



**RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
Executive Council**

MAIN DECISIONS

Executive Council Meeting – Friday 22 September 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) To approve the signature of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Rodrigues Public Utilities Corporation (RPUC) Ltd and MEKOROT Development and Enterprise Ltd to act as consultant for the following services in the water sector:
- (a) Preparation of a Road map to mitigate the Island's water problems for the next 15 years mainly in the field of desalination;
 - (b) Assistance with the preparation of tender documents for major RPUC projects;
 - (c) Professional assistance to RPUC for the project implementation; and
 - (d) General consultation as may be needed and requested by the RPUC.

A team from Mekorot Development and Enterprise Limited, a subsidiary of Mekorot, the national water company of Israel, comprising its Chief Executive Officer and its Chief Engineer will visit Rodrigues at the beginning of November 2023 to prepare a preliminary survey and detailed plan to submit to the RPUC for the preparation of the roadmap to mitigate Rodrigues water problems with emphasis on desalination projects.

- (ii) To approve the proposed list of nominees for the conferment of the "Médaille de la Reconnaissance Rodriguaise" and "Honorary Freeman" on the occasion of the 21st Anniversary of Autonomy of Rodrigues.
- (iii) That the Commission for Cooperatives will proceed with the disbursement of the financial grant to the Bus Operators Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd for financial year 2023/2024 to meet its administrative expenses.
- (iv) That the Commission for Licensing will proceed with the issue of seven (7) Trade Licences, pending amendment and/or subletting of the leases as appropriate and to refer the cases to the Cadastral Office for processing and finalisation of the appropriate commercial leases.
- (v) That the Commission for Youth and Sports will grant permission to the "Equipe d'Animation Pastorale" (EAP) of the Parish of St. Gabriel, to use the Mourouk Anse Enfer Football ground to celebrate a mass on Thursday 28 September 2023 at 16.00 hours.
- (vi) To approve the revised rate of stipend payable, as announced in the national Budget Speech for Financial year 2023-2024, to Peer Educators/Resource persons /Trainers who are delivering courses and providing technical assistance in the organization of youth activities such as "Speciales Vacances" programme, Programme de promotion de l'entrepreneuriat des jeunes (PPEJ), Duke of Endinburgh International's Award (DOFE), National Youth Civic Service Course(NYCS), Peer Education Course, First Aiders, Peer Counselling Course, Outreach Activities, Recreational and Sensitisation Programme amongst others.

TAKEN NOTE

- (i) That Honourable Kavydass RAMANO, Minister of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change will lead a delegation to Rodrigues for an official visit as from Monday 25 September to Wednesday 27 September 2023 in the context of the celebration of the International Ozone Layer Protection Day which is celebrated annually on 16 September 2023.

- (ii) That the persistent low rainfall is having serious implications on production of surface and underground water and that major investments in desalination projects are urgently required to address the acute water shortage in Rodrigues. The rainfall data for the first half of September 2023 is as hereunder:

SN	Region	Total for 1-15 September 2023 (mm)	Long term mean (mm)	Percentage of long term mean
1	Pointe Canon	16	22	73
2	Plaine Corail	17	23	74
3	Citronelle	23	43	53

- (iii) Of the setting up of Audit Committees at the level of each Commission of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, in line with a circular dated 10 January 2013, from the Secretary to Cabinet, requesting Ministries/Departments to set up their own Audit Committee with a view to minimize the number of audit queries. One of the main functions of the Audit Committee is to support the Accounting Officer in the monitoring and the reviewing of both risk control and governance processes established in each department.
- (iv) That in view of facilitating the filing of individual income tax returns for the current Income Tax e-Filing season 2023, a delegation from the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) will be in Rodrigues as from Monday 25 September to Friday 29 September 2023 to conduct educational sessions. A live demonstration on e-Filing and e-Payment will be held on Wednesday 27 September 2023 for the staff of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly.
- (v) That the Licensing Committee at its meeting held on Tuesday 19 September 2023 has approved twenty-seven (27) applications for the issue of Trade Licence.
- (vi) At its meeting held on Tuesday 19 September 2023, the Building and Land Use Permit Committee has approved the grant of ten (10) Residential Building and Land Use Permits.
- (vii) That the Commission for Women's Affairs will organise a workshop on 26 and 27 September 2023 to seek the views of stakeholders on the social ills, such as teenage pregnancy, Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs), early sex, early marriage and sexual offences, affecting Rodrigues along with their root causes and come up with proposals for remedial actions and to formulate an action plan on measures to be undertaken to remedy the situation.

- (viii) That the United Nation Populations Fund (UNFPA) in collaboration with the Commission for Women’s Affairs will implement a project entitled “Develop Measures to address combat and prevent sexual and gender-based violence, child abuse and HIV in Rodrigues.” The project is funded by the British High Commission and will contribute to strengthen the capacity of the Commission for Child Development and others to address these issues.
- (ix) According to last statistical records for the month of August 2023, 7,708 tourists visited Rodrigues compared to 7,181 for the same month in 2019. From January to August 2023, 58, 300 tourists have visited the island compared to 46,847 for the same months in Year 2019 (normal year prior to COVID 19 Pandemic). It depicts an increase of 24.4%.
- (x) That the Public Service Commission has conveyed approval for filling of the following vacancies during period 15 July to date:

Grade	Number
Senior Livestock Attendant (on Shift)	1
Office Management Assistant	1
Physiotherapy Assistant	1
School Clerk	1
Nursing Officer	24
Livestock Attendant (on Shift)	4
Statistical Officer	1
Confidential Secretary	1
Trainee Primary Educator (Kreol Morisien)	6
Trainee Primary Educator (General Purpose)	1
Technician (light and Sound)	1
Architect/Senior Architect	1
Support Teacher	3
Mechanical Workshop Superintendent	1
Chief Panel Beater	1
Officer in Charge, Labour and Industrial Relations	1
Attendant (Hospital Services)(On shift)	1
Fisheries Protection Officer	9
Cook	4

**Chief Commissioner’s Office
Port Mathurin
Rodrigues**

Date: 22 September 2023