



RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY Executive Council

MAIN DECISIONS

Executive Council Meeting – Friday 24 March 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 Commission for Education is initiating bidding exercise for the procurement, installation and commissioning of twelve (12) multipurpose heavy duty printers for each government primary school for the preparation of learning and teaching materials with a view to offer quality education to their pupils.
- (ii) That the Commission for Education will organise a one-day recreational activities at Baladirou Recreational and Residential Centre for pupils of Grade 4 during the Easter Holidays at the beginning of April 2023. The programme of the day will include the following activities:
 - (a) Painting;
 - (b) Handicraft using coconut/vacoas leaves;
 - (c) Treasure Hunt
 - (d) Talks by Psychologists; and
 - (e) Zumba.

- (iii) That following requests from banking institutions and applicants for housing loans, the maximum monthly repayment instalment of home loan will be reviewed but shall not exceed 50% of gross monthly income in line with the guidelines of the Bank of Mauritius concerning the computation of Debt to Income Ratio for Residential Property Loans.
- (iv) That a delegation headed by Dr. T. K. GUNNESS, founder of the Heart Foundation and La Route Du Coeur will be in Rodrigues from 27 April to 01 May 2023 to carry out six free cardiac screening at Cascade Jean-Louis Community Health Centre, Baladirou Residential and Training Centre, Grand-Montagne Youth Centre, Oyster-bay Community Health Centre, Petit Gabriel Community Health Centre and Port-Sud-Est Community Health Centre to detect new cardiac cases, promote awareness of Cardiac Diseases, the risk factors leading to Cardiac problems and encouraging the population to adopt a healthy lifestyle.
- (v) That the Commission for Employment will proceed with the disbursement of funds amounting to MUR 1,644,000 in favour of 12 beneficiaries under the Plan de Préstation Transitoire (PPT) Scheme for financial year 2022-2023 for the implementation of their income-generating projects. Each beneficiary will receive a monthly stipend of Rs 3,000 to as from the date of completion of construction works of their respective projects as an “aide à la production” during a period of one year.
- (vi) That a grant will be provided to the Rod Trail Association in connection with the organisation of the Relais Terre de Jeux – Paris 2024 which was organised on 14 March 2023 from Camp du Roi Stadium along the coastal road to Grand Baie Football Ground with the participation of around 400 youths of 14 – 17 years old. At the end of the race all participants were invited to register to participate in a drawing of lots, the winner of which will have the chance to participate in the 10 km “sport pour tous” marathon in Paris next year in the context of the Olympic Games 2024.

TAKEN NOTE

- (i) That in line with the project “promotion of Continuous Professional Development of Educators”, as announced in the Discours Programme 2022-2027, the Commission for Education will organise workshops and training for Primary and Secondary Educators in collaboration with the Mauritius Institute of Education during the Easter holidays to empower them to use Innovative and Differentiated Pedagogy in improving Students’ Performance.
- (ii) That the Commission for Education will sponsor the participation of one student of Ananias Andre Le Chou College who won the first prize of the Public Speaking Competition organised for schools in Rodrigues and one accompanying Educator of the College in the National Finals to be held in Mauritius on 30 March 2023. The Public Speaking Competition is organised annually by the English-Speaking Union to give young participants practical experience in the fundamental skills of public speaking and effective communication.
- (iii) That the Chief Commissioner’s Office (Judicial Services) will proceed with the upgrading and repair of the Digital Recording System at Rodrigues Court for the proper recording of court proceedings to deliver judgements in a timely manner.
- (iv) That the Commission for Education will invite applications for the following scholarship schemes offered by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly at undergraduate level for academic year 2023/2024:
 - (a) one (01) fully and two (02) partly paid Medical Scholarship;
 - (b) two (02) partly funded scholarships for Veterinary Science Studies; and
 - (c) two (2) Technical Scholarships to encourage post-secondary students to undertake studies in technical field in view of ensuring availability of qualified technicians on the local labour market.
- (v) Of the holding of the second edition of the Citizen Support Portal Live Broadcast dedicated to the health sector with the theme “La Santé vers une service de proximité, efficace et moderne” on Saturday 25 March 2023 at the New Mont

Lubin Area Health Centre with the participation of Mr. J. N VOLBERT, Commissioner for Health and others. The event will include health screening and prevention campaign, blood donation and consultation for the public by the specialised units of the Health Services in the collaboration with various stakeholders such as the Breast Cancer Care, Foot Care Unit, the Dental Caravan, the Family Planning Association, the Nutritionist, the Public Health Office, Elderly Watch, Social Security, Crac Anti-Drug, Lumiere et Vie, Diabétique Pro, Befrienders, the Police Family Protection Unit, the ADSU and Police de L'Environnement.

- (vi) That the Commission for Health will organise an Open Day to mark the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the World Health Day with the theme for this year **“Health for All”** at Port-Sud-Est Football Ground, on 6th April 2023 to sensitize the population, promote health services and provide a mobile service to fight non-communicable diseases.
- (vii) The outcome of the workshop and Tournée d’Agences which was jointly organised by the Commission for Tourism and the Rodrigues Tourism Office from 27 February to 01 March 2023 to provide an opportunity for local Tourism Operators to interact with Travel Agencies in Mauritius to increase the visibility of the destination in Mauritius, the main market of tourist visitors to Rodrigues.
- (viii) Of the organisation of a training course for 20 members of Regional Sport Committees and other Sports Administrators by the National Olympic Committee in collaboration with the Commission for Youth and Sports from 23 to 25 March 2023 at Malabar Gymnasium.
- (ix) That in view of the forthcoming Indian Ocean Island Games 2023, the Commission for Youth and Sports will organise a physical preparation course for all coaches who are involved in the preparation of pre-selected athletes from 26 – 29 April 2023 at Malabar Gymnasium. The training course will be conducted by Mr. Eddy Boyer, Performance Expert from Reunion Island who delivered a similar course in Mauritius last year for the CJSOI Games preparation and has a track record in the field for having worked at Manchester United Football Club as Physical Preparator during the era of Sir Alex Ferguson.

- (x) That the Commission for Arts and Culture has submitted a status report, on the implementation of safeguarding of measures of Segá Tambour Rodrigues, to the National Heritage Fund which is the National Repository for the safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) for the Periodic Reporting Exercise under the UNESCO 2003 Convention.

- (xi) That the Commission for Youth and Sports in collaboration with the Youth Committees of the six local regions will organise a randonnée pedestre in each region on Wednesday 12 April 2023. Participants will converge to Malabar Podium where there will be a youth concert and sensitization programme on Sexual Reproductive Health and Prevention of Drugs and Substance Abuse as well as screening of HIV/AIDS and non-Communicable Disease.

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