

UPDATE ON KPCS AND ZIMBABWE

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Decision on Zimbabwe

- KPCS resolved to lift the KP special measures adopted in 2011
- KPCS appreciated Zimbabwe's reiterated willingness to ensure that the KP civil society coalition representatives in Zimbabwe continue to have access to Marange.
- The KPCS emphasized that monitoring of issues in relation to KPCS compliance will continue under the regular arrangements that apply to all KP Participants.
- The KPCS encouraged Zimbabwe to maintain the best practices that have developed during 2012, including facilitating engagement among government, industry and civil society with respect to the development of diamond-related policy and legislation, exchange of information on the internal control system and measures to address the situation of artisanal mining in order to also combat smuggling and address security incidents at mine level.
- KPCS expressed its appreciation for the efforts of the Zimbabwean authorities, the KP Monitoring Team and KP civil society coalition representatives in Zimbabwe to resolve the concerns of KPCS non-compliance in Marange.

Acceptance of Zimbabwe into Working Groups

- The Plenary added The Republic of Zimbabwe as a member of the Working Group on Monitoring (WGM).
- Plenary added The Republic of Zimbabwe as members of the Participation Committee.
- Zimbabwe invited to join the Ad Hoc Committee on KP Review as a guest in CKR discussions
- Zimbabwe added as a member of the Working Group of Diamond Experts (WGDE)
- Zimbabwe now a member of the Committee on Rules and Procedures

What Civil Society is doing in Marange?

- Research on development of legal and policy framework focusing on how Zimbabwe can improve compliance with KPCS by ZELA: with key policy and legal recommendations
- CSOs monitoring the situation and producing reports
- Community based monitoring ongoing in Marange
- Water quality monitoring efforts
- Litigation on water quality case
- Monitoring violations of workers' rights in the diamond fields
- Revenue transparency campaigns e.g. PWYP campaign, illicit financial flows programme
- Engaging government-Ministry of Mines and Minerals Development
- Work with the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Mines and Energy
- Diamond area has since expanded beyond Marange into Chimanimani, Buhera, Masvingo and exploration sites in Chipinge etc (**expanded programming adopted to establish the Save-Odzi Community Network**)