

RJC Standards Committee meeting

Date: 19th May 2026

Standards Committee attendees:

Industry	Non-Industry	Guests of Committee
Eduard Stefanescu (Co-Chair) Alexander Gul Ben Ronca Donald Bray Marie-Charlotte Druesne Chancogne Melanie Mater Noora Jamsheer Silvia Bezzone Kim Wenzel	Sara Yood (Co-Chair) Antonino Serra-Cambaceres Chris Vandome Maggie Gabos Marcin Piersiak Gavin Hilson Jack Judd	Kesah Trowell Laure Williams

RJC Management Team

- John Hall, Suzanne Brooks, Effie Marinos, Caroline Watson, Megan Gannon

Apologies

- Purvi Shah, Koen Boogaerts, Philippe Telouk, Raluca Anghel, Abbi Buxton, Monica Barcellos-Harris, Francesco Giunta, Alethea Inns, Wafa Jaffery, Laurent Masi, Marco Quadri

Introductions and Welcome

RJC Executive Director Welcome

- Purvi Shah was unable to attend, but had provided input for Suzanne to present.
- The motion to approve the proposal to establish an RJC Coloured Gemstone Taskforce is taking place at the next board meeting on the 20th May. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is taking place on the 27th May.
- Purvi Shah attended the OECD Critical Minerals Conference in Istanbul. Clear messaging was conveyed that stronger collaboration is needed between government, the finance sector and other stakeholders to strengthen security of the critical minerals supply chain. It was highlighted there is an over-proliferation of standards, and that businesses are looking for more harmonized guidelines that are practical on the ground. There were also key discussions on the interoperability of different standards.
- Upcoming trips for the Executive Director include JCK, ISEAL symposium in Ghana, and the BVSU Sustainable Jewellery Day in July where the RJC is hosting a panel session.

- A Standards Committee member also reflected on the conversations at the OECD conference in Istanbul, noting the importance of small and medium enterprises and the role they play in local communities and that RJC's relationship is evolving, starting with the project to support the inclusion of ASM mined material. The Standards Committee were reminded that the inclusion of ASM mined material will form part of the expansion of eligible COC mined material.

Co-Chair update and Committee Matters

- Welcome was provided to the Standards Committee by Eduard Stefanescu, Industry Co-Chair, and Sara Yood, Non-Industry Co-Chair. The April meeting minutes were approved by Noora Jamsheer from Industry, and Antonino Serra Cambaceres from Non-Industry representatives.
- New members were welcomed to the Standards Committee; Jack Judd appointed to the non-industry forum on a fixed-term maternity cover, Koen Boogaerts as a coterminous appointment for Rosy Blue, and Kim Wenzel from Signet Jewelers moved into the industry forum for a first full 3-year term.
- The Standards Committee were reminded of the current seats and vacancies. Following the AGM, further information will be provided on the seats available for the laboratory-grown material producer forum. Additional seats remain available in the non-industry forum to allow for flexibility.

Diamond Traceability Toolkit Workstream

- The release of the supplementary guidance on laboratory-grown diamond traceability has been delayed following the postponement of the Executive Committee meeting. Despite this, the RJC will remind auditors to apply equal rigour to assessing any traceability claims for laboratory-grown diamonds to ensure a level playing field, particularly where members are undergoing combined COP and LGMS audits.
- The Diamond Traceability Toolkit is progressing well. The first draft of Step 1 on the management system has been reviewed by the sub-committee and feedback has been incorporated. The first draft of Step 2, covering risk assessment, will be circulated to the sub-committee for review, while Step 3 is currently in development. Once the natural diamond toolkit is complete, a separate toolkit for laboratory-grown diamonds will be developed to reflect the differences in the supply chain.

Coloured Gemstones

- A meeting was held on 5 May 2026 with the wider Strategic Taskforce members. This included discussion of the draft Terms of Reference to establish an RJC Coloured Gemstones Taskforce (CGTF) and alignment on candidate criteria. At the Board meeting on 20 May 2026,

the project objectives, Terms of Reference and proposed composition of the RJC Coloured Gemstone Taskforce (CGTF) will be presented for approval.

- The Strategic Taskforce will also propose that the Coloured Gemstones Working Group under their aegis be disbanded with a link to the new CGTF being created.

Expansion of COC Mined Materials

- The first sub-committee meeting took place on 13 May, during which the project overview, objectives, preliminary first steps, and proposed scope were discussed. The initial phase will focus on reviewing ASM initiatives, starting with SBGA and CRAFT. Valuable feedback was received on opportunities to further incorporate ASM in RJC workstreams, and it was noted that the broader strategic direction of the RJC in relation to ASM is currently under review.
- A preliminary project scope has been agreed and shared with the Standards Committee, with additional details to be provided in due course.

Programme updates and AOB

- Translation of the standards into Gujarati is currently underway.
- Wider benchmarking activities remain in progress.
- A review of all standards-related resources is underway to identify opportunities for streamlining and improving accessibility for members.
- The self-assessments are being updated following the removal of critical provisions.
- The benchmarking procedure and policy are currently under development.
- The ISEAL evaluation is progressing through multiple phases, with the standards evaluation expected to commence later this year.
- Annual Progress Report work is ongoing, with publication planned for launch at JCK.
- A summary of past and upcoming participation in external engagement events was shared.

Meeting dates

- Proposal to move 16th June meeting to 24th June. This will be communicated to the Committee in a follow-up email.
- Request for the Standards Committee to please share their availability over the summer months.

Meeting closed by Eduard Stefanescu, with thanks given to the Standards Committee.