



RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
Executive Council

MAIN DECISIONS

Executive Council Meeting – Friday 10 November 2023

The Executive Council met today under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. Johnson ROUSSEY, G.O.S.K; and has among its deliberations:

DECIDED

- (i) To approve that the Rodrigues Public Utilities Corporation (RPUC) proceeds with the recruitment of sixteen additional Plant and Equipment Operators to cope with the increase in responsibilities assigned to it, including *inter alia* the management of the Collective du Sud, some reservoirs, waste water treatment plant at Grenade, water distribution and operation of new boreholes.
- (ii) That the Commission for Trade and Licence will grant Trade Licences to 5 applicants, pending amendment of the leases as appropriate and to refer the cases to the Cadastral Office for processing and finalisation of the appropriate commercial leases.
- (iii) To approve that the Commission for Environment initiates tendering procedure for the procurement of one multi-purpose Hydraulic Baler Machine to set up a recycling unit to address the problem of waste such as poly-ethylene terephthalate, cans and non-recyclables glass bottles in Rodrigues.

- (iv) That information flyers will be issued to all households, businesses and tourism enterprises to apprise them of the schedule of collection of recyclables and other general wastes with the following objectives:
 - (a) to impart precise information on collection days and proper use of the segregation bins;
 - (b) to ensure that the segregation bins are being properly used.
 - (c) to provide information to households and other residents of tourism enterprises who are not present at sensitization meetings on information thereto; and
 - (d) to prepare the population for an eventual compulsory segregation of wastes through enactment of proper Regulations thereto.
- (v) That the Commission for Health will proceed with the repairs of Port Mathurin Market which is a landmark building and a major tourism attraction in Rodrigues. The works will include removal of existing aluminium loovers, supply and fixing of new aluminium windows, removal of existing metal roller shutters, supply and fixing new aluminium doors, supply & fixing of burglar proof, maintenance of roller shutters, construction of new toilet block and water proofing works.
- (vi) The Placement of Child Day Care Givers/Managers of Child Day Care Centres at the 'Centre d'Eveil' of the Foundation pour l'Enfance Terre de Paix in Mauritius to enable them to understand and grasp all the requirements for Child Day Care Centres, to obtain their registration and eventually to provide quality services to children placed under their care.
- (vii) To approve the revised list of controlled commodities for Rodrigues which will be submitted to the Ministry of Commerce and Consumer Protection for consideration.
- (viii) That the Commission for Youth and Sports will provide a financial grant to the Rodrigues Sports Company Limited for upgrading works at Ile Michel, Riviere Cocos, Anse Raffin and Port Sud Est Football Grounds.

- (ix) The setting up of an organising committee for the 4th Jeux de Rodrigues to be held in August 2024 among 13 sports disciplines namely, football, volleyball, basketball, handball, rugby, athletics, judo, wrestling, swimming, taekwondo, boxing, trail, weight lifting and karaté. The objectives of the competition are to:
- (a) promote the development of elite athletes;
 - (b) strengthen the bond of friendship among local athletes;
 - (c) provide a high level in which new talents can be detected;
 - (d) enhance the process of upgrading of sports infrastructure;
and
 - (e) provide a platform for regional sports committees to organise high level events.
- (x) That the Commission for Youth and Sports will allocate a financial grant to the Rodrigues Sports Company Limited for activities of the Rodrigues Sports Academy which will use sports activities, like volleyball, handball, wrestling, judo, boxing, weight lifting, athletics and football, as a vehicle to address the problem of poverty, prevent the spread of substance abuse and provide the condition for the emergence of high-level athletes.
- (xi) That the Commission for Arts and Culture will provide support to the Etoile des Iles socio-cultural Association in the organisation of a two-day seminar on different themes related to music history and development for the benefit of artists and cultural/artistic groups on 28th and 29th November 2023.

TAKEN NOTE

- (i) That a delegation from the Office of Public Sector Governance led by its Director, Mr. S. BANSHI, is on mission to Rodrigues on 09 and 10 November 2023 to deliver training to members of the newly created Audit Committees of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly on their roles/responsibilities regarding oversight function on governance and risk management practices.

- (ii) That the Commission for Industrial Development and Handicraft in collaboration with the Commission for Women Affairs, Commission for Youth, the SME Mauritius Ltd. and the EDB Mauritius (Rodrigues Desk) will organise one-week activity as from 13 to 18 November 2023 to promote the Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW) and celebrate entrepreneurship as a factor contributing to economic empowerment of a country. The event is celebrated worldwide during the second week of November and the theme for this year is: Building Bridges and Empower Startups.

The main aim of the GEW is to empower entrepreneurs, focusing on youths and women, especially those facing structural barriers or who have never considered embarking on the thrilling journey of launching a startup and the one-week activities will consist of the following:

Monday, 13 November 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Launching Ceremony ▪ Showcase by young entrepreneurs and trainees of Educator in Plant-Based Cosmetics and Medicinal Products
Tuesday, 14 November 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Beginning of the Entrepreneurship Training Course: "Start Your Business" by SME Mauritius Ltd
Wednesday, 15 November 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Virtual Exhibition Platform Workshop by EDB Mauritius (Rodrigues Desk)
Thursday to Saturday, 16 - 18 Nov 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Salon des PME by SME Mauritius in collaboration with the RRA at Port Mathurin ▪ Information/Registration desks by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Invest Rodrigues; and - Commission for Youth.

- (iii) That nine students from the University of Mauritius and Polytechnics Mauritius have been offered placement at the Commissions of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly to enable them to put in practice the skills acquired in academia, experience real work, acquire new knowledge and develop further their skills.
- (iv) That the Chief Commissioner's Office (Judicial Services) will proceed with the launching of tenders for the upgrading and renovation of the court house.

- (v) That the Licensing Committee of the Commission for Industrial Development has approved thirty-one (31) applications for Trade Licence at its meeting held on 07th November 2023.
- (vi) That the Commission for Civil Aviation is proceeding with the launching of bids for the construction of a new house at Plaine Corail for relocation of a family in the context of the Airport Development Project.
- (vii) Of the Summer Outlook 2023-2024 issued by the Mauritius Meteorological Services which gives an indication of the expected evolution of the 2023-2024 South West Indian Ocean (SWIO) summer namely: cyclone activity, summer rain and temperature in Mauritius and Rodrigues.
- (viii) That at its meetings held on 24 October 2023, 31 October 2023 and 07 November 2023 the Building and Land Use Permit Committee has approved the grant of twenty-one (21) Residential, two (02) Commercial and one (01) Industrial Building and Land Use Permit.
- (ix) That the Deputy Chief Commissioner's Officer has awarded contract for the Supply, Delivery, Installation & Testing of 6 Heavy Duty Concrete Cement Mixer and one Double Cab Lorry with Crane to be deployed in the implementation of the Social Housing project.
- (x) That as announced by the Chief Commissioner in his budget speech 2023/2024, the Deputy Chief Commissioner's Office will issue Works Order for the construction of parking facilities at Lataniers Public Fountain for the security and safety of the public.
- (xi) That the Commission for Housing has awarded the contract for the Supply and Delivery of Aggregates, Concrete Blocks and Rocksand to the lowest evaluated substantially responsive bidder which will be distributed to beneficiaries of Social Housing Projects.
- (xii) That the Commission for Environment will organise three interactive sensitisation sessions on climate change for the Youth during the end of year school holidays on the impacts, vulnerability, adaptations and resilience with respect to climate change.
- (xiii) That the Commission for Social Security has organised an exchange programme for the delegation of 'Fondation Père FAVRON' of Reunion Island and the children from Gonzague Pierre-Louis Special Learning School on Monday 06 November 2023 at St Francois Public Beach.

- (xiv) That the Non-Communicable Diseases Unit (NCD) and Health Promotion Unit of the Commission for Health is organizing a Mega Diabetes Screening on 14 November 2023 at SAJ Square from 09.00 hours to 14.00 hours to mark the World Diabetes Day 2023. The theme of World Diabetes Day 2021-2023 is '**Access to diabetes care**' and the slogan for the 2023 campaign is; '**know your risk, know your response**'.
- (xv) That to mark the 35th commemoration of the World AIDS Day, the Commission for Health in collaboration with the AIDS Secretariat will organise the following activities:
- (a) 20 November 2023 at Saint Gabriel: Screening in collaboration with CRAC;
 - (b) 22 and 24 November at Petit Gabriel and La Ferme: Screening of 150 men in collaboration with NEF;
 - (c) 23 November 2023: Screening of elderly in collaboration with MFPWA;
 - (d) 25 November 2023: sensitization and screening Port Mathurin;
 - (e) 26 November 2023: Sensitization and screening through sports for region 6 villages;
 - (f) 27, 28, 29 and 30 November 2023: sensitization and screening at village level; and
 - (g) 1 December 2023: Sensitization and screening at Mont Lubin.
- (xvi) That, the Commission for Child Development will organise the following activities to commemorate the Universal Children's Day 2023 which is held every year on the 20th of November:
- (a) sensitisation campaign will be held at village level at Port Sud Est, Songes, Mourouk Anse Enfer, Parc Tortue, Anse Raffin, Tamarin, Ile Michel, Petite Butte, Grand Var and Anse Baleine from 06 to 17 November 2023 during which children will have the opportunity to voice out their problems. They will identify not only their rights but also their responsibilities as well as the factors preventing them from enjoying their rights.

- (b) a clip-on Children's Rights which will be broadcasted on TV and social media to inform children on their rights and responsibilities; and
 - (c) On 20 November 2023, all the Children of Rodrigues will be invited to celebrate the Universal Children's Day at Mourouk Anse Enfer and there will be a talent Show by Les Enfants d'Abord and children of the surrounding villages.
- (xvii) Of the activities to be organised by the Commission for Women Affairs and others in the context of the commemoration of the International Day for the elimination of violence against women and girls 2023 which is celebrated on the 25 of November each year and brings to light the problems faced by women and girls and raises awareness on the subject of Gender Based Violence. The activities will consist of Sensitisation campaigns on domestic violence at village level and on the 25 of November 2023, there will be a pacific march from parking area of Malabar to Lataniers, Palissade and ends at Parking area of Mont Lubin where a stele in memory of women victims of feminicides will be unveiled nearby the market.
- (xviii) Of the activities to be implemented by the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change, the Central Electricity Board (CEB) in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Commission for Women's Affairs and the Global Environment Facility (GEF) targeting women's associations in Rodrigues, under the Nationally Appropriate Mitigations Actions for Low Carbon Island Development Strategy (NAMA) Project.
- (xix) The Commission for Family Affairs is organising a series of activities at Ile Michel in the context of the Second Edition of the International Men's Day in Rodrigues in collaboration with the Commission for Health, Commission for Sports and other stakeholders namely; Walk from Riviere Coco to Ile Michel; Screening Exercise; Football Tournament; Talk on mental Health; Cardio Exercise; Beach Volley Competition; Awareness Session on health; Grooming for men; and Spot/Clip on the value of Men in the Rodriguan Society – How they strive to make a living for their families.

- (xx) That the Commission for Youth and Sports that will sponsor of three (03) return air tickets to Mauritius for 'Dis Moi Droits Humains Ocean Indien – Rodrigues' for their participation in the second Edition of the Youth Ecological Council (YEC) of the Indian Ocean to be held from 11 to 18 November 2023 in Seychelles Island. The YEC will offer a unique platform for the participants from Rodrigues (seven students and three supervisors) to engage with regional leaders, experts and peers, enabling them to learn, collaborate and to develop actionable strategies to address environmental challenges faced by our region.
- (xxi) Of the visit of two trainers from the International Award Foundation in Rodrigues from 23 to 26 November 2023 to conduct training for Youth Officers, award Leaders and Adventurous Journey Assessors in connection with the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Programmes. On that occasion an Award Ceremony will be held on Saturday 25 November 2023 whereby 35 participants from the Atelier De Savoir and Development and Learning Centre of the Rodrigues Association for Disabled will received their Bronze award certificates and medals.
- (xxii) That a delegation comprising officers from the Central Electricity Board (CEB) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) was on mission in Rodrigues from 06 to 09 November in the context of the implementation of the Global climate Fund (GCF) project "Accelerating the transformational shift to a low carbon economy in the Republic of Mauritius".
- (xxiii) That distribution of animal feed under the Animal Feed Distribution Scheme has started on 06 November 2023 at La Ferme Agricultural Sub-Office for ruminant farmers in the Region of Dans Coco, Corail Anse Quitor, Bangelique and Vengasailles and another distribution exercise is being planned for next week at La Ferme for farmers of Cascade Jean Louis and vicinities.
- (xxiv) That the Mauritius Oceanography Institute (MOI) will field a mission to Rodrigues in the context of a baseline survey on Pearl Oyster Culture and Seaweed Cultivation Projects in Rodrigues from 15 to 24 November 2023.
- (xxv) That this year the Remembrance Day will be commemorated on Sunday 19 November in collaboration with the Mauritius Ex-Service Trust Fund and the Association Espoir des Anciens Combattants de L'Ile Rodrigues.

(xxvi) That pursuant to the relevant parts of the Quarantine Act 2020, all preventive measures and restrictions at the airport pertaining to the Covid-19 are lifted.

**Chief Commissioner's Office
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Date: 10 November 2023