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Strengthening the Kimberley Process – Conflict Prevention and Governance in the Diamond Sector

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Countries:	Côte d'Ivoire; Guinea; Liberia; Sierra Leone
Location:	Mano River region of West Africa
Implementing partner:	IMPACT
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Project context

The Kimberley Process (KP) launched in May 2000, is a global tri-partite initiative between governments, civil society and industry. Its purpose is to ensure that rough diamonds do not finance violence by armed rebel groups. Over the past ten years, the KP has evolved into an effective mechanism for stemming the trade in conflict diamonds and is recognised as a unique conflict-prevention instrument to promote peace and security.

In 2013, Partnership Africa Canada (PAC) was appointed to a technical team of experts to participate in a scoping project funded by the European Union to investigate the shared challenges, opportunities and interest among countries in the Mano River region of West Africa (Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone) to develop a regional approach to KP compliance.

Project outline

The overall objective of this action is for PAC to underpin a constructive positive agenda within the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS), with a focus on multi-stakeholder engagement and peer learning aimed at strengthening compliance, information sharing and relationship building.

The action aims to:

- +Promote the capacity of civil society both at the level of producing and importing countries to actively participate in the KPCS thereby assisting in preventing illicit diamond trade from fuelling violence and conflict in the diamond sector;
- +Strengthen engagement among multi-stakeholder actors (government, industry and civil society), particularly amongst producer nations in the global south;
- +Promote better understanding of KP requirements and improved compliance and enforcement capacities by relevant actors in countries participating in the Regional Approach to KP compliance in the Mano River region of West Africa, and their neighbours including by strengthening mechanisms for KP monitoring, by working with KP participants, national enforcement agencies and international agencies to better understand and monitor vulnerabilities and design strategies to support stronger internal controls and prevent diamond smuggling.

Main results so far:

The project has made good progress especially on the first area of work by allowing CSOs to participate in several KP meetings and launch research and other activities. With regard to the other two work areas, the project was slowed down in 2015 by the Ebola crisis which has affected the countries of the Mano River Union region.