

JEWELLERY INDUSTRY VOICES

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2026

11:45 AM-12:45 PM. PALLADIO THEATRE
Introducing the Gold Principles Group
 Gaetano Cavalieri, CIBJO President • John Mulligan, Head of Sustainability Strategy, World Gold Council • Iris Van der Veken, Executive Director, Watch & Jewellery Initiative 2030 • Dave Knight, Sustainable Development and Human Rights Specialist at One Planet (moderator)

1:30 PM-2:30 PM. PALLADIO THEATRE
Managing risk and driving change in jewellery supply chains
 Vivien Johnston Glass, Sustainable Development Goals expert, World Gold Council • Francesca Manfredi, Head of Sustainable Innovation Watches & Jewellery, Kering • Iris Van der Veken, Executive Director, Watch & Jewellery Initiative 2030 • Alice Vanni, CSR Director, Italpreziosa • John Mulligan, Head of Sustainability Strategy, World Gold Council / President CIBJO Sustainable Development Commission (moderator)

3:45 PM-4:45 PM. PALLADIO THEATRE
Educating the next generation of jewellery buyers
 Feriel Zerouki, President, World Diamond Council • Melissa Wolfgang Americ, Director, Golay Fils & Stahl • Raduca Anghel, Head of External Affairs and Industry Relations at the Natural Diamond Council (NDC) • Kyle Roderick, Founder and Editor-in-Chief of BIJOUXreview.com (moderator)

5:00 PM-6:00 PM. PALLADIO THEATRE
The future for gem labs and gem reports in an AI environment
 David Block, CEO, Sarine Technologies • Wuyi Wang, Vice President of Research and Development, Gemological Institute of America (GIA) • Paul De Wachter, CEO, HRD Antwerp • Daniel Nyfeler, Managing Director, Gübelin Gem Lab • Rebecca Foerster, President & CEO North America, Hearts on Fire • David Brough, Founder and Editor in Chief of Jewellery Outlook (moderator), Supported by Lisa Koenigsberg, President of Initiatives in Arts & Culture Initiatives

HYBRID SEMINARS/WEBINARS
 Conducted in person at VICENZAORO January 2026 and live-streamed worldwide

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026

10:30 AM-11:30 AM. PALLADIO THEATRE
The way forward for natural diamonds
 Rebecca Foerster, President & CEO North America of Hearts on Fire • Lea Retter, Managing Director, Rapaport Group • Mahir Borhanjoo, Chief Commercial Officer, De Beers Group • Raduca Anghel, Head of External Affairs and Industry Relations, Natural Diamond Council (NDC) • Ravi Bhasall, Managing Director, Rosy Blue / Vice President, Antwerp World Diamond Centre (AWDC) • Raj Mehta, Director of the Watch & Jewellery Initiative 2030 • Avi Kravitz, Founder, The Diamond Press (moderator)

11:45 AM-12:45 PM. PALLADIO THEATRE
What will Happen to the Diamond Industry? What Should You Do About It? A presentation by Martin Rapaport, President of the Rapaport Group

2:30 PM-3:30 PM. EDUCATIONAL HUB
Is the coloured gemstone industry meeting its market potential?
 Damien Cody, President of the International Coloured Stone Association (ICA) • Melissa Wolfgang Americ, Director of Golay Fils & Stahl • Gianluca Maina, Chief Marketing Officer, Fura Gems • Edward Johnston, Corporate Responsibility Director, Gemfields David Brough, Founder of Jewellery Outlook (moderator)

3:45 PM-4:45 PM. EDUCATIONAL HUB
Tracking and tracing gemstones, diamonds and jewellery with DNA-based physical tracers and blockchain technology: A presentation by Daniel Nyfeler, Managing Director, Gübelin Gem Lab



LIVE STREAMING

  

Martin Rapaport to headline CIBJO's seminar series at January's VicenzaOro jewellery show in Italy

MILAN, ITALY: JANUARY 8, 2026 – Martin Rapaport, Chairman of the Rapaport Diamond Group and a world-renowned diamond industry and market commentator, will deliver the keynote presentation on the the diamond industry and diamond jewellery market, during CIBJO's Jewellery Industry Voices series, on Sunday, January 18, at the VICENZAORO show in Vicenza, Italy. Mr. Rapaport is the creator of the original diamond price list and the founder of RapNet, the world's largest online diamond and gem trading network.

The upcoming Jewellery Industry Voices series, which will include eight sessions including Mr. Rapaport's presentation, will be held on January 17 and 18, 2026, at the Fiera di Vicenza exposition centre, and will simultaneously live streamed. The event is being hosted by the VICENZAORO's organizer, the Italian Exhibition Group (IEG), and is part of a joint CSR and sustainability educational programme for the jewellery industry, presented by CIBJO and IEG, which has been recognized by the Economic and Social Council



Martin Rapaport, Chairman of the Rapaport Diamond Group, will headline CIBJO's Jewellery Industry Voices seminar series at VICENZAORO on January 18, 2026.

(ECOSOC) of the United Nations.

The two day programme is as follows:

SESSION 1

Introducing the Gold Principles Group

Saturday, January 17, 2026: 11:45 AM-12:45 PM CET

Location: Educational Hub

The Gold Principles Group (GPG) is a collaborative body uniting major participants in the global gold sector to promote responsible and sustainable practices, building on the Gold Industry Declaration of Responsibility and Sustainability Principles launched in 2022. It focuses on ESG (Environment, Social, Governance), sourcing, climate change and artisanal mining, with the aim of building trust and ensuring a transparent and ethical gold value chain from mine to market.

The session will explore learnings from the early evolution of the GPG, considering its potential contributions in the growth of the gold jewellery sector, and possible obstacles it will face.

The seminar will be moderated by Dave Knight, Sustainable Development and Human Rights Specialist at One Planet, and among the confirmed panellists are Gaetano Cavalieri, CIBJO President; John Mulligan, Head of Sustainability Strategy, World Gold Council, and the GPG convenor; and Iris Van der Veken, Executive Director, Watch & Jewellery Initiative 2030.

SESSION 2

Managing risk and driving change in jewellery supply chains

Saturday, January 17, 2026: 2:30 PM-3:30 PM CET

Location: Palladio Theatre

Marking the imminent release of both CIBJO's comprehensive ESG & Sustainability Reference Guide for the Jewellery Industry and version 2.0 of its Responsible Sourcing Blue Book and Toolkit, the session will explore the journey from building solid ethical business foundations, to allowing jewellery companies better manage the potential risks in their supply chains, and consider the possible wider impacts of their businesses and how they might contribute to positive social and environmental outcomes.

The seminar will be moderated by John Mulligan, President of the CIBJO Sustainability Development Commission and Head of Sustainability Strategy at the World Gold Council. Confirmed panellists include Vivien Johnston Glass, Sustainable Development Goals expert, World Gold Council; Francesca Manfredi, Head of Sustainable Innovation Watches & Jewellery, Kering; Iris Van der Veken, Executive Director, Watch & Jewellery Initiative 2030; and Alice Vanni, CSR Director, Italpreziosi.

SESSION 3

Educating the next generation of jewellery buyers

Saturday, January 17, 2026: 3:45 PM-4:45 PM CET

Location: Palladio Theatre

The panel will examine how the jewellery industry can educate and engage the next generation of consumers, helping them buy with confidence and make informed decisions. As buyers approach jewellery with evolving expectations, the discussion will examine how knowledge around quality, pricing and long-term value directly shapes how consumers approach jewellery purchases. The panel will also address the impact of social media on consumer perception and spending habits alongside the growing importance of sustainability when buying jewellery. Through insights from industry leaders, this conversation will highlight how education, transparency and values-driven storytelling are shaping the future of jewellery consumption.

The seminar will be moderated by Kyle Roderick, Founder and Editor-in-Chief at BIJOUXreview.com. Confirmed panellists include Feriel Zerouki, President of the World Diamond Council; Melissa Wolfgang Amenc, Director at Golay Fils & Stahl; and Raluca Anghel, Head of External Affairs and Industry Relations at the Natural Diamond Council (NDC).

SESSION 4

The future for gem labs and gem reports in an AI environment

Saturday, January 17, 2025: 5:00 PM-6:00 PM CET

Location: Palladio Theatre

Artificial intelligence is set to transform the way in which gemstones are identified and graded, and this will change the way in which gem labs operate. The seminar will examine these changes, both from a gemmological perspective, but also and on the way business is being done at present and on consumer confidence.

The seminar will be moderated by David Brough, Founder and Editor in Chief of Jewellery Outlook, supported by Lisa Koenigsberg, President of Initiatives in Arts & Culture. Confirmed panellists include David Block, CEO of Sarine Technologies; Wuyi Wang, Vice President of Research and Development, Gemological Institute of America (GIA); Paul De Wachter, CEO of HRD Antwerp; Daniel Nyfeler, Managing Director, Gübelin Gem Lab; Rebecca Foerster, President & CEO North America at Hearts on Fire.

SESSION 5

The way forward for natural diamonds

Sunday, January 18, 2025, 10:30 AM-11:30 AM CET

Location: Palladio Theatre

The panel will investigate the prospects for the natural diamond sector, as it navigates one of the most challenging and disruptive periods in its history, and will consider industry-wide strategies that need to be adopted so that it retains its tradition role as a market anchor, as well as its strength and leadership.

The session will be moderated by Avi Krawitz, Founder of The Diamond Press. Confirmed panellists include Rebecca Foerster, President & CEO North America of Hearts on Fire; Lea Retter, Managing Director of the Rapaport Group; Mahiar Borhanjoo, Chief Commercial Officer of the De Beers Group; Raluca Anghel, Head of External Affairs and Industry Relations of the Natural

Diamond Council (NDC); Ravi Bhansali, Managing Director, Rosy Blue, and Vice President of the Antwerp World Diamond Centre (AWDC); and Raj Mehta, a Director of the Watch & Jewellery Initiative 2030.

SESSION 6

What will happen to the diamond industry? What should you do about it?

A presentation by Martin Rapaport, President of the Rapaport Group

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One carat and smaller diamonds are down in price 10 percent to 25 percent over the past year. Synthetics have taken over the near-gem market and also still hold about 50 percent of the U.S. engagement ring market. Sanctions and tariffs are restructuring the supply chain. De Beers is for sale. How will all this play out in 2026?

Martin Rapaport is optimistic. He believes the U.S. wealth effect driven by over \$100 trillion of inheritances over the next 20 years will fuel the greatest market for luxury diamonds the world has ever seen. There will be excess demand for the best quality, rarest diamonds. 20 percent of diamonds will account for more than 80 percent of sales value. The future will belong to those that know how to create, market and sell luxury diamonds that make the world a better place.

Mr. Rapaport is a force within the global diamond industry. He is the Chairman of the Rapaport Group; founder of the Rapaport Price List; creator of RapNet, the largest trading platform in the industry; and founder of Rapaport Auctions, the largest recycler of diamonds in the world.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear Martin and develop your strategic thinking for 2026.

SESSION 7

Is the coloured gemstone industry meeting its market potential?

Sunday, January 18, 2025, 2:30 PM-3:30 PM CET

Location: Educational Hub

With the diamond market under pressure, and soaring gold sending jewellery manufacturers and traders to seek creative strategies in order to protect price points, the coloured gemstone sector should be in a particularly advantageous position. The panel will discuss whether the industry is meeting its current potential.

The panel discussion will be moderated by David Brough, Founder of Jewellery Outlook. Confirmed panellists include Damien Cody, President of the International Coloured Stone Association (ICA); Melissa Wolfgang Amenc, Director of Golay Fils & Stahl; Gianluca Maina, Chief Marketing Officer of Fura Gems; and Edward Johnston, Corporate Responsibility Director of Gemfields.

SESSION 8

Tracking and tracing gemstones, diamonds and jewellery with DNA-based physical tracers and blockchain technology

Sunday, January 18, 2025, 3:45 PM-4:45 PM CET

Location: Educational Hub

Daniel Nyfeler, Managing Director, Gübelin Gem Lab, will look at the significant challenges being faced by the global gemstone and jewellery industry in providing verifiable supply chain data on the origin and authenticity, where traditional methods of testing and documentation are vulnerable to counterfeiting and lack interoperability. He will present tracking and tracing technologies of provenance proof that leverage two core elements, which are the application of DNA-based, nanoscale physical tracers, and a secure blockchain platform. The resulting benefits, he will explain, go beyond traceability – enhancing supply chain risk management, ensuring compliance with evolving international regulations, and combatting counterfeiting.

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The World Jewellery Confederation (CIBJO) is the international jewellery confederation of national trade organisations. CIBJO's purpose is to encourage harmonisation, promote international cooperation in the jewellery industry and to consider issues which concern the trade worldwide. CIBJO's chief mission is to protect consumer confidence in the industry. The World Jewellery Confederation is the sole jewellery industry organisation to have Special Consultative Status with the United Nation's Economic & Social Council (ECOSOC) and is a member of the UN Global Compact.