



RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
Executive Council

MAIN DECISIONS

Executive Council Meeting – Friday 14 July 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 the Rodrigues Public Utilities Corporation (RPUC), in line with its mandate as executive arm of the Commission for Water Resources in the field of water production, will be entrusted with the responsibility to enlist consultancy services for the setting up of a primary water network in Rodrigues. The main components of the project include, pipe laying over a total length of about 20,000m off roads and 5740m in roads, nine pumping stations, new reservoirs, two new water farms, new boreholes, miscellaneous works, preliminaries and contingencies.
- (ii) That the Commission for Youth and Sports will provide the following facilities to athletes who have been selected to represent Mauritius in the Indian Ocean Island Games from 25 August 2023 to 03 September 2023 in Madagascar to optimize their preparation:
 - (a) financial assistance of Rs 5,000 to each athlete to allow them to purchase additional food supplements and personal equipment for the month of July;
 - (b) stipend of Rs 3,000 each to coaches preparing athlete for the games for month of July and August; and

- (c) special stipend of Rs 10,000 to each athlete selected for the games.
- (iii) That the Commission for Education will provide financial grants to the Parent Teacher's Associations of Terre Rouge College and Rodrigues College for the procurement of textbooks for Grades 10 and 12 for academic year 2023 due to change in syllabus.
- (iv) To approve the signature of an Agreement for Engagement towards Green Destinations Award and Certification Program (ACP) between the Rodrigues Regional Assembly (RRA) and Green Destinations Foundation in the context of the Certification of Rodrigues Island as a Green Destination. Founded in 2014, Green Destinations is one of three sustainable tourism certification bodies accredited by the Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC) with the aim to supporting global destinations through their journey towards sustainability.
- (v) That the Commission for Water Resources will provide funds to the Rodrigues Public Utilities Corporation for the procurement of two 4x4 vehicles for the smooth running of the company.

TAKEN NOTE

- (i) That approval of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development has been obtained for the Rodrigues Public Utilities Corporation to issue redeemable bonds in which the Mauritius Investment Corporation (MIC) will subscribe an amount of Rs. 540 million as per the terms and conditions of the MIC.
- (ii) That the Honourable Sudheer MAUDHOO, Minister of Blue Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping will be on official mission to Rodrigues as from 18 to 22 July 2023 for consultation with the Rodrigues Regional Assembly on how to strengthen collaboration with the Commission for Fisheries and others for the sustainable development of the fisheries sector in Rodrigues.
- (iii) That the National Drug Secretariat has submitted a 3-year draft action plan against illicit drugs with the objective to sustain good health, preserve safety and security and improve socio-economic well-being of the people of Rodrigues by addressing drug trafficking and drug use in any aspect and preventing the initiation of drug use. The Plan articulates around the following four pillars:

- (a) a well-structured institutional framework for coordination, monitoring and research including data management;
 - (b) the upholding human dignity by guaranteeing human rights and non-stigma nondiscriminatory attitude towards people who use drugs;
 - (c) drug supply reduction by averting entry and eliminating cultivation of illicit drugs; and
 - (d) drug demand reduction through prevention, treatment and rehabilitation.
- (iv) Of the visit of a delegation of the Human Resources Development Council to Rodrigues led by its Chairman Mr. L. A. Gunness BALNOCK from 18 to 22 July 2023 with a view to discuss the various skills development awareness for collaboration with the Rodrigues Regional Assembly (RRA) to develop the human capital in Rodrigues and in the context of the award of Certificate to the first trainees of the Fundamental in ICT/BPO Business training and the launching of the second batch, scheduled on 20 July 2023.
- (v) That the Rodrigues Public Utilities Corporation (RPUC) is proceeding with a fresh advertisement for the recruitment of a full-time Manager to be responsible of the day to day management of the company.
- (vi) In order to promote the students' artistic skills and talents in the creation of their art works, the Mauritius Examination Syndicate in collaboration with the Commission for Education is organising an Art Exhibition to showcase the best Art works of Grade 11 (SC) and Grade 13 (HSC) students at the School Certificate/Higher School Certificate Examinations from 18 to 20 July 2023 at the Antoinette Prudence Human Resource Development Centre, Malabar.
- (vii) That the Commission for Education will meet the cost of return air tickets and accommodation for four Educators of Ananias André Le Chou College who will participate in the HSC Professional Training for Educators in Cambridge Advanced Professional in IT (CAPIT) and AS Global Perspectives organised by the Mauritius Examinations Syndicate in collaboration with Cambridge International from 24 to 26 July 2023.

- (viii) That a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between the High Commission of India (Mauritius), and the Prime Minister's Office (Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity Division) on 19 June 2023 for the implementation of the following Community Development Projects in Rodrigues:

SN.	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PROJECT VALUE (Mauritian Rupees)
1.	<i>Disaster Preparedness</i>	
	Upgrading/Uplifting of Community Centers and Refugee Centers (Disaster Risk Reduction)	8.0
2	<i>Renewable Energy and Community Development</i>	
	(i) Installation of 100 Solar Public Lights along roads around the island	3.0
	(ii) Installation of a community based photovoltaic solar Farm at Terre Rouge	8.0

- (ix) That of a working session will be organised with members of the six Regional Councils on Saturday 15 July 2023 at the Cultural and Leisure Centre of Mon Plaisir as from 09.00 hours to provide them with details on topics directly related to the development of the community in view of their active participation in the elaboration of the region's strategic plan in line with regional governments policies, programmes and projects.
- (x) That the Public Service Commission has conveyed approval for filling of the following vacancies during period 24 June to date:

Grade	Number
Departmental Head	3
Assistant Quantity Surveyor	1
Support Teacher	1
Statistical Officer	3
Senior Youth Officer	1
Livestock Attendant (on Shift)	14
Attendant (Hospital Services)(on shift)	18

- (xi) Of ongoing procedures concerning admission to Grade 7 for Academic Year 2024 as follows:
- a) all documents have been sent to all Head of schools in Rodrigues;
 - b) information sessions and guidance meetings has been held by all Head of primary schools with parents of Grade 6 students on Thursday 13 July 2023 at the level of schools;
 - c) all Heads of School should return the duly filled in listings and Admission Forms to the Commission for Education by Thursday 10 August 2023; and
 - d) the Commission for Education will transmit all documents to the MES by 11 August 2023.

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Date: 14 July 2023