



**RIDE
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DIRECTORS REPORT
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Africa, like Europe and any of the other CONU's have challenges, not only in sport but socio and economically as well. This is why it is even more important that the CONU continually evolves and finds new and exciting ways to grow motorcycle sport and change the mindset of people regarding motorcycles.

We need to think out of the box and work on growing the different motorcycle categories as it is not sustainable to only focus on two categories.

There has been substantial growth of the middle class in Africa and Road Racing has in turn also grown, the CONU needs to find ways to convert the "road bike" user to become the "road racer".

Motorsport has always been a "family sport" and we have a whole new generation of young families which we can introduce to the sport. This will open up a new and exciting world for the children, and introduce them to an alternate and safe mode of transport as well as educating them about road safety.

2019 PROJECT FEEDBACK

1. Recognition of Volunteers

This has been finalised and the criteria is on the website under Spotlight on Volunteer and the electronic certificate have been designed.

Some nominations were received, after the two Continental events and some small gifts were handed out both to Volunteers and to women who rode and/or assisted at the events.

However, we request that Federations take note of their volunteers who are the backbone of the sport and recognise them accordingly.

2. Criteria for Video Clip

The President requested that anyone could do a small video clip showing the passion of our sport. This is still pending, the Criteria is set, however it is up to the Federations to promote this.

3. Tender Document for hosting FIM Africa events

A document has been prepared and needs finalisation from Commissions and Council. It is a very extensive document but covers all aspects of hosting an event.

We have received some suggestions for Motocross regarding the timetable of a race programme, distance to track and time and format of prize giving functions, which will be taken into account.

4. New Federations

Part of growing the CONU is encouraging new countries to affiliate to the FIM, however this is proving to be a hard task as the cost implications outweigh the benefits of being affiliated for most smaller countries.

If one compares, the FIM with the FIA, which currently has 37 members albeit that these federations comprise of a variety of memberships e.g., mobility such as the AA as well as sporting clubs. FIM AFRICA has 14 members and this figure has remained stagnant.

There has been discussions with Swaziland, which is a very small country, and is a good example of not being able to justify the affiliation fees to join the FIM.

Swaziland has some of the most beautiful terrain for Cross Country and Leisure touring events, so this is a loss to the CONU.

4. New Federations Cont....

We have also had meetings with Mozambique who are very active at FIA level, but struggling to get the required documentation together for the FIM affiliation despite being one of the founding members of the FIM. This matter has been addressed with the FIM.

Angola's membership will be ratified at the FIM GA in Monaco.

We will continue to work on this project and try to find a workable solution, we just have find a way to make it happen.



5. Update exams/Regulations

The current CONU exams and regulations need to be updated and modernised.

- We need a set of FIM AFRICA GCRS to cover governance, licensing, officials, roles of officials, entrants, nationalities, release letter/start permissions, use of FIM Africa logo, permissions, medical requirements as well as Environmental, flag rules, and something about ethics and touristic gatherings as well as state we do not discriminate against race, gender, disability etc. and our Mission Statement.
- We need Standing Supplementary Regulations (SSR's) for MX, Enduro, Hard Enduro, Off Road, Trials and Circuit Racing as well as for our two Continental event championships.
- A template will be designed for the Supplementary Regulations (SR's) for the event in question - so FMNS just fill in the blanks.ie name of officials, location of track and hospital and permit numbers and dates.
- A criteria needs to be set up set so that BEFORE an exam is written, some experience at a National event is required. Anyone is welcome to attend seminars but if they want a licence, they need to provide proof of experience and previous exams.

6. Environmental/Medical

From discussions with Marius Matthee the Chairman of the Environmental Commission, a newsletter (with survey info) in the hope of determining the current state of environmental related matters within the various African FMNs was sent out. Unfortunately, the response was very poor as usual.

On the medical side, we will liaise with each of the FMN Medical Panels to determine what medical requirements and codes are adhered to by the affiliated FMN's, there concern is that there is no consistency.

All FMN's are reminded that for 2020 no FIM or CONU Licence will be issued unless the rider has finalised the Wada Online Anti-Doping seminar and Exam and received a certificate.

The correspondence in this regard was sent out by the FIM to all FMN's in May of 2019 with a reminder sent out recently directly to the FMN's from the FIM.



7. WIM

This is a proactive facet of FIM Africa with budgets being prepared for future projects, training programmes and attendance at the Helsinki conference by Mrs. Dykes and Mrs. Heygate (Zambia) in 2019.

8. Future FIM Africa events

A criteria needs to be set out for future events.

- Identify and observe current events first
- Run event as a FIM Africa Supported event before it gets full FIM Africa support and does not clash with any Continental events that currently hold that status.

9. New Series

As mentioned earlier in the report, Road Racing is growing on the continent and the CONU needs to consider the promotion of new categories, one of which is Road Racing.

The CONU has received a proposal from a Promoter in South Africa for a series called the “Africa Cup”. The series is based on the Arrive and Ride concept and all FMN’s are encouraged to become involved.

The goal is to have as many of the African FMN’s competing as possible. The reason this concept will work, especially in Africa as the riders don’t have to worry about the logistics of getting their bikes around the continent. The rider just arrives in the country they are competing in and everything has been done for them.

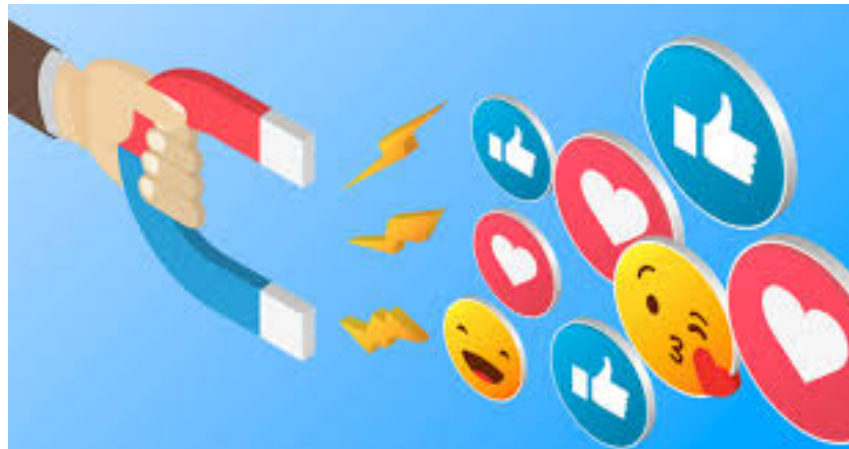
OPERATIONAL MATTERS

- Registered with the South African Revenue services for exemption Status
- Attended to various operational issues during the year
- CONU hosted Leisure/Touring and Cross Country Seminar
- Met with the Mozambican FMN regarding their affiliation
- Working on promoting Circuit Motorcycle racing on the Continent



SOCIAL MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

- Updating of website & Social Media platforms
- Promoted various CONU Social Media pages during the year including the MXOAN which was live streamed via FB
- Website will be updated to a more updated format
- Social media stats - See separate report



CONCERNS

- Lack of, or delayed responses from FMN's, and commission delegates.
- Despite the CONU having so few events we still end up receiving calendar dates late in the year or updated documentation not being sent to the secretariat.
- FMN's and organisers are apathetic
- The Secretariat is not receiving communication from FMN's regarding their events and projects in their federations.
- Still not received key contact person/s to liaise to ensure maximum communication.
- FIM AFRICA and/or FIM Communication is not being distributed internally in the FMN.

We understand that FMN's are trying to grow their own sporting bodies in their countries, but it is important to note, the more information we receive, the more we can share your FMN's experiences the more we can grow as a CONU.



THANK YOU
Questions, Comments or suggestions
Are welcome