



RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
Executive Council

MAIN DECISIONS

Executive Council Meeting – Friday 07 July 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) That during the activity to be held in Rodrigues to mark the World Youth Skills Day which is observed on 15 July 2023 the Commission for Training will issue letter of award to four (04) eligible beneficiaries who will receive financial assistance to cater for the cost of air tickets, accommodation, stipend and other expenses under the Youth Mobility Programme. Letter of intent will also be issued to the eight (08) other shortlisted applicants who have to submit the required documents for further processing of their applications

- (ii) That the Commission for Education will provide an annual grant to the Roman Catholic Education Authority (RCEA), to meet expenses related to the management and operation of the five (05) RCA schools falling under its purview during this Financial Year 2022/2023.

- (iii) That in line with the Budget Speech for Financial Year 2023 - 2024, the Student House at Vacoas, Mauritius be vested into the Rodrigues Educational Development Company (REDCO) Ltd which will be in charge of the maintenance, security, cleanliness, allocation of rooms, collection of rental fees and the general wellbeing of the students. As at date there are 37 residents at the Rodrigues student house.
- (iv) That the Commission for Education will disburse the first quarterly grant to the Association des Ecoles Maternelles de Rodrigues for the management and operation of 31 pre-primary schools falling under its purview and to meet payment of salaries of its staff during Financial Year 2023/2024 pending the setting up of the Company Ecoles Maternelles de Rodrigues Ltée.
- (v) That in the context of the restructuration of the Private Pre-primary schools falling under the aegis of the Association des Ecoles Maternelles de Rodrigues (AEMR), the Commission for Education will hire the services of a Consultant to advise the Rodrigues Regional Assembly on the setting up a Company Ecoles Maternelles de Rodrigues Ltée to manage Pre-primary Schools in Rodrigues.
- (vi) That the Commission for Water Resources will initiate procedures for the supply, installation, commissioning, operation and maintenance of two containerized reverse osmosis desalination plants for a period of five years under the Public Private Partnership Project (PPP). A PPP is a contractual agreement whereby the private entity performs part of the Government Organisation Service Delivery functions and assumes the associated risks for a significant period of time.
- (vii) The setting up of the Sustainable Development Centre comprising the following units for interalia the implementation and monitoring of the updated Sustainable Integrated Development Plan for Rodrigues (SIDPR 2023-2032).
- The SIDPR implementation and Monitoring office which will be a sub unit of the EPMU dedicated solely to the implementation, review and funding of the SIDPR
 - The Geographical Information System (GIS) office
 - The Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) office to spearhead the policies in the water reforms sector

- A Renewable Energy Unit
- An education and sensitisation unit on sustainable development and water savings and conservation
- A visitors/consultant working space; and
- A conference and working room

TAKEN NOTE

- (i) That the Commission for Youth and Sports will award a contract for the upgrading of Atelier de Savoir at Grand La Fouche Corail for Rupees Three Million five hundred and eighteen three hundred and fifty-one and fifty-six cents (MUR 3,518,351.56 with the following scope of works:
- (a) renovation of the workshop with new metal roof structure, epoxy floor finish, painting, new aluminum openings and electrical works;
 - (b) construction of new washroom and changing room complete with network installation; and
 - (c) construction of fence 1.5 m high with metal gate.
- (ii) Of the provisional timetable issued by the Mauritius Examinations Syndicate regarding the holding of the National Certificate of Education (NCE) Assessments, the Cambridge International SC/GCE 'O' level October/November 2023 Examinations and the Cambridge International HSC/GCE 'A' level October/November 2023 Examinations, with start and end dates as detailed below:
- National Certificate of Education– From 28 September to 13 October 2023;
 - School Certificate/General Certificate of Education 'O' level– From 21 September to 17 November 2023; and
 - Higher School Certificate/General Certificate of Education 'A' level– From 21 September to 17 November 2023

- (iii) That in a view to empower educators to use Innovative and Differentiated Pedagogy in Improving Students' Performance, the Commission for Education will organize in collaboration with the Mauritius Institute of Education the following workshop during the winter holiday from 17 to 28 June 2023:
- (a) Two (02) days' training for Secondary Educators of Mathematics to enhance students' Assessment Literacy and their own knowledge and skills to use Feedback as a mechanism to prepare, guide and improve students' performance in Grade 9 Exams from 17 to 18 July 2023;
 - (b) Two (02) days' training for Secondary Educators of English Language to enhance students' Assessment Literacy and their own knowledge and skills to use Feedback as a mechanism to prepare, guide and improve students' performance in Grade 9 Exams from 19 to 20 July 2023;
 - (c) Three (03) days' workshop for Secondary Educators of General Paper on the approaches and issues in teaching General Paper by Mr D. K. PATHER from 24 to 26 July 2023;
 - (d) Three (03) days' workshop for Secondary Educators of Computer Studies on the use of innovative and differentiated pedagogy to improvement students' performance in Computer Studies for Grade 10 and 11 from 24 to 26 July 2023; and
 - (e) Three (03) days' workshop for Secondary Educators of Computer Studies on the use of innovative and differentiated pedagogy to improvement students' performance in Business Studies at SC and HSC Examinations from 26 to 28 July 2023.
- (iv) That the Commission for Education will provide return air tickets, accommodation and transport to the four (4) Laureates of the Rodrigues Open Scholarship 2022 and one accompanying parent to attend the Reception in honour of Laureates of the HSC 2022 Examinations and HSC Professional Scholarship Scheme 2021 organised by the Office of the President on Thursday 13 July 2023.

- (v) That RODPRO which is a private company fully owned by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly to be the executive arm of the Commission for Housing in the implementation of the social housing schemes will launch advertisement to fill vacancies at the level of Manager, Finance Officer, Administrative Assistant and Handy Worker/ Driver in view of the commencement of its operations.
- (vi) That the Commission for Agriculture in collaboration with the Small Farmers Welfare Fund will launch two schemes as follows: -
- (a) The Farmers' Excellence Award Scheme (FEAS) which is a national competition and it is being extended to the Farmers Community in Rodrigues to further motivate them in conducting their businesses in an effective and efficient manner and consequently to increase their production and quality of products and profitability; and
 - (b) The Educational Achiever Award Scheme (EAAS) which is reserved solely for children of farmers registered with the fund and holding a valid SFWF Identity Card having performed best in Primary School Achievement Certificate (PSAC) 2022, National Certificate of Education (NCE) Assessments 2022, the Cambridge International SC/GCE 'O' level Examinations 2022 and the Cambridge International HSC/GCE Examinations 2022.
- (vii) Of the handing over of cheque to twenty-nine beneficiaries of the Grant for Casting of Slab Scheme and the Elderly Slab Scheme on Thursday 06 July 2023 to the tune of Rupees One Million, nine hundred and eighty-seven thousand, four hundred and seven only and ninety-five cents (Rs 1,987,407.95).
- (viii) That Dr S. SWEENARAIN, Fisheries Economist whose services was retained by the Commission for Fisheries as Consultant in the context of "Les Assises de La Pêche" and Professor Warwick, a Fisheries Specialist based in South Africa whose services was hired for consultancy services have submitted their respective report.

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