



RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
Executive Council

MAIN DECISIONS

Executive Council Meeting – Friday 06 October 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 modalities regarding the implementation of the Consolidating the Rodrigues Agricultural Value Chain and Promoting Professional Agriculture and Farming Scheme in view of modernizing and reengineering the agricultural sector in Rodrigues for food security and to strengthen the economic sector of the island. The other objectives of the programme are:
- (a) increase the area of land under cultivation and resilience of the island in terms of food production;
 - (b) shift production towards a more advanced and professional production;
 - (c) create a value-chain for agricultural produce and agro products;
 - (d) rejuvenate the agricultural sector in Rodrigues;
 - (e) create an enabling environment for agricultural intensification and diversification by supporting services in place, providing proper planning and monitoring programmes, frameworks and policies to improve production and productivity, and

- (f) develop trade, increase money flow in the island, move to a positive trade balance, and reduce the island's dependence on imports.
- (ii) That the Commission for Education will carry out a bidding exercise for the Supply and Delivery of Secondary School Textbooks under the Free Book Loan Scheme for Academic Year 2024. A meeting was held with all Rectors on 18 September 2023 to finalise the requirements.

TAKEN NOTE

- (i) That a delegation from the Ministry of Commerce and Consumer Protection headed by the Minister, Honourable Dr. (Mrs) Marie Christiane Dorine CHUCKOWRY will be on official mission to Rodrigues as from 06 to 10 October 2023 for consultation with local authorities on matters of commerce and price fixing.
- (ii) That Mr. Louis Clive AUFRAY, Commissioner for the Protection of Borrowers will be on official mission to Rodrigues from 24 to 28 October 2023. During his mission he will hear about 50 cases which need to be heard and determined, have meeting with the Executive Council to discuss about the protections of borrowers and hold a public conference to explain the protection accorded to borrowers under the Borrowers Protection Act.
- (iii) That the Commission for Water Resources will award a contract for the construction of a concrete circular reservoir of 1000m³ capacity at Mt. Piquant, for the sum of Rs. 24,978,356.51. The purpose of the reservoir is for the transfer of water from the new desalination plant project planned to be implemented at Pte Coton, through the primary water network "Colonne Vertebrale de l'eau" along the central ridge towards the west of the island
- (iv) That Mr. Harry GANOO, GOSK, Ombudsman will be on official mission to Rodrigues from Tuesday 10 to Saturday 14 October 2023 to investigate into cases of alleged maladministration by the Rodrigues Administration or by Public Officers in the exercise of their official functions. During the mission, the Ombudsman and his delegation will:
 - (a) receive complainants of other members of the public and Public Officials;
 - (b) have a working session with NGOs on Wednesday 11 October 2023 at 09.00 hours at the Mont Lubin Community Centre; and

- (c) organise a sensitization session for members of the public on the role, powers and services of the Ombudsman, as provided under the Constitution of the Republic of Mauritius on Friday 13 October 2023 at 13.30 hours at the Cultural and Leisure Centre, Mon Plaisir.
- (v) That the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology has awarded scholarship to two (2) Rodriguan candidates namely Mr EDOUARD Daris Lorian and Miss COLLET Marie Jocelyna former students from Rodrigues College and Le Chou College respectively under the Additional Scholarships Scheme based on Merit and Social Criteria.
- (vi) That the Rodrigues Public Utilities Corporation is proceeding with the handing over of prefabricated water tanks to a second list of 37 eligible beneficiaries under the Rainwater Harvesting Scheme.
- (vii) That at its meeting held on Tuesday 03 October 2023, the Building and Land Use Permit Committee has approved the grant of sixteen (16) Building and Land Use Permits.
- (viii) That the Commission for Tourism will provide a financial assistance to the Rod-Trail Association (RTA) for the organisation of the 14th Edition of the Trail de Rodrigues 2023 to be held on Sunday 05 November 2023.
- (ix) That the Commission for Women's Affairs and Others will organize training sessions for interested couples as from November 2023 to June 2024 in the context of the 'Le Sens de l'Engagement au sein du couple' programme for 2023/2024. It is an ongoing programme, which aims at better assisting couples (as from 18 years old) in relation to their responsibilities and one hundred of person has followed the programme to date.

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Date: 06 October 2023