

RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

MAIN DECISIONS

Executive Council Meeting – Friday 21 February 2025

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) That the Chief Commissioner's Office, Commission for Community Development will enlist the services of Community Animators on a sessional basis to promote community engagement, environmental awareness, and socio-economic development in Rodrigues.
- (ii) That the Chief Commissioner's Office, Commission for Community Development will provide financial assistance to the Lions Club of Rodrigues for the implementation of three (03) community projects.
- (iii) That the Deputy Chief Commissioner's Office, Commission for Education will organise After School Remedial Classes (Coaching) for underachieving pupils of Grade 5 and Grade 6 as from 10 February 2025.
- (iv) In line with the Chief Commissioner's budget speech for Financial Year 2024/2025 the Deputy Chief Commissioner's Office, Commission for Vocational Training will initiate procurement procedures for the design, development and implementation of a Financial Assistance Online System (FAOS) so as to enable post-secondary/tertiary students to register online for financial assistances offered by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly (RRA).

- (v) That the Commission for Education will review the modalities for enlistment of caterers in connection with the implementation of the School Feeding Project.
- (vi) That an Expression of Interest will be launched to invite professional fishers and promoters to signify their intention to refit and operate six (6) off-lagoon fishing boats against a rental fee.
- (vii) To approve that the Commission for fisheries will:
 - (a) Issue 1393 Provisional Octopus Fisher Identity (ID) Card to octopus fishers involved in the Alternative Livelihood Programme including surveillance; and
 - (b) Capture demographic monitoring and data of fishers and their catches on the opening of the octopus fishery as from 1st March 2025 for a period of three (3) months.
- (viii) That the Commission for Fisheries is initiating bidding exercise to install mooring buoys at Baie aux Huitres to Anse Goeland with a view to provide a marine environment friendly mooring points.
- (ix) That the Commission for Health will disburse fund for the provision of basic sanitary facilities to 15 beneficiaries under the Basic Sanitary Scheme with the aim of enhancing the living condition of vulnerable and low-income families.
- (x) To provide a financial contribution to the World Health Organisation (WHO) as the Rodrigues Regional Assembly's (RRA) contribution to allow its experts to complete the feasibility study for the construction of the Modern Hospital.
- (xi) That the Commission for Housing will provide housing units to three families whose homes are in a precarious state.
- (xii) That the Commission for Health will provide financial assistance to a minor patient and his accompanying mother to attend specialized medical treatment in Reunion Island.
- (xiii) That the Commission for Consumer Protection will provide a financial grant to the Association des Consommateurs de l'île Rodrigues (ACIR) for its operation and organisation of consumer education programme as well as the promotion of consumer rights.

- (xiv) That the Commission for Tourism will release fund in favour of Discovery Rodrigues Co. Ltd/ Rodrigues Tourism Office (RTO) to meet its expenses for the third quarter January to March 2025 for Fiscal Year 2024/2025.
- (xv) That the Commission for Tourism will carry out a "Survey of Domestic and Inbound Visitors 2025" at the departure lounge of the Plaine Corail Airport over a period of (one) 01 year as from 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026 with the primary objective of gathering crucial information pertaining to expenditure patterns of tourists in Rodrigues.
- (xvi) That the Commission for Youth and Sports will allocate a financial grant to the Rodrigues Regional Volleyball Committee for the participation of Montagne Goyaves Sporting Club (Women) in the 29th Championnat des Clubs de la CAVB Zone 7 which will be held in Mauritius from 1st to 8th March 2025.
- (xvii) To approve the organisation of a dance competition to select the best Rodriguan dancers to participate in the final 'Festival Bouzé' organized by the Wake up Entertainment in Mauritius.

TAKEN NOTE

- (i) That the Commission for Training will hold an Information Session for students who sat for the HSC Examinations 2024 along with their parents at the Ananias Andre Le Chou College Gymnasium on Saturday 22 February 2025 as from 09.30 hrs to provide relevant information on scholarships and financial assistances offered by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly and other donor countries.
- (ii) That the Mauritius Institute of Education (MIE) is holding an Ethics Education Fellowship (EEF) Workshop for 27 Educators from secondary schools in Rodrigues from Wednesday 19 to Friday 21 February 2025 at Antoinette Prudence, Human Resource Development Centre.
- (iii) That in the context of the implementation of the Eco-Schools Programme, an Eco-Schools Award Ceremony will be organised by Reef Conservation on Tuesday 25 February 2025 at C Rodrigues Mourouk Hotel.

- (iv) That the Rodrigues Public Utilities Corporation (RPUC) has launched an advertisement for the recruitment of a Manager in view of ensuring the effective management and operations of the company.
- (v) That in view of transferring water along the colonne vertebrale de l'eau, the Rodrigues Public Utilities Corporation Ltd has launched bids for the procurement of electromechanical works at Pte Coton and Mt Piquant pumping stations.
- (vi) That the Licensing Committee at its meeting held on 03 February 2025 has approved eleven (11) applications for the issue of Trade Licences.
- (vii) That at its meeting held on Wednesday 12 and 19 February 2025, the Building and Land Use Permit Committee has approved the grant of 18 Residential Building and Land Use Permits and one (1) Commercial Building and Land Use Permit.
- (viii) That following the review of the New Social Housing Schemes, the Commission for Housing will start procedures for the construction of a first batch of 100 houses in March 2025.
- (ix) According to last statistical records, 113,685 tourists visited Rodrigues from January 2024 to December 2024 compared to 99,066 in 2023, which depicts an increase of 14.8%.
- (x) That the Commission for Tourism in collaboration with the Commission for Fisheries, the Commission for Arts and Culture and the Rodrigues Tourism Office will organize "La Fête du Poisson" at Baie Du Nord in the context of the opening of Net Fishing on Saturday 1st March 2025.

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