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## **RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

### **Executive Council**

#### **MAIN DECISIONS**

#### **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING - FRIDAY 20 AUGUST 2021**

**The Executive Council met today under the chairmanship of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Mr. Nicolson LISETTE**

1. The Executive Council has taken note that the COVID-19 (Restriction of Access to Specified Institutions, Places and Premises) Regulations 2021 has been promulgated and shall come into operation in Rodrigues on 13 September 2021.

In view of the above, a special vaccination session will be organised for all front liners and staff of educational institutions on 27 and 28 August 2021.

2. The Executive Council has taken note of the approved Protocol for Passenger Flights to and from Rodrigues. The protocol has been devised in two phases:

#### **Phase One (mid-August to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021)**

Up to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021, all passengers will have to undergo 14-days quarantine in Mauritius prior to travelling to Rodrigues.

Three (3) additional repatriation flights are being scheduled up to 30 September 2021.

Only vaccinated passengers will be allowed to travel from Rodrigues to Mauritius, except minors.

#### **Phase Two (from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021)**

Normal passenger flights will resume as from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021, subject to herd immunity being attained by the end of September 2021.

Only vaccinated passengers, except minors, will be allowed to travel to and from Rodrigues.

3. The Executive Council has agreed that the Commission for Tourism provides a financial assistance to the Rod Trail Association for the organisation of the 12<sup>th</sup> Edition of the *Trail de Rodrigues*. The Rod Trail Association is targeting some 1,200 participants for the 12<sup>th</sup> Edition of the *Trail de Rodrigues* which will be held on Sunday 07 November 2021.
4. The Executive Council has approved to further extend the Tourism Alternative Livelihood Scheme (TALS) up to 10 September 2021 as a support to the tourism sector in Rodrigues in view of the prevailing COVID-19 situation in Mauritius.
5. The Executive Council has agreed that the Commission for Vocational Training awards the HSC Professional Scholarship Scheme for academic year 2020/2021 to Mr. Marc Olivier AGATHE from Le Chou College.
6. The Executive Council has agreed that the Commission for Vocational Training reviews the modalities for the disbursement of the grant of Rs 20,000 under the Laptop Grant Scheme to post-secondary and tertiary students for the acquisition of a laptop in their first year of study.  
  
Henceforth, the grant will be disbursed upon confirmation of the registration of the student in a recognised training institution in Rodrigues, Mauritius or overseas.
7. The Executive Council has agreed that the Commission for Fisheries proceeds with the launching of an expression of interest for the promotion of Fish Aggregating Device (FAD) fishery in Rodrigues.
8. The Executive Council has taken note that the tendering procedure in view of enlisting consultancy services for the revamping exercise of the Sustainable and Integrated Development Plan for Rodrigues (SIDPR) has been launched by the European Union (EU). The project is fully financed by the European Union and also comprises the:
  - i. Updating of the Tourism Development Plan for Rodrigues; and
  - ii. Updating of the Rodrigues Development Strategy and Land Use Plan.
9. The Executive Council has taken note of the approved budget and the calendar of activities for financial year 2021/2022 for Discovery Rodrigues Co. Ltd (Office du Tourisme).

10. The Executive Council has taken note that Assessments in Primary Schools for academic year 2021/2022 have been scheduled as follows:

i. From Tuesday 17 August to Thursday 19 August 2021 in Roman Catholic Education Authority (RCEA) Schools;

ii. From Thursday 19 August to Tuesday 24 August 2021 in Government Schools.

11. The Executive Council has taken note of the status of the vaccination campaign against COVID-19 in Rodrigues. As at 19 August 2021, 16,812 persons have been administered the first dose and 14,259 persons have been administered the second dose.

A batch of 3,500 single-dose Johnson and Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 vaccine has been received on 19 August 2021.

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**Date: 20 August 2021**