



**RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**Executive Council**

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**MAIN DECISIONS**

**Executive Council Meeting – Friday 01 September 2023**

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

**DECIDED**

- (i) To approve the Final Version of the updated SIDPR (2023 -2032) and Other Associated Documents namely the Tourism Development Plan for Rodrigues (which dates back to 2001); and the Rodrigues Physical Development Strategy and Land Use Plan prepared with Financial Assistance of the European Union (EU). An advance copy of the documents was handed over to the Rodrigues Regional Assembly by His Excellency Mr. Vincent DEGERT, Ambassador of the European Union to the Republic of Mauritius, in May 2023.
- (ii) That the Commission for Education will organise After School Coaching Sessions for pupils of Grade 6 with a view to increase their chances of success at the Primary School Achievement Certificate Examinations. The objectives of the coaching session are to:
  - (a) increase percentage pass rate at PSAC assessment;
  - (b) reduce learning gaps;
  - (c) motivate pupils to produce good work and develop positive attitude towards learning; and
  - (d) to ensure that all students attain an adequate level of basic skills.

- (iii) That the Commission for Education will provide a capital grant and an operational grant to Polytechnic Mauritius Ltd. to cater for expenses related to procurement of specialised equipment such as IT equipment and furniture and to meet operational costs of recurrent expenditure. A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with the Polytechnics Mauritius Ltd. (PML) with a view to foster the tertiary and technical education, and training sector in Rodrigues and to develop skills and talent in line with the socio-economic requirement of Rodrigues.
- (iv) That the Commission for Education will provide a grant to the Rodrigues Literacy Numeracy Trainers Association to run a Functional Literacy and Numeracy Programme including a component of Digital Literacy targeting National Certificate of Education (NCE) drop-out youth. The programme will be run for 54 hours over 36 sessions of one and a half hours from 15.00 to 16.30 hours thrice weekly over 12 weeks at Antoinette PRUDENCE Human Resource Development Centre, Malabar.
- (v) That the Commission for Industrial Development proceeds with the placement and training of a batch of six (6) eligible applicants under the Youth Mobility Programme by covering the costs of air tickets, accommodations, stipends, and other expenses.
- (vi) To approve for further processing of four (04) commercial and industrial projects in line with the revised procedures for evaluating commercial and industrial projects.
- (v) That the Commission for Women will launch a placement programme for a second batch of beneficiaries which target women in situation of distress such as Women Victims of Domestic Violence and ex-inmates of the Shelter Marie Madeleine de la Croix, Baladirou. The objectives of the Placement are to prepare beneficiaries to reintegrate society and to empower vulnerable women to help them become economically independent.
- (vii) To waive the payment of Tourist Enterprise Licences to operate as Hotel and Restaurant for period July 2023 to June 2024 in favour of Pointe Coton Resort Hotel Co. Ltd. because the hotel is actually undergoing renovation and will not be in operation until completion of the renovation.
- (viii) That the Commission for Industrial Development provides a grant of Rs 500,000 to the Rodrigues Trading and Marketing Co. Ltd to facilitate its activities, to boost up Trade and Commerce in Rodrigues and for the distribution of subsidised basic commodities of Smatch brand supplied by the State Trading Corporation (STC).

**TAKEN NOTE**

- (i) That the official ceremony of the 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Autonomy will be held on Thursday 12 October 2023 at Jean Paul II Stadium La Ferme.
- (ii) That the Commissioner for Women Affairs, Ms Marie Christiane AGATHE has led a delegation comprising the Departmental Head, the Acting Head Gender and one Family Welfare and Protection Officer of the Commission to attend two days' workshop on support to review of policy and legislation on child day care which was held on 16 - 17 August 2023 in Mauritius.
- (iii) That a delegation from the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change is on mission in Rodrigues to validate to National Climate Change Mitigation Strategy and Action Plan (NCCMSAP) 2022-2030 for Rodrigues. The NCCMSAP support the long-term objective to contribute towards achieving a net zero carbon society by 2070 while achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and securing a high quality of life for all.
- (iv) That the Commission for Employment has conveyed it's no objection to authorise a contractor to import some three hundred and fifty (350) expatriate staff from India, Nepal, COMESA and SADEC Countries for a 11 – month quota for the execution of refurbishment and extension of Cotton Bay Hotel in Rodrigues. The company has applied to the Ministry of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment requesting permission to import employees in the grade of managerial, technical, supervisory, skilled and unskilled levels, with adequate work experience to be able to complete the refurbishment and extension of the hotel within the tight completion period of 11 months with the high standard of quality works required by the client.
- (v) Of the report on Laboratory Needs Assessment for Seawater Quality Monitoring in Rodrigues carried out by a Divisional Scientific Officer of Albion Fisheries Research Centre in Rodrigues from 03 to 05 July 2023 in the context of the implementation of the project entitled "UNDP/Adaptation Fund 'Restoring Marine Ecosystem Services by Rehabilitating Coral Reefs to Meet a Changing Climate Future'.
- (vi) That as per water production for period 09 to 21 August 2023, the actual daily water production is 4914m<sup>3</sup> which represents an increase of 6% of the previous production recorded of 4602m<sup>3</sup>. This improvement has been brought by the installation of a new isobarix at Pointe Coton desalination

plant which is producing 20m<sup>3</sup> per hour compared to 10m<sup>3</sup> per hour and the installation of a new water pump at Le Chou borehole whereby the production has increased from 166m<sup>3</sup> to 230m<sup>3</sup> per day.

Pending new major investment projects in desalination and primary water networks, the Commission for Water and the Rodrigues Public Utilities Corporation have taken measures to operationalise Baie Topaze borehole and repair existing desalination plants to optimise water production in Rodrigues and help cope with the forecast dried seasons.

- (vii) The Rodrigues Public Utilities Corporation will proceed with the launching of bids for the drilling of five new boreholes in the Central caldera of Rodrigues, namely at Mt Piton, Araucaria, Champs, Mon Plaisir and Nassola. These sites were identified by the Principal Hydrological Officer of the Water Resources Unit, Mauritius following investigations done during his mission to Rodrigues from 7 to 10 November 2022 and it is expected that this will eventually provide an additional water production of 1800m<sup>3</sup> per day.
- (viii) That the Rodrigues Public Utilities Corporation will provide prefabricated water tanks to a first batch of 68 eligible beneficiaries under the Rainwater Harvesting Scheme upon delivery by the supplier. A contract has already been awarded for the procurement of four hundred (400) prefabricated water tanks of capacity 5,150 L each for a total sum of Rs 9,735,582., VAT exclusive.
- (ix) That the rainfall forecast for September and October 2023 in Rodrigues is 33-38 and 35-41 mm respectively which is 70 to 80% of the long term mean.
- (x) That the Building and Land Use Permit Committee at its meeting held on 23 and 29 August 2023 has approved the grant of seventeen Residential Building and Land Use Permits, one Commercial Building and Land Use Permit and one Industrial Building and Land Use Permit.
- (xi) Of the visit of Consultant JV OSCAR/Spill Consult in Rodrigues from Sunday 03 to Thursday 07 September 2023 to prepare a workplan for the enhancement of Oil Spill response in Rodrigues. The Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development (MOFEPD) has signed a financing agreement – Facilité D'Amorçage, de Préparation et de Suivi des Projets (FAPS), with Agence Francaise de Development (AFD) regarding expertise/study related to Post-Wakashio to support in the identification, preparation and implementation of projects.

- (xii) That the Commission for Health in collaboration with Link to Life Cancer Association will organise a Mega Cancer Screening for Breast, Prostate and Cervical Cancer on 23 September 2023 at Quatre Vents Community Centre from 09.00 hours up to 14.00 hours.
- (xiii) That the Commission for Health in collaboration with the Rodrigues Lions Club will organise a Mega Eye Screening Campaign for senior citizens in all villages in Rodrigues as from mid-September 2023 and that the Lions Club will also sponsor spectacles for the vulnerable senior citizens. A grant of Rs 5,000 is provided to all senior citizens as assistance devices including spectacles by the Commission for Health.
- (xiv) That a delegation of the Ministry of Health and Wellness is on mission in Rodrigues to carry out the following activities:
  - (a) to assess the status of HIV /AIDS/STI and Drugs and Substance Abuse;
  - (b) for the holding of a workshop on Wednesday 30 August 2023 on the implementation of the National Action Plan on HIV/AIDS 2023-2024;and
  - (c) to discuss about the arrangement for the setting-up a Drug User Administrative Panel (DUAP) in Rodrigues.
- (xv) That the Licensing Committee at its meeting held on Thursday 17 August 2023 has approved thirty two applications for the issue of Trade Licence.

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**Date: 01 September 2023**