

Paraplegic Nicola Dutto to join Dakar Rally starting line

Racing to success through team spirit, drive and ambition

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The next outing of the Dakar Rally is taking place between 6 and 17 January 2019, with South America once again playing host to the event. Rather than making its way through several countries, this 41st edition of the race will take place solely in Peru over ten stages. Desert conditions and sand dunes will account for around 70 percent of the landscape surrounding the rally, another new feature in its history. But that's not all: the starting line-up in the Peruvian capital of Lima will include Italian motorsports competitor Nicola Dutto, the first paraplegic racer to enter the motorcycle category in what is the world's most arduous and dangerous event of its kind.

Nicola Dutto and his team have some remarkable challenges ahead of them on the demanding 5000-kilometre route, 3000 kilometres of which will be special timed stretches and 2000 will be liaison stages. The Italian is aiming to be the first paraplegic rider in the motorcycle category to reach the finish line of this treacherous desert race. And his chances are excellent – in spite of his disability, the experienced rider has already managed to place towards the front of the field in numerous challenging motorcycle races on his specially adapted bike. With a disciplined approach to training that is second to none, he is in peak condition and will have a well-oiled team and his sponsors by his side to lend their support during the event. Ultrasonics specialist Telsonic become one of these sponsors after a client of the company put the TELSONIC Italia S.R.L. office in Rho, Italy, in touch with the personable sportsman. Dutto's disability, the result of a serious accident in 2010, has never caused him to waver in his drive to succeed, and his motivation and team-focused attitude are now a continual source of inspiration to others. Telsonic saw parallels between Nicola Dutto's outlook and its own corporate philosophy, and its employees are now keeping everything crossed for him to achieve his goal at the Dakar Rally 2019.

