

#### RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

# MAIN DECISIONS

## Executive Council Meeting – Friday 09 May 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 Environment will provide financial assistance to the Vicariat Apostolique de Rodrigues for the implementation of a rainwater harvesting system at Saint Gabriel Cathedral.
- (ii) That the Chief Commissioner's Office, Commission for Environment will provide fund to Rodclean Ltd for the construction of six(6) public toilets and delimitation of parking spaces at public beaches of Var Brule, Pointe Coton, Cite Patate, Plaine Maho, Graviers and at Grenade Integrated Solid Waste Management Centre.
- (iii) That the Deputy Chief Commissioner's Office, Commission for Education will provide assistance to Action for Integral Human Development for the continued implementation of the programme *Les Amis de Zippy* for Grades 1 and 2 in the primary schools in Rodrigues.
- (iv) That the Deputy Chief Commissioner's Office, Commission for Industrial Development will provide financial assistance under the SME Skills Development Programme to two (02) groups of entrepreneurs in the field of agri-business, food processing, textile and horticulture to proceed for exchange programmes in Reunion and Seychelles island.

- (v) That the Deputy Chief Commissioner's Office, Commission for Public Infrastructure will arrange for the relocation of the three farmers currently operating on the site for the construction of the cemetery at Baie Diamant.
- (vi) To approve that the Commission for Agriculture will allocate a grant to Rodrigues Agricultural Marketing Cooperative Federation Ltd (RAMCF) for the fencing of five (5) agricultural plots of land at Petite Butte.
- (vii) That the Commission for Fisheries will enlist the services of a Fisheries Economist to coordinate a donors meeting, to be organised with the support of the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC), to secure funding for the implementation of the 5-year Costed Action Plan which was developed following "Les Assises de la Peche à Rodrigues" in 2023.
- (viii) To approve that the Commission for Cooperatives will allocate a grant to the Rodrigues Fisherman Cooperative Society Ltd for the purchase of four (04) outboard motors for its four branches involved in large net fishing.
- (ix) That the Commission for Tourism will provide fund to Discovery Rodrigues Co. Ltd (DRCL) for the renovation of the Rodrigues Tourism Office (RTO).
- (x) That the Rodrigues Regional Assembly will support the Chung San Society (CSS) for their participation in the 17<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Dragon Boat Festival which will be held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025, at Le Caudan Waterfront, Mauritius.
- (xi) That the Commission for Tourism will provide a financial support to the "Association Rodrigues Entreprendre au Féminin (AREF)" for the organisation of the Second Edition of "La Fête du Limon" scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025.
- (xii) That the Commission for Employment will provide funding to a new batch of eleven (11) beneficiaries under the Plan de Préstation Transitoire (PPT) Scheme for Financial Year 2024-2025 to implement their respective projects.

### TAKEN NOTE

- (i) Of the election of Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025 as the 267<sup>th</sup> Pope and he has taken the name of Pope Leo XIV.
- (ii) Of the forthcoming mission of the European Union (EU) Delegation led by His Excellency Ambassador of the European Union in Mauritius and the Republic of Seychelles to Rodrigues from 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> May.
- (iii) That a Meteorological Expert on radar accompanied by two (2) officers from the Mauritius Meteorological Services will be on mission to Rodrigues to assess potential sites for the installation of a radar.
- (iv) That in the context of the celebration of World Environment Day which is celebrated on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June each year, the Chief Commissioner's Office, Commission for Environment will organise the following activities with the slogan, 'A Nou Continie Mobilizer Dan Nou La Lutte Contre Plastik Dan Rodrig':
  - (a) Mass Sensitisation Campaign on the "Tri de Dechets" during the month of May and June in all villages and educational institutions;
  - (b) Reading of an official speech by the Chief Commissioner, Commissioner for Environment in all educational institutions on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025;
  - (c) Organisation of a « Salon Ecozil » under the Chapiteau at Port Mathurin from 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025; and
  - (d) Official Celebration on 5<sup>th</sup> June at Petite Butte Public Beach.
- (v) That at its meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025, the Building and Land Use Permit Committee has approved the grant of nine (09) Residential Building and Land Use Permits and one (01) Commercial Building and Land Use Permit.
- (vi) That a delegation of five (5) Comorian Fishermen, Members from the "Comité de Gestion de la Pêcherie au Poulpe" is on mission to Rodrigues since 4<sup>th</sup>May 2025 for an exchange programme on octopus' fishery.

- (vii) That the Commission for Agriculture will sign a Research Partnership Agreement with CIRAD to support the implementation of the final phase of the Germination Project which aims to characterize and conserve local agricultural genetic resources of Rodrigues.
- (viii) That the Commissioner for Tourism, Mr J. A. WONG SO will lead a delegation to Reunion Island from the 28<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025 for the promotion of the Rodrigues Destination at the "Salon Internationale du Tourisme et des Loisirs de l'Ocean Indien (VEEZIT 2025)".

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