



RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
Executive Council

MAIN DECISIONS

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING – FRIDAY 08 APRIL 2022

**The Executive Council met today under the chairmanship of
the Chief Commissioner, Mr. Johnson ROUSSETY, G.O.S.K.**

1. The Executive Council has approved that a subsidy of 50% be granted to all planters on the purchase of onion, garlic, red beans and potato seeds in respect of crop season 2022 with a view to boost agricultural production.
2. The Executive Council has approved the procurement of the following vehicle and machineries to equip the Water Resources Unit for the proper discharge of its services to the population:
 - Four (4) double cab lorries
 - Three (3) lorry water tankers;
 - One (1) truck-mounted crane ; and
 - One (1) back hoe loader.
3. The Executive Council has approved the reconstitution of the Akademi Kreol Rodrige (AKRo) and the appointment of thirteen (13) new members of the 'Conseil Culturel de Rodrigues'.

4. The Executive Council has approved to allocate a grant to the Rodrigues Sports Company Limited to allow it to start its operation, namely to manage selected sports infrastructure around the island.
5. The Executive Council has approved that the Commission for Youth and Sports proceed with payment of monthly stipend to 17 athletes under the High Level Sports Scheme from July to December 2021.
6. The Executive Council has approved that Works Order be issued under the 'Contract for maintenance, upgrading, resurfacing and construction of roads' for the construction of bus lay-bys and parking facilities in the vicinity of La Ferme Health Centre and an access road towards the commercial zone of Baie Lascars for estimated cost of Rs 9 million and Rs 8 million, respectively.
7. The Executive Council has approved the sale of meat at subsidised prices on Saturday 16 April 2022 and thereafter once monthly until the resumption of the export live animal to Mauritius with a view to:
 - (i) reduce the number of farm animals on the island;
 - (ii) allow breeders to obtain a revenue from sale of their animals; and
 - (iii) allow the local population to have fresh local meat at subsidised price.
8. The Executive Council has approved that action be initiated to select twenty-five (25) young entrepreneurs for placement in enterprises in Mauritius in collaboration with the Human Resource and Development Company. Those who applied in January 2021 will be advised to reapply.
9. The Executive Council has approved that the Commission for Agriculture and Others implement the following measures in a bid to boost up agricultural production:-

- (i) Regionalisation of the Agricultural Research and Extension Services;
 - (ii) Repossession of four (4) tractors from the RTMC to enable the Agricultural Services to satisfy requests for land mechanisation services.
 - (iii) Contracting out land mechanisation on an as and when required basis;
 - (iv) Consolidation of existing rainwater harvesting structures for irrigation purposes;
 - (v) Repossession of agricultural plot at Oyster Bay, Grand La Fouche Corail, Caverne and Mourouk to develop seed production centres; and
 - (vi) Streamlining of procedures for the grant of agricultural permits.
10. The Executive Council has approved that the Commission for Tourism and Others make arrangement with the Tourism Authority for the training of skippers and the survey of pleasure crafts for licensing purpose.
11. The Executive Council has taken note that two officers will proceed to Mauritius to participate in a one-day workshop on "The Phenomenon of Child/revange/ Pornography: Extent, challenges and possibilities to mitigate the phenomenon" organised by the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family Welfare on Wednesday 13 April 2022.
12. The Executive Council has taken note that the Commission for Water Resources has awarded a contract for the supply of a submersible water pump to replace the defective pump in Fond La Digue Borehole. Presently, water production is critically affected in the Northern Region, since the desalination plant at Pointe Venus is not working at all.

13. The Executive Council has taken note of arrangement being made for the participation of fifteen (15) Rodriguan aged 15 to 35 years in the Acapella Competition organised by the Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Sport and Recreation.
14. The Executive Council has taken note that in the context of the preparation of the Budget Estimates for Financial Year 2022-2033, pre-budgetary consultation will be held at the Cultural and Leisure Centre of Mon Plaisir with the social and economic sectors on Saturday 09 and Monday 11 April 2022, respectively.
15. The Executive Council has taken note of the outcome of the mission of the delegation headed by the Chief Commissioner, Mr. Johnson ROUSSETY, G.O.S.K. to Mauritius from 29 March to 03 April 2022. The Chief Commissioner paid courtesy calls *inter alia* on the President of the Republic, the Prime Minister, the Vice President of the Republic, the Leader of the Opposition and the Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development.

The following priority projects of the new Regional Government were discussed: -

- (i) The preparation and implementation of a Rodrigues Water Infrastructure Development Plan to eliminate the problem of shortage of water for domestic and irrigation purposes within the Rodrigues Infrastructure 10 Year Development Programme, with the support of the Central Water Authority and to Waste Water Management Authority;
 - (ii) the provision of an efficient and modern health service to the population;
 - (iii) Airport and Port Development; and
 - (iv) the amendment of the Rodrigues Regional Assemblies Act
16. The Executive Council has taken note that a workshop was organised on the occasion of the World Health Day 2022 on 07 April at Baladirou Youth Residential and Training Centre with the theme 'Our Plant, Our Health'.

17. The Executive Council has taken note of the visit the Minister of Agro-Industry and Food Security, Honourable Maneesh GOBIN from 13 to 14 April 2022 to discuss the development of agriculture and agro-processing in Rodrigues.
18. The Executive Council has taken note that a team from the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology will be on mission to Rodrigues from 13 to 16 April 2022 in the context of the fifth study carried out by the Southern & Eastern Africa Consortium for Monitoring Educational Equality.
19. The Executive Council has taken note of a mission of a delegation from the Global Consultant Luxconsult (Mauritius) Ltd. in view of assessing the five (5) desalination plants and to make appropriate recommendations to optimise their operation.
20. The Executive Council has taken note of the various activities that will be organised by the Commission for Library Services in the context of the 27th Anniversary of the World Book Day and Copyright Day.
21. The Executive Council has taken note that a hotline with short code 178 has been set up and will be operational as from 11 April for the public to make complaints regarding water distribution and to report damages on the water network for remedial actions.

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