



RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY Executive Council

MAIN DECISIONS

Executive Council Meeting – Friday 07 April 2023

The Executive Council met today under the chairmanship of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Mr. Franceau Aubret GRANDCOURT and has among its deliberations:

DECIDED

- (i) That the Commission for Fisheries will initiate bidding exercises for the procurement and installation of:
 - (a) additional navigational lights at Grand Pass, St Francois, Pass Grenade and Grand Bassin, in order to facilitate night navigation of off-lagoon fishers and other sea goers through the channel;
 - (b) demarcation buoys in the 4 proclaimed marine reserves namely Rivière Banane, English Bay, Grand Bassin and Pass Demi to re-demarcate all the marine reserves;
 - (c) mooring buoys at Grand Baie and Pointe Venus so as to provide marine environment friendly mooring point to the fishers' community in the regions.

- (ii) That in order to boost fisheries development in Rodrigues, the Commission for Fisheries will initiate procedure for the repairs of the six fishing vessels which have been repossessed by the Commission and renovate the three cold rooms at the "Maison des Pecheurs".

- (iii) That the Commission for Industrial Development will:
 - (a) award a grant to a maximum of Rs 50,000 to eligible entrepreneurs who have completed the programme 'Enhancing Skills Development and Employability through Enterprise Placement in Mauritius' to purchase equipment for the improvement of their businesses; and
 - (b) set up a monitoring unit at Invest Rodrigues to assist above mentioned entrepreneurs in developing their respective business activities through constant follow-ups and support.

- (iv) That the Commission for Women's Affairs and Others will set up a pool of trainers to dispense training on sessional basis in fields related to the mandate of the Commission as per below:
 - (a) ICT for women entrepreneurs and women of the community at large;
 - (b) Leadership;
 - (c) Gender equality and gender mainstreaming;
 - (d) Parental education (including parental rights, alternatives to corporal punishments); and
 - (e) Family conflict resolution/management.

- (v) That the Commission for Women's Affairs will revamp the Men as Partners Initiative Project with a view to encourage more men to attend the scheduled training programme and to thereafter act as trainer/ambassador to impart the knowledge acquired during the training, to other men. As an incentive to motivate potential trainers/ambassadors to enrol for the programme, a stipend will be paid to those who will be selected for the programme.

- (vi) That the Commission for Youth and Sports will provide a financial assistance to the Olympique Montagne Goyaves (men) for its participation in the 2023 Men's African Volleyball Championship from 09 to 22 May 2023 in Tunis, Tunisia. The Club has been invited following its outstanding performance and ranking in the the 27th Championnat des Club de la Confédération Africaine de Volleyball Zone 7 (CAVB – Z7) 25 February to 05 March 2023 in Mauritius where it won the silver medal. This is a major landmark for Rodriguan volleyball as it is, the first time that a team from Rodrigues reached to this level of the competition.

- (vii) That the Commission for Women's Affairs and others will initiate actions through an Expression of Interest to enlist the services of Legal Resource Persons to provide legal counselling sessions in cases of family disputes, custody and other family related problems and to provide legal assistance in court.

TAKEN NOTE

- (i) That Honourable M.S. HURREERAM, Minister of National Infrastructure and Community Development will be on mission to Rodrigues as from 14 April 2023 to discuss issues relating to road projects, the National Development Unit projects and the signature of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Rodrigues Regional Assembly and the Land Drainage Authority.
- (ii) That the Commission for Education will invite applications under the Rodrigues Regional Assembly Distance Learning Scholarship Scheme for the award of three (3) scholarships at undergraduate level and two (2) scholarships at postgraduate level for Academic Year 2023/2024 to Rodriguan students willing to upgrade their qualifications, skills and knowledge through distance learning. The scholarship is open to all Rodriguan candidates aged between 17 to 50 years old, domiciled in Rodrigues having a professional career plan.
- (iii) Of the calendar of activities of the Rodrigues Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Centre for the year 2023 with regards to sensitization and preparedness to disaster. The activities will comprise torrential rain/flooding simulation evacuation exercises as well as training on Community Disaster Response Team. The RDRRMC is mandated under the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act amongst others:
 - (a) coordinate and monitor the implementation of the disaster risk reduction and management programmes through community participation and public awareness campaigns;
 - (b) To facilitate and coordinate the conduct of regular trainings, drills and simulation exercises to test the adequacy of disaster response plans; and
 - (c) To support Commissions, departments and communities in building capacity for disaster risk reduction and management.

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