



RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY Executive Council

MAIN DECISIONS

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING – FRIDAY 13 May 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 the setting up of the Rodrigues Property Development Company (RODPRO) Ltd. which will be the executive arm of the Commission regarding the implementation of all social housing schemes.
2. The Executive Council has approved that permission be granted to Dr. Voarintsoa, Assistant Professor at the University of Houston in the U.S.A. who is a Paleoclimatologist and Dr. D.Burney, Professor of Conservation Paleobiology at the National Tropical Botanical Garden and Makauwahi Cave Reserve on the island of Kauai in the Hawaiian Islands, USA to conduct Paleoclimatic and Paleoecological researches in Rodrigues. These researches will allow them to produce more complete and detailed records of past climate, environmental change, and human arrival on our island.
3. The Executive Council has approved to sponsor Mr Joseph Warren RAFFAUT for his participation in the World Amateur Body Building Association (WABBA) Championship to be held in Vicenza in Italy from 18 to 19 June 2022 and the Grand Prix International Planet in Latiano (Italy) on 25 June 2022.
4. The Executive Council has approved the grant of financial assistance to twenty-two artists under the Artist Assistance Scheme for the financial year 2021-2022.

5. The Executive Council has approved that the Commission for Women Affairs proceed with the funding of Family Farm Projects for 46 needy families as follows:
 - (i) Up to a maximum of Rs 20,000 for crop production in terms of seeds, gardening tools, chain link fence and wooden poles (rondin) for enclosure and;
 - (i) Up to a maximum of Rs 30,000 for livestock rearing in terms of chicken, animal feed, materials to build a chicken shed.
6. The Executive Council has approved the setting up of 6 Integrated Regional Offices (IROs) in the six electoral regions of Rodrigues as recommended in the SIDPR to address the issues currently faced by the population and to bring services and development to the doorstep of each Rodriguan.
7. The Executive Council has approved for provision of a financial assistance to Dr Anna GENAVE for her participation in the International Conference organized by the International Association for Energy Economics (IAEE), which will be held in Tokyo, Japan from 31st of July 2022 to the 04th of August 2022. The general theme of the conference is “Mapping the Energy Future—Voyage in Unchartered Territory” and Dr. GENAVE has been invited to give an oral presentation on the outcome of the research paper entitled “Energy Security through Sustainable Energy and Climate Targets in Small Island Developing States”, of which she is the main author.
8. The Executive Council has approved that the Commission for Health and Others initiate bidding exercise for the construction of a new parking facilities for ambulances and other Government vehicles at Queen Elizabeth Hospital.
9. The Executive Council has approved that the Commission for Education initiate bidding exercise for the Rehabilitation Works at Grand la Fouche Corail Primary Government School.
10. The Executive Council has approved the provision of financial assistance to the Association des Ecoles de Rodrigues for payment of the Portable Retirement Gratuity Fund contribution in favour of employees of the Association as from January 2022.
11. The Executive Council has approved the organization a special SME Fair in the context of the Mother’s Day at Port Mathurin from 26 to 28 May 2022 to promote the sale of local handmade gifts and provide an opportunity for entrepreneurs to sell their goods.

12. The Executive Council has approved the reconstitution of the Board of the Rodrigues ICT Development and Promotion Company Ltd. be under the Chairmanship of Mr Nicolas Azie.
13. The Executive Council has approved to provide a financial assistance Rodrigues Befrienders Association for organization of a mass sensitization campaign in Rodrigues in view of reducing the number of suicide which is on the rise.
14. The Executive Council has taken note that the Commission for Youth and Sports has awarded contract for the construction of:
 - (i) Cloakroom at La Ferme and Baie Lascars for an amount of Rs. 6,527,500.00 (Exclusive of VAT). The intended completion date for the whole of the works is 300 Calendar days as from handing over of site.
 - (ii) A new 'Centre de Lecture et d'Animation Culturel' CLAC at Port Sud Est on 25 April 2022 for the contractual amount of Rs 10,312,775.00 (Exclusive VAT). The intended completion date for the whole of the works is 300 Calendar days as from handing over of site.
15. The Executive Council has taken note of the organisation of a Wreath Laying Ceremony by the Commission for Arts and Culture Rodrigues on Saturday 04 June 2022 at the 'Lieu de Mémoire at Montagne Cimetière to Commemorate the Emancipation of Slavery which took place in Rodrigues on the 04 June 1839.
16. The Executive Council has taken note that the Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage has launched the 7th Call for application from artists, arts practitioners and arts organisations who wish to obtain funding from the National Arts Fund Scheme to implement creative arts projects or programmes.
17. The Executive Council has taken note of the increase of bus fares as from 08 May 2022 following the Road Traffic (Bus Fares) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 made by the Minister of Land Transport and Light Rails.
18. The Executive Council has taken note of the launching of a nursery at Pointe La Gueule Prison to train interested prisoners and prison wardens in plant propagation and nursery management skills with the collaboration of (by) 'Fondation Ressources et Nature (FORENA) and co-funding from Australian Direct Aid Program.

19. The Executive Council has taken note that a labour contract to the tune of Rs 560,000 has been awarded to replace the roof sheeting of Rivière Coco Reservoir. Materials will be provided by the Commission for Water Resources and the contract duration is 35 days.
20. The Executive Council has taken note of the visit of a delegation headed by the Senior Chief Executive of the Ministry of Health and Wellness in Rodrigues from 12 to 16 May 2022.
21. The Executive Council has taken note that the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial will be commemorated at Petite Butte Community Centre on Saturday 14 May 2022 as from 16.00 hours. A Wreath Laying Ceremony will also be held at the 'Monument de l'Espoir' at Mont Lubin on Sunday 15 May 2022 at 11.00 hours.
22. The Executive Council has noted of activities organised to celebrate the International Midwives Day 2022 and the International Nurses Day on 05 and 12 May 2022, respectively. Shields and certificates were presented to employees of both cadres.
23. The Executive Council has taken note that a delegation from the Mauritius Qualifications Authority (MQA) will be on mission to Rodrigues from the 18 to 20 May 2022 in the context of the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Project for final assessment of seven candidates. The project initiated by the MQA aims to recognise and validate competencies obtained outside the formal education and training systems for the purpose of certification.
24. The Executive Council has taken note that coaching sessions for private candidates for GCE "O" and "A" Levels will resume as from Saturday 14 May 2022 at Mont Lubin College.
25. The Executive Council has taken note that a team of four (4) Officers from the Valuation Department are currently on official mission to Rodrigues from 11 to 19 May 2022, for assessment of rental value for state land lease for commercial and industrial projects.
26. The Executive Council has taken note of the different activities to be organised in the context of the celebration of World Environment Day 2022.

The slogan for Rodrigues will be, 'Le Citoyen Eco responsable pour une Île Rodrigues durable' and the whole month of June has been declared as the 'Environmental Month', activities will include:

- (i) Mass Sensitisation Campaign
- (ii) Collection of Bulky Wastes Campaign
- (iii) Official Speech in Educational Institutions
- (iv) Elocution Contest and Drawing Competition; and
- (v) Official Celebration on 05th June at Pointe Palmiste

27. The Executive Council has taken note that finalists from Rodrigues were awarded the following distinctions at the Sustainable Tourism Mauritius Awards 2022:

SN	Name of Finalists	Category	Award
1.	Origin Eco Chalet rep. by Mrs. Eloise Marie AUDIBERT	Hotel/ Accommodation	Silver Distinction
2.	Eco Ballade rep. by Mrs. Marie Paule PIERRE LOUIS RANGO	Tour Operator/ Tour Guide	Silver Distinction
3.	Francois Leguat Reserve rep.by Mr. Aurele Anquetil ANDRE	Other Businesses (SMEs, Taxis, Tourist Attractions,...)	Jury's Award

28. The Executive Council has taken note that the Commission for Health in collaboration with the Traffic Branch of the Police Force (Rodrigues Branch) is organizing a refresher course in safe-driving practices for Ambulance Drivers and all Drivers of the Commission.

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Date: 13 May 2022