

We need to thank Sifiso Themba for the contribution that he made to the board and wish him everything of the best for the future, especially his motor cycle training initiatives.

It is also worth noting that South African officials and office bearers are playing a bigger role internationally. The following table represents South African participation in the FIA and FIM.

FIA	FIM
Anton Roux – Member of FIA Senate	Jacqui Monteiro – Secretary General: FIM Africa
Greg Mills – Member of FIA International Historical Commission	Adrian Scholtz – Member of FIM Digitalization Working Group
	Marius Matthee – Member of FIM Sustainability Commission
	Gillian Dykes – Member of FIM Cross Country Commission

HIGHLIGHTS

The world is still recovering from the aftermath of Covid and the South African economy is in a difficult place. It is therefore remarkable that we have managed to host some international events.

2023 INTERNATIONAL EVENTS HELD TO DATE IN SA:

- FIA Formula E World Championship – 23-25 February 2023 – Cape Town. This event also received a Formula E “Race of the Year” award.
- Intercontinental GT Challenge (Kyalami 9 Hour) – 23-25 February 2023 – Kyalami Grand Prix Circuit, Midrand.
- FIM Africa Motocross of African Nations – 11-13 August 2023 – Zone 7 MX Track, Cape Town.

2023 DAKAR RALLY

CARS

Toyota Gazoo Racing won the 2023 Dakar Rally and had three cars in the top 5 overall.

- **Winners:**
 - Driver: Nasser Al-Attayah
 - Co- Driver: Mathieu Baumel
- **4TH Place:**
 - Driver: Giniel de Villiers (SA)
 - Co-Driver: Dennis Murphy (SA)
- **5TH Place:**
 - Driver: Henk Lategan (SA)
 - Co-Driver: Brett Cummings (SA)

BIKES

- Original by Motul class
 - Charan Moore – 1st
- Malle Moto class
 - Kirsten Landman
 - 2nd – Women’s classification
 - 12th – Class
 - 71st – Overall

2023 FIM MOTOGP World Championship

Brad Binder is currently in 4th place in the world championship.

2023 DTM Championship

South African brothers Sheldon (BMW) and Kelvin (Audi) van der Linde are both competing in the 2023 DTM Championship. Sheldon is currently second in the drivers' championship.

2023 GT World Challenge

Sheldon van der Linde, Kelvin van der Linde and Jordan Pepper are all competing in the GT World Challenge with Sheldon 2nd in the drivers' championship.

2023 FIM Motocross of African Nations

The South African team was declared the overall Country winner.

2023 FIM Junior Motocross World Championship

Evan Frost placed 6th in the 65cc class at the event held in Romania, 7 – 9 July 2023.

2022 FIM Hard Enduro World Championship

- Wade Young – 7th
- Matthew Green – 10th (1st in the Junior class)
- Brett Swanepoel – 18th

NOTABLE MENTIONS SHOULD BE OFFERED TO:

Daryn Binder	- FIM Moto2
Ruche Moodley	- FIM Junior GP Talent Cup and FIM Red Bull Rookies Cup
Matthew Scholtz	- AMA Moto America
Dominic Doyle	- AMA Moto America
Steven Odendaal	- FIM Endurance & ESB Superbikes
Jared Schultz	- ESB Supersport
Brett Roberts	- ESB Superbikes
Blaze Baker	- British Superbikes
Ntiyiso Mabunda	- FIA Karting Academy
Luviwe Sambudla	- FIA Karting and WSK events
Enzo Rujugiro	- FIA Karting and WSK events
Ethan Lennon	- FIA Karting and WSK events

Nikolaas Roos	- FIA Karting and WSK events
Kwanda Mokoena	- ADAC GT Masters
Jarrold Waberski	- GB3 Championship
Mika Abrahams	- British F4 Championship

Karting

From the beginning of 2023 Rotax is back in the “MSA fold” and I need to thank all the people, teams and competitors that played a role to get Rotax back to MSA. I am also pleased that we have entered into two separate promoter agreements with the ROK and Rotax promoters.

TRAINING OF OFFICIALS

During the Covid lockdown, MSA started to expand its training of officials and we have continued with this initiative.

Webinar course	2021	2022	Jan to July 2023	Total participants in Webinars
GCR	263	161	150	574
Scrutineer & Technical	344	123	59	526
Covid	227	10	N/A	237
Event Secretary	72	7	9	88
Environmental	70	51	38	159
Medical	0	99	23	122
Total	976	451	279	1706

Since we embarked on our initiatives to train more officials it is encouraging to see that 1706 participants have attended our training courses. Sparky Bright will no longer be heading up MSA’s training affairs and we thank Sparky and his family for their dedication to MSA.

NUMBER OF EVENTS

The total number of events are still not back to the levels we saw in 2019 which we use as a “base year” to measure recovery growth. We are still experiencing some growth, however, at a slower rate.

	TOTAL EVENTS				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
JAN	8	6	2	3	5
FEB	35	46	20	28	26
MAR	58	26	31	30	35
APR	40	0	26	26	38
MAY	50	0	30	32	33
JUN	51	0	25	31	35

JUL	38	1	7	37	30
SUB TOTAL	280	79	141	187	202
AUG	50	15	23	31	34
SEP	44	36	30	31	38
OCT	45	35	38	40	37
NOV	49	29	26	31	31
DEC	14	12	14	12	10
	482	206	272	332	352

LOWLIGHTS

It is disappointing that the efforts to secure the return of Formula 1 to South Africa were ultimately unsuccessful. There were willing partners in the FIA, the venue, a local and international promoter, and Motorsport South Africa. There are many countries around the world that want to host F1 events and it would appear that South Africa was too controversial a choice for the F1 organisation at the present time.

CONCLUSION

I need to thank our employees and every volunteer for their contribution over the last 12 months. Sport has the ability to unite people and we must continue to use the passion for motorsport to unite the peoples of South Africa.



Anton Roux
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