



RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

MAIN DECISIONS

Executive Council Meeting – Friday 19 April 2024

The Executive Council met today under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. Franceau Aubret GRANDCOURT, G.O.S.K; and has among its deliberations:

DECIDED

- (i) To approve a set of general guidelines that will be adopted for the implementation of Property Development Scheme or any other property development by private operators on private land in Rodrigues in line with the vision of making Rodrigues “Une Ile Creole Ecologique.”
- (ii) That the Chief Commissioner’s Office will grant permission to Pointe Coton Resort Hotel Co. Ltd to pledge its leasehold rights in favour of a banking institution in respect of a loan to part finance the renovation of 60 existing rooms and construction of 32 additional rooms of the Coton Bay Resort and Spa Hotel situated at Pointe Coton, Rodrigues.
- (iii) That pending the setting up of the Company Ecoles Maternelles de Rodrigues Ltée, the Commission for Education will provide a quarterly grant to the Association des Ecoles Maternelles de Rodrigues for the management and operation of 31 pre-primary schools falling under its purview and to meet payment of salaries of its staff for April to June 2024.
- (iv) That the Head Public Infrastructure and three Engineer/Senior Engineer will follow the FIDIC Contracts Introductory Course and Practical Workshop on FIDIC Contracts in Mauritius in two batches in view not to disrupt the smooth running of the Commission. In the first instance, the two most senior Engineers will attend the course to be organised by the Association of Consulting Engineers Mauritius in collaboration with the Construction Industry Development Board from 06 May to 10 May 2024.

- (v) To approve that the "Agence Komkifo" of Saint Denis, Reunion will organise the 8th Edition of the poetry contest known as "Koktèl Fonnker" in Rodrigues on the 6th of December 2024 in the context of 25th Edition of Festival Creole. The contest encourages the production of arts works and also provides a platform to artists in the Indian Ocean to promote their creativity and talents.
- (vi) To approve that the Rodrigues Sports Company limited will recruit a Manager for the smooth running and coordination of its operations with reference to maintenance, and implementation of sports programmes.
- (vii) That the Commission for Arts and Culture will grant authorisation to use the podium at Malabar for the organisation of :
 - (a) An outdoor evangelisation program on Friday 10th and Saturday 11th May 2024 as from 14.00 hrs to 19.00 hrs by Eglise de la Maison de la Restauration; and
 - (b) An Evangelistic Campaign from Thursday 13th to Saturday 15th June 2024 as from 18.00 hrs to 20.00 hrs by Eglise Chrétienne de Rodrigues.
 - (c) A ticketed live concert on Saturday 29th June 2024 by the group Vision de l'Est

TAKEN NOTE

- (i) That the Chief Commissioner, Mr. F.A. GRANDCOURT, G.O.S.K., will be on official mission to Mauritius next week to participate in the first Ministerial Conference on Drug Trafficking and Substance Abuse in the Western Indian Ocean to be held at Intercontinental Mauritius Resort, Balaclava Fort on 25 April 2024. During his mission, he will pay a courtesy call on the Honourable Prime Minister of the Republic of Mauritius and he will have meetings with the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister and other Ministers.

The Ministerial Conference aims to adopt a Regional Strategy against Drug Trafficking and Substance Abuse, set up a network of leading national agencies coordinating drug response and establish a Regional Drug Observatory.

- (ii) That a delegation of the Public Service Commission (PSC) and Disciplined Service Commission (DFSC) headed by Mr. V. LUCHMEEPERSAD, C.S.K., Chairperson of the PSC and DFSC will be on official mission to Rodrigues from Sunday 28 April to Sunday 05 May 2024 for the filling of vacancies in the grade of Police Constable/Women Police Constable in the Mauritius Police Force.

- (iii) That the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) in collaboration with the Prime Minister's Office and the Rodrigues Regional Assembly has organised a four days validation workshop in Rodrigues from Monday 15 to Thursday 18 April 2024 at the Centre for Sustainable and Integrated Development of Contour Oblasse with the view to present the key findings of the IOM **Bouze Rodrigues** study on inter-island migration between Rodrigues and Mauritius. The final report will be submitted in June 2024.
- (iv) That Rodrigues Riviere Coco Rising Sports Club, Champion of the First Division League (2022-2023) will represent Rodrigues in this prestigious competition which is organised every year by the Mauritius Football Association. The Club is currently in Mauritius and they will play against MFA/SLB HPC 17 on Saturday 20 April 2024 at St François Xavier Stadium at 15.30 hrs. In case of victory, they will proceed to the 1/8 final scheduled on Wednesday 24 April 2024 at the MFA Astro Pitch at 18.30 hrs where they will face the winner of the match opposing Bolton City v/s Black Horns YC.
- (v) Of the participation of representatives of the Commission for Environment and the Rodrigues Disaster Risk Reduction Management Centre in the Level 1 Training in Oil Spill Response and Preparedness, which will be held from Monday 22 April to Friday 26 April 2024 at the Mauritius Maritime Training Academy of Pointe aux Sables, Mauritius. Its objective is to enable practitioners involved in oil spill response to figure the best possible approach to be adopted in case of marine incidents.
- (vi) That the Commission for Health will set-up a Substance Abuse Committee on drugs and illicit substance abuse in Rodrigues in May 2024 under the chairmanship of Mr. Margo AZIE to:-
 - (a) to analyse the present situation and to make recommendation to the High Level Drug Committee on possible solutions to reduce/discourage drugs consumption in the Community; and
 - (b) to organize and monitor the implementation of sensitization activities around the island.
- (vii) That the Tourism Authority (TA) has officially opened registration for the third Edition of the Sustainable Tourism Mauritius Awards 2024 for Mauritius and Rodrigues which will focus on reducing carbon footprint and promoting sustainable travel. The Sustainable Tourism Mauritius Awards (STMA) is an initiative of the Tourism Authority through its project of Sustainable Island Mauritius to recognize tourism operators who have not only maintained their sustainability aspirations but also shown extraordinary commitment to health, resilience, and recovery post the COVID-19 crisis.

- (viii) That the Commission for Tourism will organise the Training of Skipper (Practical) for licence Category (C) up to 12 Nautical Miles and survey of pleasure craft from 22 to 25 April 2024 to be delivered by the Tourism Authority (TA).
- (ix) That to mark the International Day for Monuments and Site/World Heritage Day which is celebrated on the 18th April of each year, the Commission for Arts and Culture is organizing a workshop on the theme Disasters and Conflicts through the Lens of Venice Charter on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th April 2024 at the Cultural and Leisure Centre of Mon Plaisir. The workshop is being conducted by a Heritage Technical Officer of the National Heritage Fund.
- (x) That the dates for the finals of the 4eme Jeux de Rodrigues have been reviewed for 27 to 30 November 2024 and that the heats will be held not later than the month of July 2024. The objectives of the competition are:
- (a) promote the development of elite athletes;
 - (b) strengthen the bond of friendship among local athletes;
 - (c) provide a platform to detect new talents can be detected;
 - (d) enhance the process of upgrading of sports infrastructures; and
 - (e) give opportunity to regional sports committees to organise high level events.

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