



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

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**MAIN DECISIONS**

**Executive Council Meeting – Friday 26 January 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) To approve that the following activities would be organised to mark the celebration of the 56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence and 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Republic of Mauritius:
- (a) Golden Bat Night Trail on Saturday 02 March 2024 as from 18.00 hours. The start, finish and prize giving ceremony of the trail will be held at Camp du Roi Stadium;
  - (b) Republic Regatta Competition on Saturday 09 March 2024 at 12.25 hours at the Public Beach of Mourouk;
  - (c) Flag Raising Ceremony in all Educational Institutions on Monday 11 March 2024 and the reading of Prime Minister's Message;
  - (d) Official Ceremony comprising of Parade by the Guard of Honour, Flag Raising, speeches by the Chief Guest and the Chief Commissioner followed by cultural performance at Grande Montagne Football Ground on Tuesday 12 March 2024 at 14.00, Port Mathurin;
  - (e) Football Republic Cup (men and women). The men's final is scheduled on Saturday 16 March 2024 whereas the women's

final will be held on Sunday 17 March 2024 at 15.30 hours at Grande Montagne Football Playground; and

- (f) a Drama Festival in French language to be held from March to May 2024.
- (ii) To approve a new protocol to be adopted in case of heavy rain/torrential rain and cyclone for schools/institutions in Rodrigues which provides specific guidelines on arrangements to be made in particular to the closing of schools/institutions upon occurrence of these events with a view to ensure the safety of the school population with minimum disruption in the school calendar.
- (iii) That a proposed Rodrigues Regional Assembly (Licences) Amendment Regulations will be introduced in the Regional Assembly to cater for new emerging trade activities in Rodrigues and to regulate certain trade activities as announced by the Chief Commissioner in his five-year Government Program. The Third Schedule of the regulations will be amended to update the list of activities and the yearly trade fees payable in line with the list of activities specified in the Twelfth Schedule of Local Government Act 2011.
- (iv) To approve that the Commission for Trade and Licensing proceed with the issue of 3 Trade Licences, pending finalisation and/or amendment of the commercial leases for subletting as appropriate and to refer the cases to the Cadastral Office for processing.
- (v) That the Chief Commissioner's Office (Marine Services) will proceed with a Request for Proposals for consultancy services for the desilting and maintenance of lagoonal passes around Rodrigues to facilitate the movement of boats as most of these passes are obstructed by mud, sand and other sediments, which makes navigation by fishing boats and pleasure crafts difficult and impossible at low tides.
- (vi) That in the context of the closure of the Octopus Fishery scheduled from 03 February to 07 March 2024 (both dates inclusive), the Commission for Fisheries will enlist the services of 2 Coordinators, 74 Supervisors and 10 Regional Supervisors and 1,500 Fishers/Non-Fishers under the Alternative Livelihood Programme.
- (vii) To approve that the Commission for Youth & Sports will provide financial grant to the Rodrigues Sports Company Limited for the recruitment of 30 Sports and Fitness Animators on sessional basis, under the Rodrigues

Sports Academy project. This measure will ensure that all sports training schools and specialised training centres are provided with adequate technical staff, for their proper and efficient operation.

## **TAKEN NOTE**

- (i) That the Rodrigues Public Utilities Corporation (RPUC) Ltd has awarded contracts for the construction of 2x1000 m<sup>3</sup> circular reservoir at Pte Coton for the sum of 43,654,314.41; for the airlifting of nine boreholes for the sum of Rs 1,741,540; and for the design, supply, installation and commissioning of 3x350 m<sup>3</sup>/day containerised sea water reserve osmosis desalination plants for the sum of Rs. 65,822,987.06.
- (ii) That the Chief Commissioner's Office (Civil Aviation) has awarded a contract for the construction of residential building of about 140 m<sup>2</sup> for the relocation of a lessee of Mt. Travers in connection with the Airport Development Project.
- (iii) That the Chief Commissioner's Office (Civil Aviation) is proceeding with a procurement exercise for obstruction lights in replacement of existing lights and structures which have been damaged or worn out with time. Aviation obstruction lighting is used to enhance the visibility of structures or fixed obstacles in areas where aircraft may operate at low altitudes and that may conflict with the safe navigation.
- (iv) That the Licensing Committee at its meeting held on Thursday 18 January 2024 has approved for the issue of twenty-seven (27) Trade Licences.
- (v) That three Officers in the Midwifery Cadre have been selected to participate in a specialised first aid training course meant to impart training to Nursing Officers/Midwives on how to deal with emergency involving newborns.
- (vi) Of the participation of Rodrigues, alongside the Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority (MTPA), in the world-known tourism trade fair "ITB Berlin" which will be held in Germany from the 05<sup>th</sup> to 07<sup>th</sup> March 2024. The objectives of participating in such event are to: -
  - (a) promote Rodrigues as an eco-tourism destination;
  - (b) improve the networking with Travel Agencies, Tour Operators and Press People;

- (c) increase the visibility of the destination amongst the participants of the ITB; and
  - (d) strengthen and consolidate partnership with key stakeholders in the Tourism.
- (vii) Of the participation of Rodrigues in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the “Salon du Trail, du Vélo et du Sport” which will be held at the Parc des Expositions de la Nordev, Saint Denis, Reunion Island from the 29<sup>th</sup> February to 03<sup>rd</sup> March 2024. It aims to bring together stakeholders who are involved in indoor and outdoor sports with a unique opportunity to discover the world of trail running and other sports activities, and to promote the different sports in the Indian Ocean.
- (viii) That the Commission for Youth and Sports will grant permission to the “Uni One Crew” to organise recreational activities on Palissade Sports Complex on 10 February 2024 as from 15.00 hrs to 19.00 hrs.
- (ix) That following an invitation from the Office of the Secretary General of the Seychelles National Institute for Culture, Heritage and the Arts, an officer of the Commission for Arts and Culture has been designated to participate in the “Creoles Encounters of Victoria 2024” from 04 to 08 March 2024 in Victoria, Seychelles. The event is being organized within the framework of a possible inscription of Creole cultures on the UNESCO Representatives list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

**Chief Commissioner’s Office  
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**Date: 26 January 2024**