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SEAL OF APPROVAL



World Motor Sport Council

KEY WORLD MOTOR SPORT COUNCIL DECISIONS TAKEN

The World Motor Sport Council (WMSC) convened on Wednesday for the fourth and final time in 2021.



The meeting was hosted by FIA President Jean Todt with FIA Deputy President for Sport Graham Stoker and World Council members joining in person or online from across the globe. President Todt expressed his gratitude to the members who attended in Paris as he presided over his last WMSC meeting.

At the start of the meeting, a minute's silence was held in memory of Sir Frank Williams, founder of the Williams Formula 1 team who passed away in November. Claude Le Guézec, Secretary General of the CSI (Commission Sportive Internationale, former name of the FISA, integrated in the FIA in 1993) was also remembered, as was Walter Melnizky, Honorary President of the FIA, and former President and Honorary President of ÖAMTC (Austria).

The World Council members unanimously approved a proposal for the nomination to the FIA General Assembly of President Todt as an Honorary President of the FIA in recognition of his invaluable contribution to the Federation and the sport.

Honorary Positions of the FIA were also proposed for José Abed, Angelo Sticchi Damiani, Wan Heping, Gérard Saillant, Rod Parkin and Giuseppe Muscioni.

The following is a summary of the decisions taken during the meeting.

FIA Formula One World Championship

Following the final race of 2021, the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, and in a constant drive for improvement, a detailed analysis will take place.

The framework for the 2026 Power Unit Regulation was validated. In addition, the 2026 Power Unit Regulations will be based on

four pillars including retaining the 1.6-litre V6 engine and the introduction of a Power Unit cost cap with more details to be presented at the next WMSC.

FIA World Rally Championship

Several cost-cutting measures were approved to mark the introduction of the Rally1 Regulations, including limiting the number of engines and hybrid units.

Various Safety Regulations and procedures were also rubberstamped, including the requirement for all Rally1 cars to carry two pairs of HV class-0 gloves and an "HY" sign in to make it more easily identifiable by marshals and spectators.

There was also clarification on the charging procedure for Rally1 plugin hybrid cars as well as for HEV (Hybrid Electric Vehicle) zones.

ABB FIA Formula E World Championship

Financial Regulations to monitor and control spending and promote long-term financial sustainability for Formula E Teams and Manufacturers will be implemented from Season 9 (2022-2023) onwards. An update to the Season 8 (2021-2022) calendar was issued.

FIA World Endurance Championship

The 2022 Technical Regulations for the Hypercar category, including both LMH and LMDh specifications, have been approved, with new testing limitations also introduced to the WEC's top class. The FIA WEC points system has been amended. Points for finishing outside of the top ten (currently 1 point for eighth-hour and 24-hour races and 0.5 for six-hour races) will no longer be awarded.



FIA World Rallycross Championship

Ahead of the debut of the all-electric World Rallycross Championship in summer 2022, changes to the Sporting Regulations relating to the competition format were approved for World RX1 and the other FIA RX Championships (RX2e, Euro RX1, Euro RX3).

FIA Cross-Country Rally Commission

Rules to standardise the point-scoring system within the discipline were agreed, while adjustments to vehicle homologation periods were made to optimise competitor numbers in the new-for-2022 FIA World Rally-Raid Championship.

FIA International Karting Commission (CIK)

Approval of regulation changes to control running costs, such as tyre usage, was given. The FIA Karting International Super Cup – KZ2 will be known as the FIA Karting World Cup – KZ2 from 2022.

FIA Rally Commission

The calendars of all FIA Regional Rally Championships have now been approved for 2022.

A live-for-TV Power Stage will be included on all FIA European Rally Championship events, while there will be a power increase to the Rally3 category car – a fun-to-drive and more accessible route into four-wheel-drive competition at regional level.

WTCR – FIA World Touring Car Cup

Changes to further improving the racing and minimise the strategy element in qualifying were agreed. More points will be allocated to the standard grid Race 1.

FIA ETCR eTouring Car World Cup

The Sporting and Technical Regulations for the inaugural 2022 FIA ETCR eTouring Car World Cup were signed-off, while a seven-event calendar was published.

FIA Truck Racing Commission

As well as approving the 2022 FIA European Truck Racing Championship calendar and both Sporting and Technical Regulations, the WMSC confirmed Goodyear as the series' exclusive tyre supplier for the next three seasons. Following the introduction of the HVO biodiesel this year, the target was set to open truck racing to alternative power sources, including electric and hydrogen, from 2023.

FIA Drag Racing Commission

Following two seasons without FIA-sanctioned Drag Racing competitions, the 2022 FIA European Drag Racing Championship calendar has been approved, with the series set for a comeback next year.

FIA Safety Commission

Several changes relating to driver licences and licence points will come into effect from 2022 and cover a number of different categories.

FIA Women in Motorsport Commission

President Todt praised the achievements of the Commission and its President, Michèle Mouton. He also highlighted the valuable contribution it continues to make towards meeting the FIA's PurposeDriven objectives. Laura Camps Torras, 16, and Maria Germano Neto, 11, will join the Ferrari Driver Academy following success in the FIA Girls on Track – Rising Stars programme.

FIA Electric and New Energy Commission

The eRally Regularity Cup has been renamed FIA ecoRally Cup to better reflect the challenge of this competition, where both efficiency in consumption and regularity are taken into account.

Upon President Todt's proposal, the WMSC agreed to leave the decision over the composition of the 2022 Commissions to the incoming FIA Presidential team.

The President of the FIA warmly thanked all the WMSC members, the Presidents and the members of the FIA Commissions, the volunteers and officials all around the world and the administration of the FIA for their great achievements during his presidency.



Membership Benefits Forum

EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION

This year's Membership Benefits Forum focused on the question of how to engage youth. And to find the answer, the meeting sought inspiration for the source – young people themselves.



In 2021, the FIA University continued to boost expertise within Opening the forum, moderator Luis Vives, Deputy Dean of the ESADE Business School in Barcelona, explained to Delegates that the purpose of the session was to learn from youth, to find out what matters most to younger generations and to explore how that understanding could help Clubs develop strategies to attract more young people as members.

Deputy President for Automobile Mobility and Tourism Thierry Willemarck then addressed the forum saying that in order to tackle the issues facing society, and mobility, we need to engage with those who will shape out the future of the world - young people.

"What I have in mind are the challenges ahead of us – the climate emergency, energy transition. The way to deal with these challenges as designed by politicians is not realistic. The global goal is correct but the timeline to reach that goal is totally unachievable. Other techniques will have to be used. Nevertheless, we cannot deny that there is climate urgency and besides the technological changes we pursue, there is another domain in which we must work and that is one in which we change our attitude towards mobility. We have to learn to change our behaviour and when you want to learn, you need to look for sources of inspiration and education and, I believe, there is rich potential in intergenerational exchange. That's where youth takes its place. They have another view of mobility. We have to learn from them and listen to them. They will educate older generations. We have to take responsibility for what we have done and we have to change. But we cannot rely on technology alone. We have to change our attitude and to do that, we have to learn from the next generation."

The meeting then heard from keynote speaker Damien Deroanne. A former general manager in Belgium of the car manufacturer Smart and of Mini for the BMW Group, Deroanne outlined a number of essential factors Clubs need to bear in mind when targeting youth engagement.

He stressed the importance of trust to young people saying that organisations "must be reliable and they must be sincere. They expect that from you and your organisation".

He continued by saying that the younger generation cherishes freedom. "We have all experienced freedom in the last two years as we started working at a distance. The young generation want more and in the future their office will be the world. Freedom also means the freedom not to buy, not to be the owner of a mobility tool and that is why we see the success of car-sharing and micro-mobility."

He then said it is important that Clubs add value to their business, incentivising young people to align with Clubs. However, he explained that the methods of adding value and concepts of alignment may be radically different from the manner in which Clubs have done that in the past. Finally, he spoke about the need to transform and, in order to do this effectively, to encourage engagement with younger people.

The floor was then given to three Club representatives, each of whom outlined how their youth engagement programmes function.

AIP Foundation Development and Strategic Partnerships Manager Jimmy Tang spoke about how young people in Vietnam had informed the Foundation's approach to road safety programmes.

"The young people of today are incredibly bold and they are incredibly creative and curious," he said. "It's important for all Members today to be similarly bold and to incorporate youth in your world."

He went to describe two road safety programmes developed by the Foundation that have relied on input from young people. The 'Slow Zones, Safe Zones' involves the improvement of road safety around schools and has benefited from the involvement of students.





"We saw insufficient education and insufficient infrastructure and in response, we have built a comprehensive safety initiative and designed a road safety curriculum to educate children in schools. We are incredibly proud that this project has resulted in legislation to reduce speeding around schools."

He also highlighted the newly launched 'Heads Up!' campaign that seeks to increase quality helmet use and which is being rolled out in Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, and the Philippines starting this month. A dedicated website, www.headsupproject.org, has been set up for the programme. Tang also said that the initiative would benefit from a regional competition for university students to design campaign materials to raise awareness among their peers and general road users.

"The role we can play is by creating space and allocating funding to allow youth to voice their perspectives," he concluded.

Project Service Manager at the Touring y Automóvil Club Paraguayo (TACPy) Fernando Careaga then outlined the services offered to youth by the South American FIA Member Organisation explaining that youth members, called "Adherentes", are entitled to access to all of the Club's services and benefits with 50% of the annual quota available at no cost and with monthly membership at 50% of the cost.

Among a range of youth-focused programmes and activities, the Club operates a 'Responsible Youth at the Wheel' programme which features six editions annually.

Finally, on the Club side, General Manager of the Automóvil Club de Portugal (ACP) and President of the FIA Mobility Services Commission Luis Figueiredo spoke about the ACP's exchange programme. As part of the programme, Club members from across the FIA Network can subscribe to host young members from other countries for a period of nine days, and then exchange with another member making the opposite journey.

Pointing to the possible benefits of the programme, Figueiredo said that it aims to generate credibility and Club feeling, provide a rich experience in a safe environment, and enhance brand positioning for Clubs and the FIA.

After learning from Clubs about their engagement programmes, the forum then heard from the target group – young people, all of whom are students at the EM Lyon Business School.

The group of 22- and 23-year-olds were first asked how they currently use mobility with all four saying that they rarely drive and are more regular users of public transport and micro-mobility solutions.

Looking ahead to 2030, the quartet differed somewhat in their outlook. Three participants looked towards decreasing urban car use and a growth in bicycle and micro-mobility use while one pointed to the need for those in rural areas to still own a car as the only viable means of easy access to mobility.

The four students were then quizzed on the considerations they believe matter most to them when looking at how society is evolving.

For Briec Bascher, the key target is freedom, "to have many options and to choose the one you prefer". For 23-year-old Camille Prouteau, transparency and trust are important assets. For Francois Legoedec, sustainability and the environment are most important, while for Loris Fradin, speed of travel and delivery is the chief concern.

The quartet was finally asked to offer advice to Clubs in their efforts to engage young people.

"If you want to talk with young people, you need facilitators – someone their own age – and you must listen," said Camille Prouteau. "My younger brother, when I talk to him, he wants to learn by doing, not by listening. The key is to involve young people in projects."

Francois Legoedec said that Clubs must improve visibility. "I didn't even know Automobile Clubs were a thing," he said. "Being more visible and out there is important. Personally, I look at a lot of sporting events and social media is very important. I mainly use Instagram."

Both Loris Fradin and Briec Bascher agreed with the latter insisting that "digital is the key to whatever you want to do and see".

The FIA will continue this work by developing an FIA Youth Strategy.

Tourism Services Forum

BUILDING A NEW TOURISM

A new format introduced at this year's Annual General Assembly week, yesterday's detailed Tourism Services Forum focused on developments that aim to take the FIA's involvement in the sector forward in the coming months and years.



The forum opened with an update on International Driving Permits (IDPs) with FIA Policy Officer Timothy Stuart explaining how the FIA is working to build an IDP Repository to be held within the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) website. The IDP Repository concept was submitted at the 83rd session of the WP.1 Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety. The Repository would be used as a risk management and authentication mechanism for IDP users and would act as an available online database, hosted on the UNECE website, for any individual or local authority to research and recommend the authorised issuing body in a respective country. He explained that an initial document has been prepared and a second version will be submitted to the UNECE in March 2022.

Stuart added that the Department has also joined an informal Domestic Drivers' Permit group to keep abreast of what is happening technologically in that field so that the FIA can be aware of potential advances that could be transferred to IDPs.

The forum was also given an update on the VIAFIA platform and on a possible new feature set.

This was presented by Valerio Rossetti of software development company SamurAI, currently developing a Big Data and AI platform for the tourism industry. SamurAI's system monitors social media trends related to tourism, which enables it to predict arrivals and provide data on services. In an FIA pilot,

the system currently features modules to monitor Twitter, YouTube, Reddit, Google Trends and tourist arrivals in Switzerland to make predictions on future arrival patterns.

Rossetti explained that the system is modular and scalable. It can be tailored to tourism-specific algorithms and can be expanded to feature more inputs and more information from a wider range of cities and countries, leading to better tourist arrivals modelling and sentiment prediction in relation to visiting a destination.





“Information such as this would, for example, give me an idea of how many Carnets de Passages en Douane I should order. It could be very useful and effective,” said FIA Tourism Services Director Habib Turki. “I invite Clubs to start thinking about how they can use this tool and improve it. For example, it could be useful to monitor social media to see what people are getting out of a trip or an activity – good or bad – and Clubs could then develop tourism products to match demand.”

The forum then moved on to discuss new tourism services and in particular the meeting heard of projects being developed by students at the EM Lyon Business School and the École Hôtelière de Lausanne (EHL).

Students presented a number of tourism-related project ideas including the development of a ‘Border Crossing Rally’. This event would involve a multi-country rally designed to both raise awareness of International Driving Permits (IDPs) and Carnets de Passages en Douane (CPDs) but also to promote road safety across the chosen countries.

Students from EHL, meanwhile, presented the possibility of staging a similar multi-country event called ‘Tour Arabia’, in which a rally would start in one of two cities in Egypt and travel across multiple territories to demonstrate the value of CPDs. The event would largely focus on Saudi Arabia, with the students pointing to its potential to align with the country’s Vision 2030 initiative and to increase youth engagement in a territory with a significant car culture. In a novel twist, it would also be mirrored by a virtual rally design to attract gamers unable to attend physically.

The final part of the forum focused on the meeting of the CPD Network, during which attendees were given updates on the digitalisation of the CPDs, and the rollout of the CPD e-Distribution System. Delegates were informed that there are now 33 e-CPD issuing organisations, though some have not yet begun distribution due to the pandemic. The latest Clubs to deploy the system are the TCS in Switzerland, ACP in Portugal and ACA in France.

Regarding CPD sales in 2021, the forum heard that sales were down significantly, principally due to the pandemic. However, CPD sales performed better than expected with planned distribution of 20,000 units for 2021 being surpassed with actual distribution of 28,700 CPDs as of 25 November.

Habib Turki added that the aim for 2022 is to maintain 2021 prices for CPD, due to a new printer being appointed and through reduced administration in the CPD e-Distribution System, though he said the AIT was seeking a potential price increase of CHF3.00.



CODASUR Meeting

CODASUR'S REASON FOR OPTIMISM

CODASUR Vice President, FIA Vice President for Sport and Automóvil Club Argentino Member Carlos García Remohi chaired a meeting of the Region's members on Wednesday afternoon.



With the COVID-19 pandemic preventing the popular FIA CODASUR Rally Championship from taking place for a second year running, the TCR South America Touring Car Championship provided a new focus and reason for optimism.

Introduced for the 2021 season and adopting the same Technical Regulations used in the WTCR – FIA World Touring Car Cup, the TCR South America Touring Car Championship included

events in Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay and attracted a strong list of teams and drivers.

García Remohi explained how the rollout of the vaccination programme, coupled with low COVID-19 numbers in Argentina, had allowed for the relaxing of some border restrictions. This development did not only allow the TCR South America Touring Car Championship calendar to extend beyond Argentina, where it was initially centred, but it also gave real hope that the CODASUR Rally Championship will be organised again in 2022.

It was reported that the annual CODASUR Assembly, scheduled for next week, is expected to agree on the proposed calendars for 2022. It was confirmed that discussions regarding CODASUR participation in the FIA Rally Star talent search programme will start soon, especially after a number of national-level championships and events being organised successfully in CODASUR Member Countries in 2021.

García Remohi's counterparts from Bolivia (Gastón Montellano Camacho), Paraguay (Hugo Mersan) and Uruguay (Jorge Tomasi Crisci) also presented during the meeting.

NEZ Council

VARIETY THE SPICE OF LIFE IN NEZ

The FIA North European Zone (NEZ) Council met on Wednesday afternoon at the end of another busy season in the Region.

Chaired by Finnish ASN AKK President Jarmo Mahonen, the meeting began with attendees asked to approve the minutes of the previous session held in Dublin, Ireland, in October.

Participants then heard reports from the NEZ Sporting Commissions before approving the Sporting and Technical Regulations for 2022 of the various NEZ Championships and Cups.

They include the Auto Navigation Championship, Cross Kart Xtrem, Cross Kart Xtrem Junior and the Rallycross Championship. There was also an update on the NEZ Drift Championship. During 2021, events were held across the Northern European Zone, which is made up of 10 ASNs.

Anssi Kannas from AKK Motorsport in Finland, Hallgeir Raknerud from the Norges Motorsportforbund in Norway, Swedish ASN President Roger Engström, ICELANDIC Federation President

Helga Katrín Stefánsdóttir, Danish ASN Secretary General Ture Hansen and FIA Sport Clubs Liaison Office Project Manager Guido Gaetani d'Aragona were among the Delegates in attendance.



MENA Region Meeting

GRASSROOTS DISCIPLINES TO THE FORE IN MENA REGION

Representatives of Member Clubs and Delegates attended yesterday's FIA Middle East and Africa (MENA) Region meeting chaired by Vice President for Sport Mohammed Ben Sulayem.



Ben Sulayem began by thanking all the Members for their contributions during 2021 before highlighting the MENA Karting Nations' Cup Championship in Oman and the MENA Digital Cup in Jordan, declaring that both were very successful and important adverts for grassroots motor sport.

"We have just hosted the world's biggest motor sport event [the Abu Dhabi Formula 1 Grand Prix] but many of our Members were involved with the Karting event in Oman and the event in Jordan.

The FIA Sport Regional Congress MENA was also hosted successfully this year," Ben Sulayem said.

Brigadier Salim Al Maskiry of the Oman Automobile Association (OAA) said the second running of the MENA Karting Nations' Cup Championship emphasised the dynamism of Karting in the MENA Region. He also thanked Ben Sulayem for his support and enthusiasm.

The Brigadier reported that 108 participants representing 15 countries took part in 2020, while this year's edition attracted 145 participants from 19 countries.

He added that his hope was that another Member would step forward to organise the 2022 edition, but with his ASN's full assistance.

Bahrain Motor Federation General Director Abdul Aziz Al Thawadhi congratulated the OAA but suggested recruiting a panel of stewards from the MENA region would enable local officials to gain crucial experience.

There was a call for continued FIA support from Nayia Kontopoulou of the Cyprus Automobile Association. She said the funding from the FIA had been a "blessing for our young karters", adding that it would have been impossible to send a team to the event without the FIA's assistance. This view was echoed by Mauritania ASN President Baham Lekhal.

Al Thawadhi hoped the event would expand to include an educational offering and highlight the importance of volunteering to youngsters.

The meeting then heard from Nadim Haddad of Jordan Motorsport, who gave a presentation on the MENA Digital Cup Esports event, watched by 54,700 people on YouTube. With support from the FIA Sport Grant Programme, the event was considered a flagship Esports activity and received plenty of praise.

It prompted a discussion among Delegates of the importance of Esports in encouraging the next generation into motor sport. Haddad offered to assist other Members with hosting similar events, while Sport Club Correspondent of Saudi Automobile & Motorcycle Federation Elie Semaan was called for a MENA-wide competition.

Obtaining a blueprint for building Cross Karts in the MENA Region, rather than importing them from Europe, was considered another more affordable opportunity to increase participation in grassroots motor sport.

Syrian Automobile Club Vice President Hani Shaban gave details of two environmental seminars planned in Oman and Morocco respectively. He explained how ASNs will benefit from the sessions but also outlined the level of participation required by Delegates.



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HOW TO TAKE PART IN THE FAMILY PICTURE?

As is the tradition of every FIA Annual General Assembly, we would be delighted to take a Family Photo to remember this unique FIA event.

You can use the **photobooth located in Paris le Grand Hôtel** or the one available on the [online platform](#) if you are attending online.

Should you wish to take a selfie **with your phone**, please send it to familyphoto@fia.com by **Thursday 16:00 (CET time)**.



We look forward to receiving all your portraits and create our 2021 FIA AGA eFamily Photo!

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