



RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Executive Council

MAIN DECISIONS

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING - FRIDAY 25 JUNE 2021

The Executive Council met today under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. Louis Serge CLAIR, GCSK

1. The Executive Council has approved that amendments be made to the Draft Protocol for resumption of passenger flights to Rodrigues prepared by the Commission for Health. The draft protocol will be submitted to the Central Government for endorsement. According to the draft protocol, the Rodrigues Regional Assembly is proposing that passenger flights be resumed in two phases.

During the first phase, starting from 1st August to 30th September 2021, passengers will be authorised to travel to Rodrigues subject to strict quarantine procedures.

2. The Executive Council has taken note of the status COVID-19 of the vaccination campaign in Rodrigues. As at date, 5,839 persons have been administered the first dose and 3,822 have been administered the second dose.

In line with the imminent resumption of passenger flights to Rodrigues, the COVID-19 vaccination campaign will be strengthened so as to reach herd immunity.

3. The Executive Council has agreed to the signature of a "*Convention de Partenariat FEXTE Tripartite*" between the Ministry for Energy and Public Utilities, the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, *l'Agence Française de Développement* and *l'Agence de Transition Ecologique* (ADEME) for FEXTE: *Rodrigues Ile Verte* project. This project is in line with the vision of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly in achieving the goal of having an Energy Mix comprising 100% Renewable Energy.
4. The Executive Council has approved that the Commission for Education provides a grant to the Action for Integrated Human Development (AIHD) for the coordination of the "Les Amis de Zippy" project in all Government Primary Schools.
5. The Executive Council has agreed to waiving the payment of Trade Licence fees for the financial year 2021/2022 in favour of entrepreneurs engaged in the agro-processing and handicraft sectors engaged directly and indirectly in the tourism sector following the resurgence of COVID-19.
6. The Executive Council has approved that in view of facilitating business in Rodrigues, the eligibility criteria for the grant of a Trade Licence for a Home-based Activity (HBA) will be amended to enable entrepreneurs to operate a Home-based Activity on the premises of their partners, grand parents and for those renting a house in Rodrigues.
7. The Executive Council has approved that the Commission for Vocational Training organises a Training and Career Guidance Fair by local institutions on Thursday 8 and Friday 9 July 2021 for students and out-of-school youth at the Parking Space in front of the Antoinette Prudence Human Resource Development Centre at Malabar.
8. The Executive Council has agreed to the increase in income threshold eligibility for assistance under the Elderly Housing and Elderly Slab Schemes by the Commission for Housing to Rs 30,000.
9. The Executive Council has taken note that the Commission for Sports will carry out upgrading works of infrastructure at the different basketball pitches across the Island.

10. The Executive Council has taken note of the activities to be organised by the Commission for Youth to mark the World Youth Skills Day 2021 which will be commemorated on 15 July 2021. A youth festival will be organised on Sunday 25 July 2021.
11. The Executive Council has taken note that the National Training & Reskilling Scheme (NTRS) Skills Working Group has approved the training programme for the ICT/BPO Sector on Cisco Certified Network Administrator under the NTRS for 12 participants.
12. The Executive Council has taken note of the status of the vaccination campaign against Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD). As at date, a total of 25,038 livestock have been vaccinated. It is expected that the second round of vaccination will start on 26 June 2021.

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