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## AUDI FIS SKI WORLD CUP

**Intense cold, good for race track preparation**

**The Kandahar G.A. Alberto Agnelli in Sestriere will host two World Cup races**

Work is in full progress on the Kandahar G.A. Agnelli slope in Sestriere. The cold weather has finally arrived and snow can be produced with a good performance. The snow groomers are also at work and are moving the piles of snow produced to create a base suitable for the descents of the world's best athletes.

On Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 December, the women's giant slalom and slalom, valid for the Alpine Ski World Cup, will be held on the Olympic slope of Sestriere.

*We are much more confident than in the previous days, said Gualtiero Brasso, President of the Organizing Committee. The temperatures continue to drop and the track is taking more and more shape. The weather did not help us in the first half of November, but now we are able to work very well and progress can be seen day by day.*

In the finish area preparations are advancing. The grandstand is almost complete and, as planned, the adjacent structures that will hold the VIP area and the press room are also being assembled, the cover sheets have been placed and now the two structures are ready to start with the interior set-up.

**The Kandahar Giovanni Alberto Agnelli course** is among the historical ones in Sestriere, made famous for having launched many great champions into the Olympus of world skiing. This course hosted 39 World Cup races, among which the first night competition in history in 1994, the FIS Alpine Ski World Championships in 1997 and the Olympic winter Games in 2006.

Homologated to host giant slalom and slalom races, it has the following features:

### Giant slalom race course technical data

Start - 2400 m, finish - 2044 m, length - 1272 m, drop - 356 m

### Slalom race course technical data

Start - 2250 m, finish - 2044 m, length - 649 m, drop - 206 m

**The challenge this year will be even more competitive between the narrow slalom poles.** Compared to previous editions, the start has been raised; it will no longer be at an altitude of 2,220 metres but at 2,250 metres. It has been decided to use the men's start for the first time, adding a rather steep initial section that makes the course more technical and challenging in order to better meet the demands of spectacularity and difficulty typical of the most internationally renowned World Cup courses. Consequently, the finish line was also raised, eliminating part of the flat final section of the track.

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