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Registration of National Federation delegates

AFGHANISTAN	Mr Fazli Ahmad Fazli
ALBANIA	Messrs Alfred Tahiraj, Skender Anxhaku
ALGERIA	Messrs Khireddine Barbari, Loucif Faouzi
ANTIGUA	Mr Cliff Williams
ARGENTINA	Mr Gabriel Curuchet
ARUBA	Ms Monique C. Leerdam
AUSTRALIA	Ms Marne Fechner (remote participation)
AUSTRIA	Messrs Rudolf Massak, Harald J. Mayer
AZERBAIJAN	Mr Farhad Aliyev
BELARUS	Mr Vitali Zhmako
BELGIUM	Messrs William van Aerde, Jos Smets, Ms Nathalie Clauwaert
BENIN	Mr Romuald Hazoumè
BERMUDA	Mr Peter Dunne
BOLIVIA	Ms Sonia Gregoria Ramos Acuña
BRASIL	Mr José Luis Vasconcellos
BULGARIA	Messrs Dragomir Kousov, Lyuboslav Venkov
BURKINA FASO	Messrs Ignace Amédée Berewoudougou, Issoufou Sawadogo, Lazare Zabre, Ismael Gnaon
BURUNDI (REPUBLIC OF)	Ms Sandra Kinyomvyi
CANADA	Messrs Pierre Laflamme, Matthew Jeffries
CHAD	Mr Pascal Toingar
CHILE	Mr Jorge Espinoza
COLOMBIA	Mr Jorge Mauricio Vargas Carreno
COMORES	Mr Mze Mohammed Ibrahim
IVORY COAST	Ms Marie-Madeleine Guigui
CROATIA	Mr Tomislav Zadro
CUBA	Mr Mario Perez Fernandez
CURACAO	Mr Henny Bonafacio
CYPRUS	Mr George Georgiou
CZECH REPUBLIC	Ms Jaroslava Krakovičová, Messrs Petr Marek, Slavomir Svoboda
DENMARK	Messrs Henrik Jess Jensen, Martin Elleberg Petersen
ECUADOR	Mr Santiago Rosero Cambi
EGYPT	Mr Hesham Zidan
ERITREA	Messrs Tewelde Yohannes, Misghina Haile
ESTONIA	Messrs Urmas Karlson, Raivo Rand
ETHIOPIA	Mr Wondium Ergudo
FIJI	Mr Patrick Keenan (remote participation)
FINLAND	Ms Katariina Laakkonen
FRANCE	Messrs Michel Callot, Marc Tilly, Ms Marie-Francoise Poterau
GERMANY	Mr Martin Wolf
GHANA	Mr Mohammed Sahnoon
GREAT BRITAIN	Messrs Frank Slevin, Brian Facer, Bob Howden
GREECE	Mr Athanasios Tzimas
GUAM	Ms Monessa Horton (remote participation)
HUNGARY	Ms Csilla Tam
ICELAND	Mr Bjarni Már Svavarsson
IRELAND	Messrs Ciaran McKenna, Brendan Tallon, Matthew Mckerrow
ITALY	Messrs Cordiano Dragoni, Gavino Marcello Tolu, Ms Lucia Trevisan, Ms Carmine Acquasanta
JORDAN	Messrs Jamal Mesleh M Al-Fawaeir, Qamar Al Majali



KAZAKHSTAN	Messrs Alexandr Vinokurov, Assem Kunakbayeva, Nurlan Smagulov
KENYA	Messrs Julius Njuguna Mwangi, Charles Mose, Johnson Chiugu
KIRGISISTAN	Mr Ervin Akramov
KOREA	Mr Sungwoong Park
KOSOVO	Messrs Anvi Nuha, Njazi Berisha
KUWAIT	Mr Abdullah Alshammari
LATVIA	Mr Igo Japinh
LEBANON	Ms Arda Zeitunlian, Mr Vatche Zadourian
LIBYA	Mr Ahmed Nouredin Altareki
LITHUANIA	Mr Darius Levickis
LUXEMBOURG	Messrs Eduard Buchette, Florian Salzinger, Camille Dahm, Ms Marie Antoinette Ernestine Buchette
MALAWI	Mr Andrew Mkwezalamba
MALAYSIA	Messrs Manjit Singh Gill, Ahmad Arif Astaman, Norazman Bin Ab Samah
MAURITANIA	Mr Abderrahmanhe Ould Ethmane
MOROCCO	Mr Kharsi Lahcen
MOLDOVA (REPUBLIC OF)	Messrs Igor Sorin, Andrei Tchmil
MONACO	Mr Umberto Langelotti
MYANMAR	Mr Khin Maung Win
NETHERLANDS	Mr Thorwald Veneberg
NIGERIA	Mr Giandomenico Massari
NORWAY	Messrs Jan-Oddvar Sørnes, Kjersti Storset
OMAN	Messrs Saif Al Rushaidi, Is Haq Albalushi
PAKISTAN	Mr Syed Azhar Ali Shah
PALESTINE	Mr Maram Zuhair Masrouji
POLAND	Messrs Krzysztof Golwiej, Sebastian Rubin
PORTUGAL	Messrs Delmino Albano Magalhaes Pereira, José Luis Ribeiro
QATAR	Mr Mohammed Jaham Al Kuwari
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	Mr Jorge Blas Díaz Gracia
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	Ms Victoria Lesnikova
RWANDA	Mr Abdallah Murenzi
SAINT LUCIA	Mr Cyril Mangal
SAN MARINO	Mr Walter Baldiserra, Ms Monica Stacchini
SENEGAL	Mr Michel Thioub
SERBIA	Messrs Nemanja Vajs, Dusan Gojic
SEYCHELLES	Mr Lucas Georges
SINGAPORE	Mr Ronnie Yap
SLOVAKIA	Ms Katarina Jakubova, Mr Peter Privara, Ms Livia Hanesova
SLOVENIA	Mr Pavel Mardonovic
SOUTH AFRICA	Mr Emmanuel Zukisani
SPAIN	Mr Alejandro Martin Garcia
SRI LANKA	Mr Navarathnaraja Karunaratne
ST VINCENT AND GRENADINES	Mr Trevor Bailey
SUDAN	Messrs Ashraf Mohamed, Tariq Mohammed
SWEDEN	Messrs Leif Karlsson, Thomas Backteman
SWITZERLAND	Mr Patrick Hunger, Ms Doris Turin
TAJIKISTAN	Mr Andrey Mironov
THAILAND	Messrs Khattiya Srisoda, Nuthapong Lohitnavy, Ms Maneerat Rungrueangsak
TOGO	Mr Baitian Djabigue



TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Ms Rowena Williams

TUNISIA

Mr Naoufel Merchaoui

TURKEY

Mr Erol Küçükbakirci

UKRAINE

Ms Tatyana Dziadevych, Mr Andriy Grivko

UNITED ARABIC EMIRATES

Mr Mansoor Juma Nasser Ahmed Buosaiba

USA

Messrs Rob Demartini, Steve Mccauley

URUGUAY

Messrs Pablo Quintana, Ximena Martinez

UZBEKISTAN

Messrs Kozimkhuza Urinboykhuzhaev, Otabek Sabirov

VENEZUELA

Messrs Eliezer Rojas Rios, Fracisco Pazos

VIRGIN ISLANDS

Mr Mervin Mills

ZIMBABWE

Ms Linda Warren

Management Committee

On Site in Leuven, Belgium:

Mr	D. LAPPARTIENT	- President
Messrs.	M. W. AZZAM	- Vice-President
	J.-M. PELAEZ	- Vice-President
	R. DI ROCCO	- Vice-President
Messrs.	E. DELLA CASA	- Member
	T. VAN DAMME	- Member
	A. LOPES	- Member
	J. L. LOPES CERRON	- Member
	T. KIRSCH	- Member
	H.T. HANSEN	- Member
	M. BEN EL MAHI	- Member
	A. S. G. DARSHAN SINGH	- Member
	I. MAKAROV	- Member
	O. A. A. AL SHAFAR	- Member
Ms	K. NASH	- Member

Participating remotely:

Mr	T. Mitchell	- Member
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Staff on site in Leuven, Belgium:

Ms	A. LANAYA	- Director General
Mr	P. VAN DEN ABEELE	- Sports Director
Mr	J. CONRAD-PICKLES	- Chief Financial Officer
Mr	X BIGARD	- Medical Director
Mr	V. JACQUET	- International Relations, Development and WCC Director

Participating:

Mr	B. FOUCHER	- President of the UCI Ethics Commission
Mr	M. ACKERMANN	- External Auditor
Ms	T. GAUDRY	- President of the UCI Women's Commission
Mr	S. TAGGART	- CEO, 2022 UCI Road World Championships
Ms	T. LINDBLADE	- CEO, 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships (remote participation)
Mr	P. BUSH	- Chairman, 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships (remote participation)
Mr	B. COHEN	- Director General of the International Testing Agency
Mr	I. DE VOS	- Member of the IOC, President of the International Equestrian Federation

Registration of voting delegates

The names of the voting delegates were communicated to the President and recorded as follows:

Asia, 8 voting delegates

Mr Nurlan Smagulov (KAZAKHSTAN), Mr Sung Woong Park (KOREA), Mr Manjit Singh Gill Darshan Singh (MALAYSIA), Mr Choon Lee Ronnie Yap (SINGAPORE), Mr Navratnaraja Karunaratna (SRI LANKA), Ms Maneerat Rungrueangsak (THAILAND), Mr Nuthapong Lohitnavy (THAILAND), Mr Jamal Mesleh M. Al-Fawaeir (JORDAN).

Africa, 8 voting delegates

Mr Julius Mwangi (KENYA), Mr Abderrahmane Ethmane (MAURITANIA), Mr Giandomenico Massari (NIGERIA), Mr Abdallah Murenzi (RWANDA), Ms Linda Helen Warren (ZIMBABWE), Mr Asheraf Emam Ahmed (SUDAN), Mr Michel Thioub (SENEGAL), Mr Ignace Amedee Berewoudougou (BURIKNA FASO).

America, 9 voting delegates

Mr Gabriel Curuchet (ARGENTINA), Ms Monique Leerdam (ARUBA), Mr Pierre Laflamme (CANADA), Mr Henny Bonafacio (CURACAO), Mr Jorge Blas Diaz Garcia (DOMINICAN REPUBLIK), Ms Rowena Williams (TRINIDAD & TOBAGO), Mr Steve McCauley (USA), Mr Jorge Mauricio Vargas Carreno (COLOMBIA), Mr Peter Dunne (BERMUDA).

Oceania, 3 voting delegates (remote participation*)

Ms Marne Fechner (AUSTRALIA), Mr Patrick Keenan (FIJI), Ms Monessa Horton (GUAM).

Europe, 15 voting delegates

Mr Vitali Zhmako (BELARUS), Mr Thierry Marechal (BELGIUM), Mr Tomislav Zadro (CROATIA), Ms Jaroslava Krakovicova (CZECH REPUBLIK), Mr Raivo Rand (ESTONIA), Ms Csilla Tam (HUNGARY), Ms Lucia Trevisan (ITALY), Mr Camille Dahm (LUXEMBOURG), Mr Umberto Langellotti (MONACO), Mr Jose Luiz Costa Mendes Ribeiro (PORTUGAL), Ms Victoria Lesnikova (RUSSIA), Mr Walter Baldiserra (SAN MARINO), Ms Livia Hanesova (SLOVAKIA), Mr Alejandro Martin Garcia (SPAIN), Mr Thomas Backteman (SWEDEN).

Total voting delegates: 43

**In 2021, the 190th UCI Congress was exceptionally held as a hybrid event. Due to the many restrictions still in place in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic, the voting delegates for Oceania were authorised to participate remotely, casting their votes on a secure voting platform provided by an independent company, Lumi Global. The authorisation to participate remotely was confirmed by the UCI Ethics Commission based on compelling grounds rendering the representation of the Oceania Continental Confederation impossible, either through voting delegates or substitutes. The voting was therefore conducted through voting ballots or raising hands, for the voting delegates present, and through the secure voting platform, for those participating remotely.*

1. Opening by UCI President

Mr David Lappartient, UCI President, stated a few preliminary points before opening the Congress. He explained the voting process, stating that the 190th UCI Congress was a decision-making congress with 13 proposals to vote on concerning the usual business of the UCI. Voting Delegates present at the venue were asked to vote by raising their hands and by secret ballot papers for the elections. Meanwhile, Voting Delegates joining remotely were asked to vote on all items via the online secure voting platform provided by Lumi Global.

Mr Lappartient then explained that the elections would be chaired by the President of the Ethics Commission, Mr Bernard Foucher, who would provide details on the electoral process.

The President proceeded with the roll call of the Voting Delegates both attending virtually and in person.

Mr Lappartient opened the Congress by welcoming the 141 National Federation delegates from 95 nations.

2. Speech by the President of Royale Ligue Vélocipédique Belge

Mr Lappartient gave the floor to Mr Tom van Damme, President of the Royale Ligue Vélocipédique Belge for his welcome speech.

Mr van Damme welcomed the President, the Members of the Management Committee and the delegates to Belgium and thanked Mr Lappartient for granting Belgium the centenary edition of the UCI Road World Championships. He spoke highly of the internationalisation of cycling, shown both in the increase in participation of different nations as well as the increase in international venues for cycling events.

3. Any admissions, suspensions, exclusions of Federations

The Congress approved the admission of the following National Federations:

- South Sudan Cycling Federation (CAC);
- Solomon Islands Cycling Federation (OCC);
- Vatican Sport Association – Athletica Vaticana – Vatican Cycling (UEC);
- Federación Ciclista de Guinea Ecuatorial (CAC).

Simple majority of votes cast	Number of votes cast	YES	NO
In accordance with article 11 of the UCI Constitution to approve the admission of the South Sudan Cycling Federation (CAC)	43	100% (43)	0% (0)
In accordance with article 11 of the UCI Constitution to approve the admission of the Solomon Islands Cycling Federation (OCC)	43	100% (43)	0% (0)
In accordance with article 11 of the UCI Constitution to approve the admission of the Vatican Sport Association – Athletica Vaticana – Vatican Cycling (UEC)	43	100% (43)	0% (0)
In accordance with article 11 of the UCI Constitution to approve the admission of the Federación Ciclista de Guinea Ecuatorial (CAC)	43	100% (43)	0% (0)

Mr Lappartient congratulated the newly affiliated National Federations, explaining that this brings the total of affiliated National Federations to 201. This was an important objective set out in the Agenda 2022, which the UCI is proud to achieve. He also gave a special welcome to the Vatican Sport Association – Atletica Vaticana – Vatican Cycling, as the UCI is the first international federation to have Vatican as a member.

He also congratulated Dr Mohamed Wagih Azzam, President of the Confederation Africaine de Cyclisme (CAC), for bringing the total number of National Federations on the continent from 16 to 54 during his Presidency. All African countries are now represented within CAC and the UCI.

Mr Lappartient then presented the affiliation certificate to the following National Federations:

- Palestinian Cycling Federation (ACC);
- Federación Deportiva Nacional de Ciclismo de Chile (COPACI);
- Bulgarian Cycling Federation (UEC).

These national federations were accepted as members of the UCI in 2020, but due to the Congress being held as a virtual event, could not be presented with their respective affiliation certificates.

4. Minutes of the 189th UCI Congress

The Congress approves the minutes of the 189th UCI Congress held virtually on 5 November 2020, which were received by all members in advance.

Simple majority of votes cast	Number of votes cast	YES	NO
To approve the minutes of the 189 th UCI Congress	43	100% (43)	0% (0)

5. Modifications to the UCI Constitution

The Congress approved the proposals for modifications to the UCI Constitution.

These Proposals are related to the amendments made in 2019 concerning gender representation within the bodies of the UCI and Continental Confederations.

Firstly, the number of Vice-Presidents is increased from 3 to 4 and the UCI Management Committee is required to elect at least one Vice-President of each gender (Art. 50 par. 2). Secondly, regarding the requirements for gender representation among executive committees of the Continental Confederations, the requirement of gender representation is clarified as corresponding to the closest absolute number of 25% of the members of the executive committee (Art. 26 par. 2 d). This wording is consistent with the Continental Confederations' Constitutions approved in 2020.

Simple majority of votes cast	Number of votes cast	YES	NO
In accordance with Article 30 par. 1 a) of the UCI Constitution to approve the modifications to the UCI Constitution	43	100% (43)	0% (0)

6. Speech by the UCI President

Mr Lappartient started by thanking the members for their presence and gave a special welcome to the members who were unable to travel to Belgium due to the Covid-19 pandemic and were attending the Congress virtually. He also thanked the Belgian authorities, the President of the Royale Ligue Vélocipédique Belge for their hospitality and His Majesty, the king of Belgium, for visiting the Team Time Trial Mixed Relay event.

The 100th anniversary of the UCI Road World Championships is a special edition of the event, and Mr Lappartient expressed his gratitude at being able to hold this edition in one of the five founding countries of the UCI.

Mr Lappartient referred to the Covid-19 pandemic and its continued impact on the world in general as well as on sport. In spite of the difficult context, cycling has been one of the sports that has fared best, as demonstrated by the remarkable TV audiences. He credited the success of the 2021 cycling season to the health protocols and to the UCI's Medical Director, Prof Xavier Bigard. The Olympic Games of Tokyo 2020, postponed to 2021, have also been able to take place with the support of the Japanese authorities and Mr Thomas Bach, President of the IOC. Nevertheless, the situation continues to force cancellations or postponements of several events on the UCI International Calendar.

The new Presidents of the Continental Confederations were also elected in 2021, those being Dr Mohamed Wagih Azzam (Africa), Mr Osama Ahmed Abdullah Al Shafar (Asia), Mr José Manuel Pelaez (Pan America), Mr Tony Mitchell (Oceania) and Mr Enrico Della Casa (Europe). Mr Lappartient congratulated the presidents on their election.

More than 80% of objectives set out in the Agenda 2022 have been realised, as Mr Lappartient explained. In respect of making cycling the sport of the 21st century, ambitious reforms were made in relation to the promotion of the different disciplines, including the new format for the UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup, the creation of the UCI Track Champions League and the Mixed Team Time Trial event at the UCI Road World Championships. Other examples such as well as the integration of Cycling Esports and pump track, with their own World Championships, may also be highlighted.

Mr Lappartient moved on to the reforms in terms of governance which have been implemented with the aim of increasing the representation of women within the bodies of the UCI, the Continental Confederations and National Federations. In terms of transparency, the Continental Confederations are now obliged to submit their certified accounts and audits have been carried out by independent firms.

In the context of the development of women's cycling, Mr Lappartient applauded the success of various measures, such as the UCI Women's WorldTour and Women's WorldTour Teams, the minimum salary and different social advantages that have been introduced and the equality in terms of prize money between men's and women's UCI World Championships and UCI World Cups. Furthermore, new women's races are created and developed, their visibility on TV has increased and there will be equal numbers of men and women competing in the cycling events at the Olympic Games in Paris 2024.

Moving on to the Olympic Games, Mr Lappartient pointed out the success of the cycling disciplines which were one of the few to be accessible for the public, for which he thanked the organising committee and the Japanese authorities. He thanked Mr Thomas Bach, President of the IOC, for his attendance of the inaugural BMX Freestyle event, won by the Australian Logan Martin. He mentioned the surprise win of Anna Kiesenhofer in the Women's Road Race, stating that this was what the Olympic Games were about.

Mr Lappartient then informed the delegates that the programme for the Olympic Games in Paris 2024 will stay the same as it was in Tokyo. The programme for the Olympic Games in Los Angeles 2028 will be approved at the IOC Session during the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games. The presence of the cycling disciplines cannot be taken for granted, and Mr Lappartient called upon everyone to fight to keep them in the programme.



He went on to state that the fight against doping is a priority, and the UCI is responsible for guaranteeing fair competition for all athletes. Several advances have been made in this area, such as the ban on tramadol, as well as the prohibition of corticoids from January 2022. He informed the delegates that the transfer of the UCI's Anti-Doping operational activities from the Cycling Anti-Doping Foundation (CADF) to the International Testing Agency (ITA) came into effect in 2021, which has led to several advantages such as greater independence in the fight against doping in cycling and access to the ITA's international network to combat doping.

Mr Lappartient explained the UCI's work on the adoption of a sustainable development strategy in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, which sets Sustainability Targets for the UCI's activities such as reaching carbon neutrality by 2030 as well as practical information for stakeholders to set up their own sustainable development programmes. The Covid-19 pandemic has led to a global cycling boom, which the UCI supports via the Cycling for All initiatives, for example through the award of the UCI Bike City label to cities and regions for their commitment to cycling. So far, 14 cities and regions have been awarded this label.

In relation to finances, Mr Lappartient confirmed that the global pandemic was a serious threat to the UCI's finances. Nevertheless, the financial loss was limited to CHF 1 million in 2020, thanks to strict financial management throughout the year. The prospect of earnings of CHF 13 million for 2021 will enable the reserves to be almost identical to 2016. This is mostly due to the Olympic revenues, for which Mr Lappartient thanks the IOC. The financial strategy in place until 2024, that will be extended to 2027 and presented to the delegates next year further focuses on the UCI's aim to achieve financial stability without relying on Olympic revenues. Mr Lappartient further pointed out that the reserves are made up to deal with unexpected circumstances and ensure that the UCI can continue its activities.

According to Mr Lappartient, the UCI has also kept to its commitments on the solidarity programme and towards the UCI World Cycling Centre (WCC), with the allocation of more funding and resources to the solidarity programme, the organisation of training courses, the development of further coaching courses and the donations of more bicycles to National Federations. Furthermore, a new continental satellite in Anadia, Portugal as well as a BMX Freestyle park at the UCI WCC in Aigle, Switzerland, were built.

Greater long-term visibility had been promised in terms of the UCI World Championships, and this has been achieved by awarding all UCI World Championships until 2025 by the time of this Congress. Focus will now be set on awarding every championship until 2027 by September 2022. Numerous innovations enhance the appeal of the UCI World Championships. This includes the award of the 2025 UCI Road World Championships to Africa, a first for the continent, as well as the bringing together of the cycling disciplines once every four years, for the first time in Glasgow 2023.

On a different note, Mr Lappartient acknowledged the challenges for Afghan cyclists, and offered his support to the Afghan people and in particular Afghan women, who had been targeted. Cycling was growing fast in Afghanistan. The UCI's operations have helped many Afghan women and other people under threat to leave the country, with the WCC also welcoming some of these people. Mr Lappartient thanked everyone involved in this project.

Finally, Mr Lappartient thanked his Vice-Presidents, the members of the Management Committee, Ms Amina Lanaya, Director General of the UCI and the UCI Staff for their work and commitment over the past four years.

7. Report on UCI activities in 2020 by the Director General

Ms Amina Lanaya, Director General, presented the report on the UCI's activities.



She welcomed the former UCI World Champions to the event and hoped for a spectacular weekend of racing marking the 100th anniversary of the UCI Road World Championships. Captured in the web series “Celebrating 100 years of passion”, the UCI has shown the astounding performances and excitement of the World Championships and the history of the rainbow jersey. The series that cover different cycling-related topics can be found on the UCI’s YouTube page, as Ms Lanaya explained.

Regarding the progress made since the last Congress, Ms Lanaya highlighted the teamwork that has been necessary to help the UCI be a leader in all aspects of international sports. Even though the Covid-19 pandemic has impacted people all over the world, an important part of the cycling season was saved through efficient crisis management. According to Ms Lanaya, this crisis management and close monitoring of the situation continues, with ongoing efforts to adapt the protocols and revise calendars to ensure the health and safety of everyone involved in the sport.

Ms Lanaya then focused on the position of women in the sport of cycling, which has been enhanced with the revision of the UCI Constitution to provide for better representation of women in governing bodies, the UCI’s efforts for a course to prepare potential women leaders for key positions and the ongoing process with a view to obtaining the 2nd level of the EDGE certification for gender equality in the workplace.

Concerning the protection and support of riders, Ms Lanaya pointed out that the UCI takes the wellbeing of athletes seriously with a focus on prevention, education, and communication, led by a newly appointed Integrity and Education Manager at the UCI. A system for reporting inappropriate behaviour has also been set up.

Ms Lanaya expressed her delight with the launch of the new UCI website which is easier to navigate and includes numerous improvements such as the integration of the UCI DataRide feature, the better provision of information, statistics, and relevant facts to the stakeholders. With more innovations coming in this regard, such as an easier online process to register UCI events, the investment in the new website is bound to bring positive results, as the focus on social media has already shown with an increase in followers, views and likes.

Staying on the topic of innovation, Ms Lanaya mentioned the newest cycling discipline, Cycling Esports, with the first UCI Cycling Esports World Championships being held in December 2020. Continuing on this trend, the Olympic Virtual Series were launched this year by the IOC, with the cycling events attracting great participation figures. The next UCI Cycling Esports World Championships will take place on 26 February 2022.

Ms Lanaya referred to the crucial work to ensure a clean and fair sport and the important steps that have been taken towards the integrity of the sport, such as the fight against technological fraud with the implementation of portable X-ray camera and the successful transfer of the Anti-Doping operational activities from the Cycling Anti-Doping Foundation (CADF) to the International Testing Agency (ITA).

Highlighting the progress that has been done in accordance with the Agenda 2022, Ms Lanaya stated that of the 300 objectives covering all areas of cycling and its governance, more than 80% have been met. She thanked all stakeholders for their input and help, whilst focus shall now move towards the Agenda 2030.

Ms Lanaya went on to state her gratitude for working next to Mr Lappartient and the UCI Management Committee and thanked the National Federations and the entire cycling community for their dedication and support.

The Congress approved the report on the UCI’s activities as presented by Ms Amina Lanaya, UCI Director General.

Simple majority of votes cast	Number of votes cast	YES	NO
To approve the report on UCI activities as presented in the 2020 UCI Annual Report	43	100% (43)	0% (0)

8. Ethics Commission report

Mr Bernard Foucher, President of the UCI Ethics Commission, gave a full activity report of the Ethics Commission according to Art. 20 of the UCI Code of Ethics.

Mr Foucher started by explaining the nature of the complaints that the Ethics Commission has dealt with over the past year. A reduction in the number of complaints was observed, with approximately ten complaints received since the last Congress. Firstly, Mr Foucher explained that certain complaints have focused on aspects related to the Covid-19 health crisis, with several complaints being about the nature of the measures that were imposed. Mr Foucher pointed out that the Ethics Commission did not have discretion to decide on the legality of the measures, but simply on whether they were discriminatory towards a rider or a team or not. Secondly, an area of complaints in which two cases are still ongoing are alleged irregularities in the internal functioning of national federations and ill-compliance with the UCI statutes. Thirdly, the core of the complaints continues to concern alleged violations of the rules pertaining to the protection of physical and mental integrity and inappropriate sexual behaviour. One of these complaints has resulted in a suspension of three years for a team manager. This decision had been taken by the Disciplinary Commission of the UCI in accordance with the recommendation made by the Ethics Commission.

The second role of the Ethics Commission in the past year has been one of advice and assistance, mainly in two areas: the supervision of elections and the revision of the drafting of the Code of Ethics. The Ethics Commission has participated in the drafting of the standard internal regulations for the continental confederations and of the Terms of Reference relating to the composition and missions of the electoral commissions and its members have been involved in the monitoring of the electoral process of Continental Confederations. The Ethics Commission has also provided help and guidance with regards to voting via online platforms for both the Continental Confederations and the UCI. This activity has ensured transparency and clarity within the whole electoral process.

Mr Foucher went on to state that the Ethics Commission played an advisory and assistance role in the revision of the Code of Ethics with a view to improving procedures in light of the experience gained over the past few years. This has resulted in a substantial change to the Code of Ethics on matters such as the rules concerning the distribution and acceptance of gifts, a strict framework for financial contributions towards a governing body, and the rights of complainants. The most important change, however, has been the granting of new competences to the Commission regarding decisions and sanctions, especially the removal of the mechanism of referral to the Disciplinary Commission as well as the power to impose provisional sanctions and render suspended decisions.

9. 2020 Financial Report and Accounts

Mr Jeremy Conrad-Pickles, Chief Financial Officer of the UCI, described the key points of the UCI’s financial situation, stating the approval of the 2020 Financial Report by the Management Committee on 2 June 2021.

The 2020 Financial Report was provided to each National Federation and includes a detailed explanation of the UCI’s accounts.



Mr Conrad-Pickles proceeded to give an overview of the main points of the report. 2020 being the first year in which the Covid-19 pandemic impacted the finances, this resulted in a 29% revenue loss compared to 2019. Through reduced expenses, however, 35% cost savings could be achieved. The reduction of margins in relation to competitions was limited to only 10%, despite several cancellations and rescheduling of UCI World Cups and World Championships. Mr Conrad-Pickles further went on to state that a further 4.8 million CHF were invested in the UCI's development programme despite the impact the pandemic.

An advance of 5 million USD by the IOC in respect of the Tokyo Olympics allowed to UCI to increase Cash balances to 16.6 million CHF. The invested funds also grew by 2.5%, to 30.6 million CHF.

Mr Conrad-Pickles explained that the consolidated revenues amounted to 29.1 million CHF, while the operating loss was 1.8 million CHF. After adjusting the expected margin from the Olympic games, the final operating loss was a 4.6 million CHF improvement compared to the budgeted result.

10. Audit and Finance Committee report and Auditor's report

Mr Rocco Cattaneo, President of the Audit and Finance Committee, and Mr Michael Ackermann, external auditor of the UCI, presented the Audit and Finance Committee report and Auditor's report as included in the 2020 Annual Report.

Mr Cattaneo explained Committee had been attentive to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and was happy with the economic measures taken by the UCI Director General, which helped the UCI achieve a better result than expected.

He thanked both Mr Conrad-Pickles and Mr Ackermann for their transparency and their support of the mandate of internal audit of the Audit and Finance Commission as well as the members of the Audit Committee.

Mr Ackermann continued the report, mentioning that the audit had been performed by Mazar for the first-time following appointment by the UCI. This included a statutory ordinary audit on both the statutory financial statements and the consolidated financial statements of the UCI, the Fondation Centre Mondial du Cyclisme, the CMC Exploitation SA and the WCC Africa NPC. Mr Ackermann mentioned that the responsibility for preparing the financial statements lies with the UCI Management Committee. The audit reports were issued on 2 June 2021, with Mr Ackermann confirming that the statutory financial statements for 2020 comply with Swiss law, the consolidated financial statements for 2020 give a true and fair view of the financial position of the UCI and that an internal control system exists. Mr Ackermann therefore recommended that the financial statements submitted to the Congress be approved.

The Congress approved the Audit and Finance Committee report and the External Auditor's Report as included in the 2020 Annual Report.

Simple majority of votes cast	Number of votes cast	YES	NO
To approve the Audit and Finance Committee report and the External Auditor's report as presented in the Financial Report of the 2020 UCI Annual Report	43	100% (43)	0% (0)

11. 2022 Budget

Mr Jeremy Conrad-Pickles, Chief Financial Officer of the UCI, gave an update on the 2021 forecast and an overview of the 2022 budget. He mentioned the uncertainties in the 2022 budget; however, the

latest expectations show that the operating result will be improved compared to the budgeted amount.

Mr Conrad-Pickles went on to state that a prudent growth of the reserves can be expected on the longer term through the next four-year cycle, even though the development expenditure has increased by 68% over the last two Olympic cycles.

The Congress approved the 2022 budget as presented by Mr Conrad-Pickles and as provided to the members in advance of the Congress.

Simple majority of votes cast	Number of votes cast	YES	NO
To approve the 2022 budget as provided to members in advance of the UCI Congress	43	100% (43)	0% (0)

12. National Federations' affiliation fees

The UCI Management Committee proposes that the National Federations' affiliation fees remain the same as in 2020.

The Congress approved the National Federations' affiliation fees as provided to the members in advance of the Congress.

Simple majority of votes cast	Number of votes cast	YES	NO
To approve the National Federations' affiliation fees	43	100% (43)	0% (0)

13. UCI World Cycling Centre report

Mr Vincent Jacquet, International Relations, Development and WCC Director, presented a report on the activities of the UCI WCC.

The members of Congress acknowledged the report.

14. Solidarity Commission report

Dr Mohamed Wagih Azzam, UCI Vice-President and President of the Solidarity Commission, presented a report on the first four years of the UCI Solidarity Programme with its aim to support National Federations in their efforts to develop cycling in their respective countries.

The members of Congress acknowledged the report.

15. Sports Director's report

Mr Peter van den Abeele, UCI Sports Director, presented a report on the UCI's events, including World Championships and UCI World Cups as well as on the UCI's involvement in International Calendar events, such as on road safety, fight against technological fraud, covid-19 protocols.

The members of Congress acknowledged the report.

16. Report on Women's cycling and strengthening of gender parity

Ms Tracey Gaudry, President of the UCI Women's Commission, presented her report on the progress of women's cycling over the past four years via video.



The members of Congress acknowledged the report.

17. Speeches by guest speakers

Mr Stuart Taggart, CEO of the 2022 UCI Road World Championships, presented a status update on the 2022 UCI Road World Championships.

The members of Congress acknowledged the report.

18. 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships

Ms Trudy Lindblade, CEO of the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships, and Mr Paul Bush, Chairman of the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships presented a status update on the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships.

The members of Congress acknowledged the report.

19. Report of the International Testing Agency (ITA)

Mr Benjamin Cohen, Director General of the ITA, gave a presentation on the UCI’s anti-doping program carried out by the ITA in 2021.

The members of Congress acknowledged the report.

20. Report on the UCI’s medical activities

Mr Xavier Bigard, UCI Medical Director, followed with a presentation of the activities of the UCI Medical Commission, focusing in particular on the rules set out in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The members of the Congress acknowledged the report.

21. UCI Merit awards and distinctions

Mr Lappartient presented the recipients of the UCI Merit as determined by the UCI Management Committee. The UCI Merit was awarded to:

- Mr Tom Van Damme, President of the Royale League Vélocipedique Belge and President of the Professional Cycling Council
- Mr Greg LeMond, three times winner of the Tour de France and two times UCI Road Race World Champion
- Mr Philippe Leuba, State councillor in the Swiss Canton of Vaud and Head of the Department of Economy, Innovation and Sport
- Mr Fazli Ahmad Fazli, President of the National Cycling Federation of Afghanistan

Moving on to honorary titles, Mr Lappartient presented the proposals for receipt of honorary titles as proposed by the UCI Management Committee.

The Congress approved the award of honorary titles to Mr Artur Lopes, as Honorary Member of the UCI Management Committee, and Mr Renato di Rocco, as Honorary Vice-President of the UCI.

Majority of two thirds of votes cast	Number of votes cast	YES	NO
To confer the title of Honorary Member to Mr Artur Lopes in accordance with Art. 81 of the UCI Constitution	43	100% (43)	0% (0)

To confer the title of Honorary Vice-President to Mr Renato di Rocco in accordance with Art. 81 of the UCI Constitution	43	100% (43)	0% (0)
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22. World Championship and UCI Bike City Label awards

Mr Lappartient announced the following eight locations for UCI World Championships as awarded by the UCI Management Committee:

- 2022 UCI Indoor Cycling World Championships: Ghent, Belgium
- 2022 UCI Mountain Bike Eliminator World Championships: Barcelona, Spain
- 2022 UCI Masters Mountain Bike Marathon World Championships: Madonna di Campiglio, Italy
- 2024 and 2025 UCI Masters Track World Championships: Roubaix, France
- 2025 UCI Road World Championships: Kigali, Rwanda
- 2026 UCI Gran Fondo World Championships: Victoriaville, Canada
- 2026 UCI Cyclo-Cross World Championships: Hulst, The Netherlands
- 2027 UCI Cyclo-Cross World Championships: Ostend, Belgium

Continuing with the UCI Bike City Label Awards, Mr Lappartient expressed his satisfaction in being able to grant the award to five cities or regions. The cities or regions awarded with the UCI Bike City Label in 2021 are: Flanders (Belgium), Fayetteville (USA), Val di Sole (Italy), Wollongong (Australia) and Sakarya (Turkey). Trophies will be awarded at the 2021 UCI Mobility & Bike City Forum in Odense, Denmark, in October.

23. Speech by IOC member and President of the International Equestrian Federation, Ingmar de Vos

Mr Ingmar de Vos, Member of the IOC, and President of the International Equestrian Federation (FEI) presented a speech on the relationship and common values between the FEI and the UCI.

24. Questions and proposals from National Federations (discussion)

Mr Lappartient invited the delegates of the National Federations to voice their questions and proposals.

Mr Vatche Zadourian, President of the Fédération Libanaise de Cyclisme, thanked Mr Lappartient for supporting the Lebanese Cyclists during the humanitarian crisis in the Lebanon and after the explosion in the port of Beirut. He asked Mr Lappartient to not abandon the Lebanese cyclists.

Mr Lappartient confirmed that the UCI assisted the Lebanese Cycling Federation to sustain the Federation. He thanked Mr Zadourian for his work towards the advancement of cycling and hosting various events in his country and promised to keep supporting the Lebanese Cycling Federation through its solidarity programmes.

Mr Camille Dahm, President of the Fédération du Sport Cycliste Luxembourgeois, asked about the introduction of a Women's U23 Category at the UCI Road World Championships.

Mr Lappartient expressed his willingness to work towards a U23 category for women at the UCI Road World Championships. He stated that he would propose to the UCI Management Committee to examine, as a first step, the opportunity of awarding two titles in the same race for Elite Women and U23 Women at the next UCI Road World Championships in Wollongong, Australia, in 2022.

Mr Dahm's second point concerned finding a different date for the Congress as he assumed many of the delegates would have liked to see riders from their country race rather than spend their time at the Congress.

Mr Lappartient replied that this would be implemented in Wollongong in 2022, where the Congress will take place on the Thursday, the only day without any races during the UCI Road World Championships 2022.

Mr Dahm finally requested that National Federations be compensated and supported for their work at the grassroots level. He suggested that a certain percentage of the sums generated at the top level should be distributed to enable the National Federations to pursue their development activities.

Mr Lappartient confirmed that it was the intention of the UCI to provide this support, although various circumstances had led to delays in the implementation of a solidarity mechanism. He mentioned that the money would be given to the National Federations with discretion, allowing the National Federations to decide on the structure of their grassroot programme.

Mr Romuald Hazoume, President of the Fédération Béninoise de Cyclisme, underlined that he was not satisfied with the consideration given by the UCI to African nations. The awarding of the 2025 Road World Championships to Rwanda remained insufficient in comparison with other continents. He insisted that more support from the UCI was needed.

Mr Lappartient explained that the 2025 UCI Road World Championships were Championships in Africa and for Africa, with sufficient time for African countries to prepare and be competitive by 2025. He also pointed out that much had been done already, with the multiplication of the financial support through the UCI's solidarity programme. The UCI furthermore helps National Federations to structure their development programme and take part in the technological progress with financial support for their projects and donations of bikes. However, Mr Lappartient reminded the delegates of the limited budget of the UCI. He also insisted that National Federations had to communicate their development programmes to the UCI in order to benefit from the UCI's solidarity programme.

Mr Lucas Georges, President of the Seychelles Cycling Association, explained that as his country had been in lockdown for almost two years, there was no funding, no sponsorships, and no government grants. A helping hand would be needed to build his federation up from scratch again. In this context, he asked how applications could be made to the IOC solidarity funds.

Mr Lappartient explained that this is not distributed via the UCI, but via the National Olympic Committees. Mr Lappartient also reiterated that every increase in revenues of the UCI would be invested into the National Federations and their support.

Mr Georges went on to talk about the transportation issue, flights and overweight baggage becoming more expensive. He asked Mr Lappartient to work towards an agreement with airlines for bikes to be free as overweight baggage, especially for island countries.

Mr Lappartient confirmed that some meetings were scheduled with airlines operating world-wide, which were unfortunately cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. He confirmed that this topic was important for all National Federations, and the UCI would continue to try and reach an agreement on their behalf.

Mr Charles Mose, General Secretary of the Kenya Cycling Federation, acknowledged that Mr Lappartient travelled to see the inner workings of the National Federations, but requested the same for other members of the Management Committee and the Executive Board to get a feeling of the problems the Federations face. He mentioned that the African countries still must catch up, and that



a backup by the UCI of the hard work that Dr Azzam had done was necessary to increase African cycling events.

Mr Lappartient promised to visit as many affiliated countries as possible within his next mandate, and he extended an invitation to Mr Mose and his Federation to come to the UCI headquarters. The increase of international events in the UCI Calendar also means new opportunities for hosts.

Mr Navarathnarajah Karunaratna, President of the Cycling Federation of Sri Lanka, mentioned an issue faced by the Cycling Federation of Sri Lanka with the government involvement in elections. He thanked Mr Lappartient for his involvement, but underlined that the situation had not changed, so he requested a follow-up by the UCI to solve this matter as soon as possible.

Mr Lappartient congratulated Mr Karunaratna for his leadership of the Cycling Federation of Sri Lanka in difficult circumstances and promised his support to the Federation. He stated that the Olympic Charter was clear in the point that no political interference can influence the elections of National Federations and that the International Relations Department in both the UCI and the IOC were pushing for a modification of the Sri Lankan law that was not compliant with the Olympic Charter.

Mr Baitan Djabigue, Vice-President of the Fédération Togolaise du Cyclisme, acknowledged the effort the UCI put into the development of cycling on the African continent, although he stated that these efforts did not benefit most of the countries, with Togo not having been included in any of these efforts, neither by the CAC nor by the UCI. He further explained that the UCI Satellite Centre in South Africa was a good programme but stated his disappointment regarding the lack of support to cover the travel costs to South Africa. He asked for more support and bike donations for his National Federation.

Mr Lappartient explained that the UCI will grant more support to the country. He acknowledged the cost of flights within Africa and the difficulties to travel within the continent. He promised to continue to work to ease travelling but advised Mr Djabigue to contact his National Olympic Committee as well, as IOC solidarity funds were also available.

Ms Maram Zuhair Masrouji, Vice-President of the Palestinian Cycling Federation, thanked Dr Azzam for hosting the Palestinian Cycling Federation on a training camp in Cairo, and thanked the UCI for their support via the award of solidarity funds. She promised to work to maintain the trust for the benefit of the athletes, even though the National Federation faced many financial, social, and political difficulties.

Mr Lappartient thanked Ms Masrouji for her work and welcomed her to the cycling family, promising to keep up the funding and support.

Mr Pascal Toingar, representing the Fédération Tchadienne du Cyclisme, asked whether the officially published amount of money that went into the African continent via the UCI's solidarity funds had been used for other projects than the donation of bikes and organisation of trainings for certain National Federations. Mr Toingar further asked whether there was a structure in place to ensure proper African representation at the 2025 UCI Road World Championships in Rwanda.

Mr Lappartient informed Mr Toingar that solidarity funds had been granted for projects in Tchad. He further explained that the organisation of trainings camps in Cairo was due to the UCI Junior Track World Championships taking place at the same time. This enabled several nations to benefit from the trainings. Many African countries have also benefited from equipment donations, although he pointed out that the funds could only be granted to countries that formally applied for funding.

Mr Mohammed Sahnoon, President of the Ghana Cycling Association, asked if the hybrid procedure of the elections used during the UCI Congress would be a standard procedure for future continental elections. He explained that he was standing as a candidate for the CAC Management Committee but was declared ineligible due to his absence at the CAC Congress in Egypt.

Mr Lappartient explained that the Chair of the Electoral Commission for the CAC, appointed by the UCI Ethics Commission, primarily had to follow the CAC Constitution. He acknowledged that it was not possible for some candidates to be elected at the CAC Congress as physical presence was mandatory. The Electoral Commission had asked for the candidates who could not travel to provide a justification. Certain derogations had in fact been granted, whereas those who failed to provide compelling justification were declared ineligible, in accordance with the CAC Constitution.

Mr Jean-Claude Kongolo Muamba, General Secretary of the Fédération Congolaise du Cyclisme, asked for the UCI's support on the organisation of the Francophone Games in Kinshasa, Congo, in 2022, with training and route planning.

Mr Lappartient promised the UCI's help and proposed for Mr Kongolo Muamba to approach International Relations department to discuss this matter.

25. Election of the UCI President

Mr Lappartient asked Mr Bernard Foucher to preside this point of the agenda.

Mr Foucher explained that since David Lappartient (France) is the only candidate, his election as President of the UCI is confirmed without a vote, in accordance with Art. 40 para. 3 of the UCI Constitution. Mr Foucher therefore confirmed Mr Lappartient's election as UCI President for the four-year term from 2021 to 2025.

Mr Lappartient thanked the Congress. He explained how he would like to continue working towards the development and the enlargement of cycling in all disciplines. He went on to state that a united team is needed for this effort, and thanked the Congress, the Management Committee and the Executive Board as well as UCI Staff for their collaboration. Mr Lappartient finished off by thanking the National Federations and their volunteers for being the heart of cycling and for their support and promised to put the same energy and effort into the development of cycling in the next four years.

26. Election of the members of the UCI Management Committee

Mr Foucher explained the voting process for the election of the Members of the Management Committee. A hybrid system was put in place, with 40 delegates voting in person and the three voting delegates for Oceania voting remotely. He further mentioned that three of the candidates (Mr Khaled Hamad Al Khalifa (ACC), Ms Anne Gripper (OCC) and Mr Seti Afoa (OCC) could also not be present in Belgium and that derogations had been granted for their candidacies to stand following the submission of compelling justifications for their absence.

Mr Foucher then informed the delegates of the process for delegates present in Leuven, and reminded them that since voting was confidential, photos were strictly forbidden. He introduced the candidates for the confederations, of which there is one vacancy in the ACC, CAC, OCC and COPACI respectively, while there were 7 vacancies for the UEC. In respect of the UEC, he explained that in accordance with Art. 48 para. 3 of the UCI Constitution, two members of each gender had to be elected. Due to the fact that there were only two female candidates (Ms Daniela Isetti and Ms Agata Lang), their election was confirmed without a vote, in accordance with Art. 40 para 3 of the UCI Constitution. Hence, for the UEC, the Congress was asked to elect candidates for the 5 vacancies among the 7 male candidates.

Mr Foucher then informed the members that any irregularities on the ballots would invalidate the vote. The elections were supervised by five scrutineers, one per Continental Confederation, a three-member panel of the Ethics Commission and an external lawyer.

Mr Foucher asked Mr Vincent Jacquet to proceed with the roll call for the delegates.

Once all delegates had been able to vote, Mr Foucher proceeded with the announcement of the results of the election. He confirmed the election of the following candidates on the UCI Management Committee for a four-year term from 2021 to 2025:

- Mr Amarjit Singh Gill Darshan Singh (ACC)
- Mr Mohammed Ben El Mahi (CAC)
- Ms Anne Gripper (OCC)
- Ms Sonia Gregoria Ramos Acuna (COPACI),
- Mr Rocco Cattaneo (UEC)
- Mr Igor Makarov (UEC)
- Mr José Luis Lopez Cerron (UEC)
- Mr Michel Callot UEC)
- Mr Henrik Jess Jensen (UEC)
- Ms Daniela Isetti (UEC)
- Ms Agata Lang (UEC).

Election of the Candidate for the ACC:

Total number of votes cast	43
Mr Amarjit Singh Gill Darshan Singh	88.37% (38)
Mr Khaled Hamad Al Khalifa	11.63% (5)

Election of the Candidate for the CAC:

Total number of votes cast	43
Mr Mohamed Ben El Mahi	90.70% (39)
Mr Lucas Georges	9.30% (4)

Election of the Candidate for the OCC:

Total number of votes cast	43
Ms Anne Gripper	93.02% (40)
Mr Seti Aofa	6.98% (3)

Election of the Candidate for the COPACI:

Total number of votes cast	43
Ms Sonia Gregoria Ramos Acuna	44.20% (19)
Mr Cyril Hollis Mangal	32.55% (14)
Mr Vasconcellos José Luiz	23.25%

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Election of the Candidates for the UEC:

Total number of votes cast	43
Mr Rocco Cattaneo	93.02% (40)
Mr Igor Makarov	86.05% (37)
Mr José Luis Lopez Cerron	81.39% (35)
Mr Michel Callot	72.09% (31)
Mr Henrik Jess Jensen	62.79% (27)
Mr Toni Kirsch	58.14% (25)
Mr Petr Marek	46.51% (20)

27. Closing of the Congress by UCI President

Mr Lappartient thanked the National Federations for their presence and closed the Congress.

Done in Aigle, 06 October 2021