

CONFERENCE NEWS

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Welcome to the fifth FIA Sport Conference for three days of informative and entertaining discussion and debate here in Geneva, home of the FIA Sport Departments.

At this 2017 conference, we will be looking back over what we have learned over the last four editions so that we may more effectively plan for the future.

Over the next two days, a variety of plenary and interactive sessions will take place at the Intercontinental Hotel, before the Conference moves to the FIA's Technical and Logistics Centre in Valleiry on Thursday for the FIA

MotorEx, where attendees will have the chance to meet more than 35 exhibitors coming from various areas of motor sport industry including track designers, insurance experts, timing and many more.

Throughout the conference, participation will be encouraged from all delegates, both in the two interactive sessions – Building Your ASN's Pathway and Meet the FIA Family – and also at the MotorEx where there will be a chance to compete in a karting slalom and in FIA Online Championships.



PROGRESS AND DIRECTION BEGINS AT WMSC MEETING

FIA WORLD MOTOR SPORT COUNCIL RATIFIES NEXT SEASON'S FORMULA ONE AND FORMULA E CALENDARS AS SPORT CONFERENCE KICKS OFF IN GENEVA

The 2017 FIA Sport Conference Week got underway yesterday with a meeting of the World Motor Sport Council, at which a number of key decisions were taken regarding the shape of motor sport in 2018.

Chief among these was an early ratification of next year's Formula One calendar, which is set to feature 21 races in 2018, and include the return of two of the championship's traditional European events.

The French Grand Prix returns after 10-year absence, with the race scheduled for a 24 June date at Circuit Paul Ricard. The track at Le Castellet last hosted a Formula One grand prix in 1990. The German Grand Prix is included after a two-year gap, with the race set to take place at the Hockenheimring on 22 July. In keeping with tradition, the championship kicks off in Melbourne, Australia on 25 March.

The Council also ratified a 14-race calendar across 11 cities for the FIA Formula E Championship. Season four of the all-electric series will start with a double-header in Hong Kong, and includes three new host cities, Santiago, Chile, Sao Paulo, Brazil and Rome,

Italy. The 2017-2018 season will conclude with two double-header event weekends, in New York, USA and Montreal, Canada.

Also approved was a 2018 date for Le Mans. The flagship event of the FIA World Endurance Championship will take place at La Sarthe on the weekend of 16-17 June.

In Off-Road motor sport approval was granted for the establishment of a National Cross Car project initiated by the ASN Task Force and the Development Department, which aims to implement an affordable Off discipline in the category.

Cross car, which features rear-wheel drive, single-seat 'buggy' style cars, powered by 650cc-750cc motorcycle engines, is aimed at providing an entry level to rallying and rallycross competition and completes the FIA's rally and off-road pyramids.

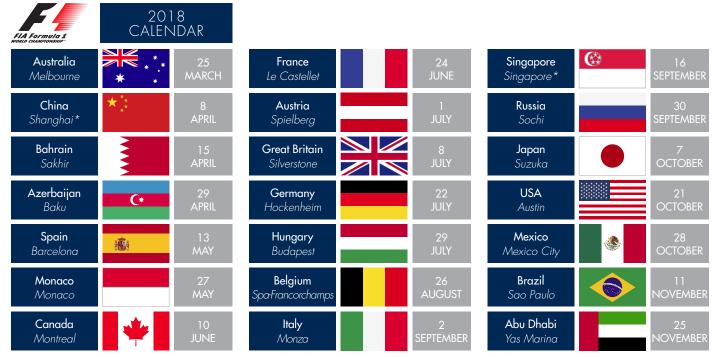
Changes to the Sporting Regulations for the FIA Formula E Championship were also announced, as well as a number of updates for regional rallies, FIA WRC 2, and the FIA Electric and New Energy Championship. For the full list of decisions, visit www.fia.com



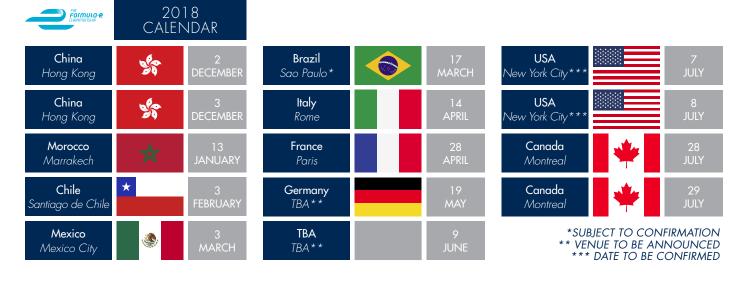








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