



Standards Committee Meeting 2 February 2021 Summary notes

Standards Committee participants: Purvi Shah (Co-chair), Natalia Zhulina, Phaedon Stamatopoulos, Didier Backaert, Joelle Ponelle, Kesha Frank, Anouchka Didier-Mansour, Stephane Fischler, Ainsley Butler (Co-chair), Cecilia Gardner, Jennifer Hillard, Diana Culillas, Jean-Claude Michelou, Sara Yood, Emily Sims, Cedric Simonet

Apologies: Marianna Smirnova, Yves Burtan

RJC Management Team: Peter Dawkins (Standards Manager), Nawal Ait-Hocine (RJC consultant), Bethan Robson-Herbert (Impacts Manager), Andrea Salanitro (Senior governance data and audit manager).

Materials circulated in advance of call: Presentation slides, minutes from previous meeting, Theory of change / Roadmap 2030 consultation briefing.

1. Introduction

An introduction was conducted by Co-chair Ainsley Butler. Ainsley reminded the committee about the RJC's conflict of interest policy and anti-trust statement. A roll call of the committee members was conducted by the RJC Standards Manager. Previous meeting minutes were approved by Cecilia Gardner and Joelle Ponelle.

2. Roadmap 2030 / RJC Theory of Change

Bethan Herbert provided a presentation to the Standards committee about the work being conducted on the RJC's revised theory of change, also referred to as Roadmap 2030. The presentation identified the RJC impact pathways, how they are linked to SDGs and their alignment with the COP provisions. The presentation concludes with an open invitation to committee members to engage with the consultation on the theory of change / Roadmap 2030.

3. 2020 Projects – status and next steps

The Standards Manager provided the committee with updates regarding the 2020 standards projects and their ongoing status in 2021. This included; the conclusion to the member and auditor toolkits for supporting diamond and coloured gemstone members demonstrate compliance with COP 7; the ongoing EU application to become a recognised scheme; gap analysis of other mining initiatives; updates on the feasibility study completed by the lab taskforce and submitted to the RJC board in December 2020 and the ongoing work of the coloured gemstone taskforce.

4. 2021 workplan

For 2021 RJC has engaged in an ambitious workplan to update the COP and CoC, this includes harmonisations with a number of mining initiatives for the COP, expansion of material scope to include all other coloured gemstones, as well as a number of amendments specifically for the CoC, including risk based assessments for outsourced subcontractors, return of sold CoC material, guidance on applicability for watch components and the definition of recycled materials. There will be a number of toolkits developed in 2021 including one for SMEs, as well as toolkits covering gender and environmental issues. RJC will also be engaging in a review of the OECD DDG requirements for diamonds and coloured gemstones as per the agreed phased approach for these commodities.

5. Mining cross recognition and harmonisation

RJC will be working to complete harmonisations to recognise MAC-TSM and ICMM for applicable COP provisions. We will also be working to update the mining provisions within the COP to ensure that they are best practice and works for the industry. There will be further work and gap analysis completed against other initiatives such as WGC-RGMP, SMETA, the global tailings standard and assessing risks for material origins of aggregators.

6. AOB

Finally the committee were updated on the final opening within the non-industry role of the standards committee and that the management team are working to close this. The next meeting of the committee will be in April 2021 as this will replace the usual face-to-face meeting held at OECD, which is now operating remotely. Work on translations to the COP guidance and related documents into Spanish and Thai, with the Thai translation supported by our colleagues at GIT. There was a call for interest for committee members working on a subgroup of the Standards Committee to engage on the issue of gemmological laboratories.

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