

RJC Standards Committee Meeting

Date: 21st July 2026

Standards Committee attendees:

Industry	Non-Industry	Guests of Committee
Eduard Stefanescu (Co-Chair) Alexander Gul Ben Ronca Donald Bray Fiona Grant Kim Wenzel Koen Boogaerts Marie-Charlotte Druesne Chancogne Philippe Telouk Raluca Angel Silvia Bezzone Wafa Jaffery	Sara Yood (Co-Chair) Antonino Serra-Cambaceres Gavin Hilson Jack Judd Laurent Massi Marcin Piersiak	Kesah Trowell Laure Williams

RJC Management Team

- Purvi Shah, Suzanne Brooks, Effie Marinos, Caroline Watson, Megan Gannon, Andreea Cojanu Davidoiu, Chloe Knowles

External Guests

- Pierre Victor Morales Aubry and Ninna Brennecke from the Carbon Trust

Apologies

- Alethea Inns, Noora Jamsheer, Abbi Buxton, Chris Vandome, Maggie Gabos, Monica Barcellos Harris, Francesco Giunta

Introductions and Welcome

RJC Executive Director Welcome

- A welcome was provided by Purvi Shah, Executive Director of the RJC. It was highlighted that the RJC has now reached 2,100 members in over 74 countries.
- The RJC attended the BVSU Sustainability Day in Pforzheim, Germany for the first time, engaging with a wide range of organisations in the watch and jewellery industry. RJC hosted a panel discussion on how meaningful collaboration can support the practical application of standards across jewellery and watch supply chains, joined by Alexander Gul and Eduard Stefanescu. The session was attended by both members and non-members. This was followed by a member only event where RJC engaged with members and provided a deep dive on the recent changes to the Standards and Assurance approach which was well received.
- The Executive Director advised that she attended the ISEAL Symposium in Ghana last month, which provided an opportunity to engage with other ISEAL members across a range of industries and learn more about collaboration across standard-setting organisations. The Executive Director has now also been elected to the ISEAL board of directors.
- RJC has an upcoming strategy meeting with the Board on 25 and 26 August. This will be a face-to-face meeting to look at strategic direction for the RJC. The Strategic Task Force has put forward specific RJC strategic projects for final Board approval. Three key topics have been identified as Task Force priorities, diamond traceability, due diligence guidance for coloured gemstones, which

will be progressed through creation of a Coloured Gemstone Taskforce; and RJC engagement on regulatory and policy topics.

Conflict Mineral Regulation (EU) 2017/821

- An update was given by the General Manager of Quality & Compliance Assurance on RJC's application for recognition against the RJC's EU Conflict Mineral Regulation.

Co-Chair and Committee Matters

- Welcome and thanks were provided to the Standards Committee by Sara Yood, non-industry Co-Chair, and Eduard Stefanescu, industry Co-Chair.
- The May meeting minutes were approved by Antonino Serra Cambaceres (Non-Industry), and Silvia Bezzone (Industry).
- The RJC welcomed Fiona Grant, who is covering for Melanie Mater while she is on maternity leave. It was also announced that Marco Quadri is stepping down from his role as Guest of the Standards Committee.

Carbon Trust RJC Emissions Calculator Tool Demonstration

- The RJC Carbon Footprinting Tool has been developed by RJC in collaboration with the Carbon Trust to support members in calculating and reporting their Scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in a consistent and accessible manner, in line with the requirements of COP 27.5.
- The tool is designed to provide RJC members with a practical, standardised approach to organisational carbon accounting, aligned with the GHG Protocol Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard.
- The tool enables users to define organisational boundaries, input site-level activity data, and automatically calculate emissions using pre-populated emissions factors from recognised sources. It includes country-specific electricity factors and reports both location-based and market-based Scope 2 emissions where applicable.
- The tool is intended to be accessible to organisations with varying levels of carbon accounting experience, with particular focus on SMEs, while encouraging the use of robust activity data and good record-keeping practices.
- Questions were raised with the Carbon Trust about practical use of the tool, input and sources of data; these were noted and addressed during the call. The Carbon Trust will review any further comments asked by the Standards Committee.
- Members of the Standards Committee were encouraged to volunteer to participate in a pilot on the tool.

2026 Active Workstreams

Diamond Traceability

- The Standards Committee was reminded of the two Diamond Traceability workstreams. The first is the supplementary guidance on laboratory-grown diamonds to support COP 14/LGMS 12 on claims. The second is a diamond traceability toolkit designed to support the supplementary guidance on diamond traceability claims. The toolkit is limited to COP 14 and is intended to help members put the appropriate systems in place to support claims.

- An update on progress of the Diamond Traceability toolkit was given, and Committee feedback in relevant areas was requested.

Coloured Gemstones

- An overview of the coloured gemstones workstream was restated. Its aim is to develop due diligence tools to support implementation of the 2024 COP for existing RJC-scope coloured gemstone supply chains beyond Tier 1, with clearer guidance on key requirements under COP 6, COP 7 and COP 12.
- The Board approved the Terms of Reference in May, and membership composition is being put together for a Coloured Gemstone Taskforce. The Taskforce will comprise of RJC certified members and non-RJC members who are experts within the gemstones supply chain. Candidates are selected based on technical expertise, while ensuring geographic and supply chain representation.
- The first meeting and onboarding session is expected to take place in October 2026, following Board approval.

Expansion of COC Mined Materials

- A reminder of the project scope was given, aiming to expand eligible mined COC material sources, beginning with Artisanal and Small-Scale Mined material. Large-scale mined material will be considered in Phase 2.
- A summary of the previous meeting and agreed work was given, and it was shared that a detailed workplan and timeline, and scoping document are being prepared and will be shared with the sub-committee in due course.

Standards Update and Revision Pathway (2027-2030)

- The Standards Committee were provided with a high-level summary on the potential standards revision pathways for the next revision cycle, with an option of an interim review in 2027 (with consultation), or a full mandatory revision with the revised standards taking effect from 1 January 2030 in line with the 5-year revision cycle required by ISEAL.

Programme updates and AOB

- Translation of our Standards into Gujarati are currently underway.
- Self-assessments have been updated and aligned with new critical breach definitions as communicated to members in the March newsletter.
- RJC ISEAL scope 1 evaluation is currently underway, with scope 2 led by Standards to be submitted in November 2026.

The meeting was closed by Sara Yood, non-industry Co-Chair, with thanks provided to the Standards Committee.