



RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
Executive Council

MAIN DECISIONS

Executive Council Meeting – Friday 08 September 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 grant cash prizes on the basis of highest medal won to athletes from Rodrigues who participated in the 9^{eme} Jeux de la Francophonie which took place in Kinshasa, RD Congo from 28 July to 06 August 2023, and the 11th Edition of the Indian Ocean Island Games held in Madagascar from 25 August to 03 September 2023 and their respective coaches as follows:

Athletes from the 9^{eme} Jeux de la Francophonie 2023

1 Gold Medalist	Rs 25,000 per athlete
3 Silver Medalists	Rs 20,000 per athlete
9 Participants Fee	Rs 4,000 per athlete

Athletes from IOIG 2023

14 Gold Medalists	Rs 15,000 per athlete
14 Silver Medalists	Rs 10,000 per athlete
24 Bronze Medalists	Rs 7,000 per athlete
11 Participation Fee	Rs 2,000 per athlete

Coaches of athlete(s) won at least a medal in IOIG 2023

16 Coaches	Rs 5000 per coach
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- (ii) That the Commission for Training will implement the "Air Ticket Scheme" in favour of post-secondary students from Rodrigues who are studying in Mauritius as from November 2023 as announced by the Chief Commissioner in his Budget Speech 2023-2024. This measure has been put forward in order to help Rodriguan students who lack financial means to be able to come back to Rodrigues once yearly for school holidays.
- (iii) That the Rodrigues Public Utilities Corporation (RPUC) will appoint Mr. Amarnath JAGANNATH, the former Deputy General Manager (Technical Services) of the Central Water Authority as Manager of the RPUC. He is expected to assume duty on a full-time basis in Rodrigues as from 2nd October 2023 and his main role will be to be responsible for the day-to-day running of the RPUC.
- (iv) That the Commission for Water Resources will provide funding to the Rodrigues Public Utilities Corporation for the desilting of Anse Raffin Dam in order to increase its retention volume to its maximum designed storage capacity of 80,000 m³. This initiative will also help to improve the quality of the water to be treated and distributed to the population.
- (v) That to mark the World Teacher's Day which is commemorated annually on 05 October 2023, the Commission for Education will organise a Mass on Thursday 05 October 2023 in the cathedral of Saint Gabriel and a Fun Day on Friday 03 November 2023 at Saint François Beach. The theme for World Teachers' Day 2023 is "Teachers: leading in crisis, reimagining the future" and it highlights the important role that teachers play in leading their students through difficult times and helping them to imagine a better future.
- (vi) That the Commission for Training will organise training in the field of ICT/BPO, Construction, Agro Industry and Fisheries under the National Training and Re-skilling Scheme (NTRS) Rodrigues with the collaboration of the Human Resource Development Council (HRDC). In a first instance, the project will target 60 trainees split in four batches of 15 trainees each. Funds will be made available by the Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) to meet costs of training fees, materials/equipment for trainees, monitoring, insurance cover, and monthly stipend of Rs 10,575 per trainee with a monthly attendance rate of 120 hours.
- (vii) That the Second Floor at the New Mont Lubin Area Health Centre will be put at the disposal of Polytechnics Mauritius to set-up a Nursing School in Rodrigues.

- (viii) That the Commission for Tourism will organize the following activities to celebrate the World Tourism Day scheduled for 27 September 2023 as dedicated by the United Nation World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO):
- (a) A Certificate Award Ceremony for employees in the Tourism Sector who have been trained in customer care is scheduled for Friday 08 September 2023;
 - (b) Launching of the activities i.c.w the Festival de Randonnée with the organisation of four (04) Sundays of hiking throughout Rodrigues to make visitors and the local population discover Rodrigues on Sundays 03, 10, 17 and 24 September 2023;
 - (c) Salon du Tourisme in Port Mathurin on Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 September 2023;
 - (d) Religious Mass with Tourism Operators, partners, stakeholders and local community on Wednesday 27 September 2023;
 - (e) Radio/television/social media awareness and sensitization campaigns during the whole month of September; and
 - (f) Facilitation of access to Tourism Sites through discounted fares in favor of the local community (in collaboration with different Tourism stakeholders in Rodrigues) during the whole month of September.
- (ix) To authorise JLR Engineering Ltd to deploy three (03) expatriate staff/workers from its main Company in Mauritius to Rodrigues for work which entails roof sheeting services in respect of the refurbishment and renovation of Coton Bay Resort project.
- (x) Of the reconstitution of a new Elderly Watch Committee with 12 representatives for the island of Rodrigues (two representative per region) as per the Protection Elderly Persons Act 2005. The functions of the Elderly Watch are to:
- (a) promote the welfare of elderly persons in the region for which it is responsible;
 - (b) provide support to families that need assistance and protection for elderly persons;
 - (c) endeavor to prevent acts of abuse on elderly persons; and
 - (d) report cases of repeated abuse of an elderly person to an office of the Unit.

TAKEN NOTE

- (i) A Picnic will be held at Mourouk Public Beach on 01 October 2023 as from 09.30 hours to 16.30 hours to celebrate the International Elderly Day which is observed annually on that date with the aim of promoting the Elder Person, increase awareness around the integration of persons with Disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life. The theme for this year is "Fulfilling the promises of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights".
- (ii) That the Commission for Education has awarded a contract for the Supply of 2GB Internet Education Package to 1,325 students of Grades 11, 12 and 13 of colleges on a monthly basis as from the month of 01 September to 30 November 2023 to enable student to have access to online learning resources, research and communication.
- (iii) That the TAFISA World Walking Week will be held in Primary, Secondary and Special Education Needs Schools from 11 to 15 September 2023 in view of sensitizing the population about the health benefits of practising physical activities. The activity is being organised since 2020, by the Mauritius Sports Council in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology and the Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation.
- (iv) That as part of its specific mandate and after the success of the Financial Literacy Week of 2022, the Financial Services Commission (FSC) will organize the second edition of the event in Rodrigues from 25 to 30 September 2023 at Mon Plaisir Cultural and Leisure Centre and the FSC Rodrigues Office. The literacy week will target entrepreneurs, cooperatives, associations, officers, stakeholders in the financial sector, students and the public at large.
- (v) Of the setting up of the Rodrigues Migration Technical Sub-Committee in the context of the project "Strengthening Migration Management for Sustainable Development, with a Focus on Internal Migration", which is being implemented by the International Office for Migration in collaboration with the Prime Minister's Office and the Rodrigues Regional Assembly to strengthening migration management in the Republic of Mauritius with a special focus on internal migration from Rodrigues.

- (vi) That the Commission for Arts and Culture will sponsor return air tickets for three local artists for their participation in the 3rd Edition Mauritius International Arts Fair (MIAF) to be organised by Zee Art Organisation at Vivea Business Park, Moka from 27 to 30 September 2023. The MIAF is an annual rendez-vous for artists, arts lovers, curators, arts collectors from around the world as well as neighbouring islands to network and engage in artistic dialogue and cultural exchange.
- (vii) Of the outcome of the 37th Meeting of the Rodrigues Tourism Licensing Committee (RTLCL) which was held on Wednesday 23 August 2023 whereby 21 cases were considered and processed.
- (viii) At its meeting held on Tuesday 05 September 2023, the Building and Land Use Permit Committee has approved the grant of fourteen (14) Residential Building and Land Use Permits and two (02) Commercial Building and Land Use Permits.
- (ix) That a delegation of the Land Drainage Authority will proceed to Rodrigues to present the proposed Terms of Reference for the preparation of the Land Drainage Masterplan for Rodrigues. The elaboration of a Land Drainage Masterplan is a priority of the Commission for Environment in order to provide appropriate drainage systems to mitigate the effects of flash floods due to climate change.
- (x) Of arrangement to be made by the Commission for Social Security in connection with the celebration of two Centenarians in Rodrigues, namely Mr. Gilbert LEGENTIL at Manique Volley-ball playground on Tuesday 28 September 2023 and Mr. Francois JENSEIGNE at Terre Rouge Volley-ball playground on 01 October 2023.
- (xi) Of the renaming of La Ferme Area Health Centre as Dr Christopher PRUDENCE Area Health Centre on Saturday 30 September 2023 in the presence of Dr. Honourable Kailesh Kumar JUGUTPAL, Minister of Health and Wellness.

**Chief Commissioner's Office
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