

## Keynote Speech

Mr. David Tait, CEO of WGC



Over the two days, various functionaries attended the conference proceedings across the WGC. Mr. David Tait, CEO of WGC, attended the event and, in his keynote address, drew references to the positive trends in global gold markets and noted that the Indian market was set to expand in the near future. Mr. Tait emphasized the need for the gold industry to focus on responsible and sustainable sourcing as the market grows. He emphasized the need for collaboration among industry stakeholders to address environmental, social, and ethical challenges related to gold mining and production. Specifically, he identified four key areas of focus, namely, integrity in the value chain, all-round accessibility to consumers, improved fungibility, and global governance. He noted significant steps taken by the WGC in all these respects in the previous year.