimberley Process](#)
- [Activist releases video highlighting alleged diamond mining controversy](#)
- [Controversy surrounding Kimberley Process continues](#)
- [Conflict diamonds: Definition debate continues](#)
- [War of words: European Union, Kimberley Process trade blows](#)
- [Conflict diamonds: Debate over definition rages on](#)
- [Under fire: Asking more of the Kimberley Process](#)

SHARE THIS

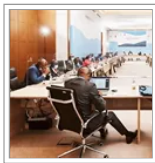





**RELATED STORIES**




Activist releases video highlighting alleged diamond mining controversy



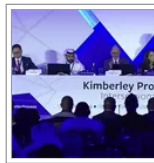
Diamond sanctions: Tensions mounting at Kimberley Process




WFDB loses important member over US tariff dispute




Another setback for European Union's diamond tracking scheme




Controversy surrounding Kimberley Process




Conflict diamonds: Definition debate continues



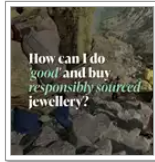
War of words: European Union, Kimberley Process trade blows



Conflict diamonds: Debate over definition rages on



Welcome back: Kimberley Process membership expands



How can I do 'good' and buy responsibly sourced jewellery?