



Maryam Al Hashemi Appointed as 2026 Chair of the Kimberley Process

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The Kimberley Process (KP) has announced the appointment of Maryam Al Hashemi as the 2026 Chair of its Committee on Participation and Chairmanship (CPC). A highly respected industry leader and KP veteran, Al Hashemi brings extensive expertise to this critical role.

Currently serving as the Director of Precious Stones and Metals at DMCC and the UAE KP Director, Al Hashemi has been instrumental in positioning Dubai as the world's leading diamond trading hub. Under her leadership, Dubai's rough and polished diamond trade reached USD 38.3 billion in 2023. She also oversees the Dubai Diamond Exchange (DDE), the world's largest diamond trading platform with over 1,350 members, and spearheads key industry events such as the Dubai Diamond Conference and the Dubai Precious Metals Conference.

With a deep background in diamond trade regulation, Al Hashemi leads the only ISO-certified KP Office globally and has played a pivotal role in managing the UAE's sole entry and exit point for rough diamonds. Her contributions to the UAE's KP Vice Chairmanship in 2015, Chairmanship in 2016 and 2024, and her previous tenure as CPC Chair in 2017 highlight her wealth of experience in KP governance.

The CPC is a vital body within the Kimberley Process, responsible for evaluating new participants, reviewing compliance matters, and assessing Vice-Chair candidates. Its recommendations are presented at the KP Plenary meeting, ensuring the integrity of the certification scheme. As per KP protocol, the previous year's KP Chair assumes the role of CPC Chair the following year.

Al Hashemi's appointment underscores her long-standing commitment to strengthening the KP framework. Her leadership is expected to further reinforce the KP's mission in promoting responsible diamond trade practices worldwide.

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