



**RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**Executive Council**

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**MAIN DECISIONS**

**Executive Council Meeting – Friday 16 February 2024**

**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 funding, to the tune of 30 million Euros that will be provided for water development projects in Rodrigues under the loan agreement between the Republic of Mauritius and the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) will be committed to finance the Colonne Vertébrale de l'Eau à Rodrigues. The essential components of the project, for the transfer of water from Pte Coton desalination plant to Camp Pintade, include inter alia;
- (a) pipe laying works to the tune of 20,000 m off roads and 5740 m in roads
  - (b) nine pumping stations; and
  - (c) new reservoirs

The technical study is in an advanced stage by LuxConsult (Mtius) Ltd and the Rodrigues Public Utilities Corporation (RPUC). The Chief Commissioner will participate in the official signing of the loan agreement between the AFD and the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development on the 26<sup>th</sup> February in Port Louis.

- (ii) To approve that Government schools and educational institutions will be closed as from noon and that, subject to the exigencies of service, staff of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly be released half day to enable them to attend the ceremony for the Episcopal Ordination of Mgr. Michel Moura as Bishop of the Vicar Apostolic Rodrigues. On 20 December 2023, the Pope has appointed the Reverend Michel MOURA, of the clergy of the diocese of Port-Louis, as vicar apostolic of Rodrigues.
- (iii) That an Award Ceremony will be held on Saturday 24 February 2024 at La Residence, whereby the Commission for Education will grant prizes and shields to Laureates and Most Performing Students following the proclamation of Higher School Certificate (HSC) Examinations 2023.
- (iv) That the Commission for Education will provide a grant to Action for Integral Human Development for the continued implementation of the project: **"Les Amis de Zippy"** in Grade 2 in seventeen Primary Schools. The programme is in line with the policy of the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology, the programme "Les Amis de Zippy National" and is now being taught in Grade 1 in all primary schools in the Republic of Mauritius since this academic year. The main objectives of the zippy project are to address societal issues; nurture positive values and attitudes in children; and cater for emotional welfare of pupils.
- (v) That with a view to promote the wellbeing of the students of Marechal College, the Commission for Education will provide a grant to the Parent Teachers' Association of Marechal College to meet costs of painting works at the secondary school. The works consist of external and internal painting works of the whole building including classrooms, specialists' rooms and administrative block.
- (vi) That the Chief Commissioner Mr Johnson ROUSSETY, G.O.S.K., will lead a delegation of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly for an exchange programme in Seychelles as from 13 to 14 March 2024 which is being co-financed by the World Bank. The exchange visit is to enhance knowledge and learning from the Seychelles experience on desalination, wastewater treatment, and water resource mobilization and management to meet the increasing demand with the impact of climate change.
- (vii) That the Commission for Water Resources will entrust to the Rodrigues Public Utilities Corporation (RPUC) the construction of a new 1000 m<sup>3</sup> reservoir at Manique. The project aims to increase storage capacity in connection with the installation of a new 3 x 1000 m<sup>3</sup> desalination plants at Pte Coton.

- (viii) That the following activities will be organised by the Commission for Women's Affairs, Child Development, Family Welfare and Others in the context of the Celebration of the International Women's Day 2024:
- (a) Preparation of a magazine on the "Parcours de la Femme Rodriguaise dans la vie économique et sociale du pays" ;
  - (b) Gala Night on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2024 on the proposed theme 'Empowering Women and Celebrating Achievements' at Mourouk Play Hotel; and
  - (c) Inauguration of an IT corner donated by ACCENTURE to the Rodrigues Regional Women's Committee (RRWC) on 14 March 2024. A training of Trainer Course in ICT will also be organised on 14 and 15 March 2024 to have a pool of trainers to deliver courses on ICT to women in the RRWC.

The theme chosen for this year's commemoration is ***"Count her In: Accelerating Gender Equality through Economic Empowerment"***.

- (ix) That the Commission for Information and Telecommunication Technology will organise the RODIT Fair 2024 on Friday 19 to Sunday 21 April 2024 on Bay Lascar football ground. The RODIT Fair is an event organized on a yearly basis with the objectives to:
- (a) boost up the ICT business sector in Rodrigues;
  - (b) bring in new technology to the local population; and
  - (c) boost the Learning ICT through entertainment activities
- (x) To approve that the Commission for Youth and Sports will launch bids for the procurement of Consultancy Services for Design, Management and Supervision of projects under its Commission.
- (xi) That the Commission for Youth and Sports will allocate a financial grant to the Rodrigues Regional Volleyball Committee for the participation of Olympic Montagne Goyaves (Men) and Oranges Club d'Amitié (Women) in the Championnat des Clubs de la CAVB Zone 7, which will be held in Madagascar from 24 February to 02 March 2024.

Olympic Montagne Goyaves participated in the last edition and ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the competition and qualified to participate in the final phase of Championnat d'Afrique de Volleyball. Orange Club d'Amitié also participated in the Championnat d'Afrique Zone 7 and was ranked 8<sup>th</sup>.

- (xii) That the Commission for Youth and Sports will provide a financial grant to the Rod Trail Association for the organisation of the Golden Bat Night Trail on 02 March 2024 at Jean Daniel ANDRÉ Stadium at Camp du Roi and nearby villages. The Golden Bat Night Trail is an annual event which is being organised in the context of the celebration of 56th Anniversary of the Independence and the 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Republic of Mauritius with the main objective to motivate trailers and the population at large to discover Rodrigues by night and at same time enjoy the benefits of physical activities for health and competitions.
- (xiii) That the Commission for Arts and Culture will grant authorisation to use the podium at Malabar by 'Eglise en Adoration' for the organisation of a ticketed live Gospel concert' on Saturday 30 March 2024.

### **TAKEN NOTE**

- (i) That coaching sessions for private candidates at GCE "O" and "A" level as well as for private candidates of the National Certificate Education (NCE) Assessments for the Academic Year 2024 will resume as from 07 March 2024. The sessions are offered to both unemployed and employed candidates free of charge and are delivered at Mont Lubin College from Mondays to Fridays from 15.30 to 17.00 hours and on Saturdays from 08.00 to 16.00 hours .
- (ii) That at its meeting held on Thursday 8 February 2024, the Building and Land Use Permit Committee has approved the grant of seven (7) Residential Building and Land Use Permit.
- (iii) That a delegation of the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family Welfare comprising of Mrs. Jayseeree BHUNJUN, Head Family Welfare and Protection Unit and Mrs. Nandita Devi RAMKALAWON JUGNAH, Senior Family Welfare and Protection Officer will be on mission to Rodrigues from 19 to 23 February 2024 in connection with a training programme in Domestic Violence Information System (DOVIS) for the effective implementation of the computerized system in Rodrigues.

DOVIS is a national project falling under the aegis of the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family Welfare and it is a computerized system for the registration of reported cases of domestic violence and it is being used as a tool to monitor, assess, record and generate specific reports on such cases.

- (iv) That as part of the marketing strategies to promote Rodrigues as a tourism destination in the South African Market, Thompson Holidays, a prestigious international travel agency from South Africa, will conduct a Familiarization Trip in Rodrigues from 18 to 22 February 2024. The delegation will comprise 10 Top performing travel agents and staff members from around South Africa who have been invited by Thompsons Holidays to experience Rodrigues, its hospitality, sightseeing activities and other aspects that best highlight Rodrigues destination.

Thompsons Holidays is an international well-known Travel Agency across South Africa and handles various social media. The travel agency has activated a full range of various marketing campaigns which will run as from now and during the months of February, March and April 2024, that will include, amongst others:-

- (a) Dedicated Rodrigues mailers and social media activations;
  - (b) Destination feedback and awareness program to the rest of the Thompsons' Team;
  - (c) Rodrigues will be a main focus on all Thompsons Social Media platforms throughout the duration of the campaign; and
  - (d) Participants will be encouraged to post on Social Media and to make use of the various number of Thompsons' hashtags, the Rodrigues Tourism Board and all our participating Partners.
- (v) That the Commission for Youth and Sports has on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024 launched a logo competition for the 4<sup>eme</sup> Jeux de Rodrigues with closing date 01<sup>st</sup> March 2024. The 4<sup>eme</sup> Jeux de Rodrigues will be organised from 01 to 04 August 2024 under the theme "Linite ek Zefor, Leker nu zil" with competition in 14 sports disciplines.
- (vi) That the Commission for Youth and Sports in collaboration with the Mauritius Recreation Council under the aegis of the Ministry of Youth and Sports will organise the Programme "Lwazir pou Tou Dimoun", for persons with a Handicap on Saturday 23 March 2024 at Mourouk Public Beach. Following the visit of a delegation of Mauritius Recreation Council (MRC) to Rodrigues from 11 to 16 December 2023 and their subsequent meetings with the Commission for Social Security and the Commission for, it was decided to organise a Recreation Day for persons with a Handicap, in Rodrigues.

- (vii) Of the issues related to non-availability of certain books in schools and colleges supplied by the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology and remedial measures being taken.

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