Press Release

ADPA Council of Ministers conclude the 12th Extraordinary Meeting

Luanda, Angola, December 12, 2025 – The African Diamond Producers Association (ADPA) has announced a series of strategic resolutions following the 12th Extraordinary Council of Ministers meeting held on December 4, 2025, chaired by Hon. Julius Daniel Mattai, Minister of Mines and Mineral Resources of the Republic of Sierra Leone and Chairperson of ADPA (2025–2026).

The Council approved the 2026 Annual Plan and Operational Budget, emphasising the need to enhance ADPA's impact and prioritise strategic initiatives that strengthen the collective voice of Africa's diamond-producing countries. Given the current economic situation of the natural diamond industry, the Council of Ministers urged the Executive Directorate of ADPA to apply continuous cost containment measures.

One of the key decisions of the Council of Ministers was the endorsement of the operational framework for Capacity and Capability Development, including co-operation with external bodies. As ADPA approaches two decades of fostering collaboration across the continent's diamond sector, the organisation is intensifying its focus on Capacity and Capability Development and Technical Assistance among its Member States.

In addition, the Executive Directorate, in coordination with the ADPA Working Group of Technical Advisors was instructed to explore cooperative mechanisms with the external partners to support the promotion of natural diamonds. ADPA member states were encouraged to express their interest and submit their candidature for the 2025 Vice -Chairmanship and subsequently, 2026 Kimberley Process (KP) Chairmanship.

The 11th Ordinary Meeting of the Council of Ministers and Committee of Experts will be held in Freetown, Sierra Leone, on the 14–15th of April 2026.

About ADPA
The African Diamond Producers Association (ADPA) is an intragovernmental organization dedicated to promoting sustainable diamond mining, trade, and development across Africa. Comprising of 22 member countries, fifteen (15) Effective Members and seven (7) Observers, including key diamond-producing nations, ADPA advocates for collaboration and cooperation among its members, and works to promote beneficiation and value addition, transparency, and fair market access for African diamonds.

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