



## **RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY Executive Council**

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### **MAIN DECISIONS**

**Executive Council Meeting – Friday 03 March 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 “in principle” that Indian Oil (Mauritius) Ltd. sets up a petroleum depot terminal and filling stations in Rodrigues following its expression of interest and given the market structure of petroleum products in Rodrigues that needs to be reinforced.
- (ii) That the Deputy Chief Commissioner’s Office will provide a grant up to a maximum of Rs 110,000 to eligible applicants of the Grant for Casting of Slab Scheme and the Elderly Slab Scheme for water proofing of an area not exceeding 100 metre square for whom Engineers have recommended waterproofing for the treatment of leaking roof slabs instead of demolition and recasting. This grant will assist beneficiaries in the obtention of waterproofing facilities to treat their roof slabs and allow those families to live in better conditions during rainy periods and to extend the lifespan of their housing units.
- (iii) To approve “in principle” that the Commission for Tourism undertakes preliminary arrangements for the implementation of the project “One Visitor one Tree” at Anse Quitor with the aim to solicit and encourage the participation of visitors from abroad to plant a tree within the identified site, thereby reducing their carbon print while contributing to our reforestation programmes, promoting forest biodiversity and minimising the effect of climate change.

- (iv) That the Commission for Water Resources will hire the services of a private Consultant for the preparation of tender documents and supervision of works for the following projects funded under this Financial Year 2022/2023:
- (a) the relocation of two (02) dwellings at Mt Travers in connection with the Airport Development Project;
  - (b) the rehabilitation of boreholes including the backfilling and replacement of iron sheet covers, masonry and fencing works at different sites around Rodrigues; and
  - (c) fencing of toilets/office at reservoir sites of Mt. Patate, Creve Coeur, Petit Gabriel, Mt. Piquant and Rivière Coco Pumping Station.
- (v) That the Commission for Civil Aviation will provide a financial assistance to the Mauritian Wildlife Foundation for preservation actions to be carried out to mitigate damage to native flora that will result from the extension of the Plaine Corail Airport and runway.
- (vi) That the Commission for Employment will organise basic training courses and placement in favour of 45 beneficiaries under the Employment Relief Programme (ERP) 2023 as from 03 April 2023 to enable specific jobseekers to acquire appropriate skills and experience so that they can start an income generating activity.
- (vii) That the Commission for Youth and Sports will provide a financial grant to the Rod Trail Association for the organisation of the Golden Bat Night Trail on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023 in connection with the celebration of the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Independence and the 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Republic of Mauritius.
- (viii) That the Commission for Education will provide a financial grant to the Rodrigues Educational Development and Company Ltd. for the upgrading and refurbishment of part of the buildings at Ex-Pointe Venus Hotel to accommodate its Head Office of REDCO Ltd.
- (ix) That in a view to promote the practice of sports in schools for the holistic development of pupils, the Commission for Education will organise a series of sports activities as from March 2023 in Primary Schools during this academic year, namely:

- (a) Inter Primary School Football Tournament;
  - (b) School Sports Fun Day;
  - (c) Inter Primary Kids Athletic 2023;
  - (d) Kids Athletics National Inter Primary Kids Athletic in Mauritius; and
  - (e) Annual Inter Primary School Sports Day 2023
- (x) That the Commission for Education will initiate necessary action for the implementation of an After School Support Programme for low performing students of Secondary Schools as from April 2023 with a view to facilitate their learning process and improve their performance.
- (xi) That the Commission for Industrial Development will launch an Expression of Interest (EOI) to enlist local and national firms who would be interested to develop the “Made in Rodrig” Label through a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) in order to promote the sale and exportation of local products under one label.
- (xii) That the Commission for Youth and Sports will organise a vast sensitisation programme on drugs and substance abuse prevention amongst youth in Rodrigues from March to June 2023 as follows:
- (a) Sensitisation for SC/HSC school leavers 2022 who will be travelling to Mauritius and abroad for their studies or to take employment;
  - (b) Seminars for Youth Cadets, Sports Coaches, Peer Educators/Youth Leaders, partners and Stake holders;
  - (c) Awareness Talks in colleges and villages;
  - (d) Youth Caravan Outreach Programme in Villages;
  - (e) Peer Educators Course; and
  - (f) One day seminars for young girls and women
- (xiii) That the Commission for Land will proceed with the implementation of the new concept of Residential cum Agricultural lease on pilot basis at Baie du Nord to encourage the local population to indulge in subsistence farming to

reduce the reliance on imported food and at the same time ensuring food security.

- (xiv) That the Commission for Health will put the Malartic Community Health Centre at the disposal of the Rodrigues Environment Friendly Group to be used as office.

## **TAKEN NOTE**

- (i) That Mr. Ahmad Sulliman JEEWAH, Chairperson of the Equal Opportunity Commission will lead a delegation to Rodrigues from 13 to 18 March 2023 for hearing sessions on complaints lodged by Rodriguans at and conduct sensitization campaigns throughout the island.
- (ii) That the Commission for Consumer Protection/Price Fixing and Others will organise a workshop on the theme “Empowering Consumers through Clean Energy Transitions” to mark the World Consumer Rights Day 2023, on Wednesday 15 March 2023 as from 10.00 hours at the Cultural and Leisure Centre, Malabar.
- (iii) That four Rodriguan artists have been selected to represent the Republic of Mauritius at the IXes Jeux de la Francophonie to be held from 28 July to 06 August 2023 in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, namely:
  - a. Mr. Jean Cledio AGATHE in Storytelling category; and
  - b. Mr. Darino SPEVILLE, Jameson MARIANNE and Jean Steeven SPEVILLE in Street Arts (Hip Hop) category
- (iv) That as part of its promotional activity, the Commission for Tourism in collaboration with the Rodrigues Tourism Office (RTO) has organised a Workshop and a Tournée d’Agences in Mauritius at the Hennessy Park Hotel from the 28<sup>th</sup> of February to 02<sup>nd</sup> March 2023.
- (v) That in view of promoting Rodrigues destination, the Rodrigues Tourism Office (RTO) will attend the Salon Destination Nature 2023 in France to be held at the Parc des Expositions – Porte de Versailles from the 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2023 and a delegation from Rodrigues will participate in the Salon ITB Berlin, alongside the Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority (MTPA) from 07<sup>th</sup> to 09<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

- (vi) That in connection with the Cambridge Higher School Certificate Examinations 2022, the Commission for Education has awarded the following:
- (a) A cash prize of Rs 15,000 and a shield to each of the four laureates;
  - (b) A cash prize of Rs 10,000 and a shield to each boy and girl ranking from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> as per the Scholarship Rank Order list for Rodrigues;
  - (c) A cash prize of Rs 10,000, a shield and a scholarship to the best performing boy and girl of each REDCO colleges, namely Mont Lubin College, Ananias Andre Le Chou College and Marechal College; and
  - (d) A cash prize of Rs 10,000, a shield and a scholarship to the most performing Boy and Girl under the HSC Professional Scheme.
- (vii) The Commission for Health will proceed with the allocation of stalls at Grand la Fouche Corail Mini Market whereby priority will be given to nine vegetables sellers who are already operating in the vicinity and the remaining tables and meat stalls will be allocated through auction sales.

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**Date:** 03 March 2023