

RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY Executive Council

MAIN DECISIONS Executive Council Meeting – Friday 11 August 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 in the context of the feast of the Assumption of Mary, there will be no school in all educational institutions of Rodrigues on 15 of August 2023.
- (ii) To introduce the grant of licences/permits to occupy land on a non contractual and yearly basis to enable small individual businesses to occupy small plots of land to operate their activities such as sale of cakes, vegetables, tourism related activities such as diving and kite surfing huts, etc subject to planning clearances with a view to facilitate such businesses where a formal lease is deemed not necessary or long term occupation not warranted.
- (iii) That with a view to ensure a holistic and coordinated approach for the allocation and management of agricultural land in Rodrigues, a joint working group will be set up comprising of Officers of the Commission for State Lands, Commission for Water Resources, Commission for Agriculture and the Commission for Environment.

- (iv) That the Commission for Vocational Training will invite applications from suitably qualified candidates under the Rodrigues Regional Assembly Paramedical Scholarships Scheme for academic year 2023-2024 from 14 August 2023 to 12 September 2023. The aim thereof is to encourage the youth to undertake further studies in the field of allied health also known as paramedical field.
- (v) That the Commission for Education will provide a capital grant to the Rodrigues Educational Development Company (REDCO) Ltd for Waterproofing and Repair Works at Marechal College.
- (vi) That the Commission for Water Resources will provide funds to the Rodrigues Public Utilities Corporation to meet its obligations with regard to its management and operational costs for the months of August and September 2023.
- (vii) To approve that the Rodrigues Productivity Committee be revived in the context of enhancing Productivity and Competitiveness in Rodrigues.
- (viii) To approve the marketing plan and calendar of tourism promotional activities for the Financial Year 2023/2024 to be implemented by the Commission for Tourism and Discovery Rodrigues in line with their strategies to promote the tourism sector in Rodrigues so as to achieve the target arrivals of 100,000 tourists by 2027.
- (ix) To nominate the Departmental Head of the Commission for Health and Social Security, Ms Christiana PRUDENCE as Representative of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly on the Board of Directors of the National Empowerment Foundation.

TAKEN NOTE

(i) That the Chief Commissioner's Office will launch an Expression of Interest to enlist potential bidders for the service of a Project Manager (Civil Engineering) on contract basis under the Expert Skill Scheme for the management and monitoring of projects of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly.

- (ii) That a total of 27,146 plastic recycle bins have been granted to 13,573 households under the Waste Segregation project and the distribution to the remaining households will start as from 11 August 2023 at Fond La Digue.
- (iii) Of the recommendation that the Rodrigues Regional Assembly through the Commission for Environment be a member of the Global Partnership on Plastic Pollution and Marine Liter (GPLM) platform which is a multistakeholder partnership which brings together all the actors working on marine litter and plastic pollution prevention and reduction, and seek to protect against global marine environment, human well-being and animal welfare by addressing the global problem of marine litter and pollution.
- (iv) That the Building and Land Use Permit Committee at its meeting held on 08 August 2023 has approved the grant of five Residential Building and Land Use Permits, one Commercial Building and Land Use Permit and two Industrial Building and Land Use Permits.
- (v) That the Wastewater Management Authority has appointed GIBB (Mauritius) Ltd as Consultant for providing consultancy services for Feasibility Study, Detailed Design and Preparation of Bidding Documents for Sewerage Project in Rodrigues. As part of the scope of its services, GIBB (Mauritius) Ltd has to undertake a full-fledged topographical survey of the project area for establishing the alignments of the proposed sewer networks in such a manner to avoid any clash with existing underground services.
- (vi) Of the inauguration of the project "Empowering of Prisoners through Endemic and Useful Plants Nurseries in Beau Bassin Women prison and Rodrigues Prison Pointe La Gueule" scheduled for Thursday 17 August 2023 in the presence of Mrs. Katrina LALOR, Deputy High Commissioner of the Australian High Commission in Mauritius.

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