



RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Executive Council

MAIN DECISIONS

Executive Council Meeting – Friday 27 January 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 will organise the Training and Career Guidance Fair 2023 on Thursday 23 February and Friday 24 February 2023 at the parking space in front of the Antoinette Prudence, Human Resource Development Centre, Malabar with the participation of training institutions from Rodrigues, Mauritius and overseas. The main objective of the annual fair is the sharing of relevant information to students of Grade 9 to Grade 13, HSC School leavers, out of school youth and the public in general so as to enable them to take informed decision regarding their future studies and career.
- (ii) That the Commission for Meteorological Services will procure two digital barometers to replace faulty ones at Plaine Corail and Pointe Canon Meteorological Services Stations to be used to measure atmospheric pressure as well as for daily weather observations.
- (iii) The Commission for Youth and Sports will provide a financial grant to the Rodrigues Regional Volleyball Committee for the participation of Olympique Montagne Goyaves (men) and Orange Club Sportif D’Amitié (women) in the 27th Championnat des Clubs de la Confédération Africaine de Volleyball – Zone 7 (CAVB – Z7) to be held in Mauritius from 25 February to 05 March 2023. It is the fifth time that volleyball teams from Rodrigues will participate in this competition and our clubs are reaching an international level as they are competing with the different islands of the Indian Ocean comprising Mauritius, Seychelles, Madagascar, Mayotte, Reunion and Comoros.

- (iv) That the Commission for Cooperatives will submit a recommendation to the Registrar of Cooperative Societies for the removal and replacement of both boards of the “Fédération des Associations Coopérative des Eleveurs Rodriguais Ltd’ (FACER) and the Rodrigues Agricultural Cooperative Federation Ltd (RAMCF) in accordance with Section 47 (10) of the Cooperatives Act No. 6 of 2006. These decisions have been taken given the acute financial difficulties being faced by these cooperatives.
- (v) To grant a monthly placement stipend of Rs 35,000.00 for a period of one (1) year to a holder of a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) and a Master of Medicine International Medicine Cardiology to enable him to complete his pre-registration training at the Cardiac Centre in Mauritius.

TAKEN NOTE

- (i) That the Deputy Chief Commissioner’s Office will hand over cheques to a batch of 52 beneficiaries under the Grant for Casting of Slab Scheme to the tune of Rs 4, 112, 713 to help the beneficiaries to purchase construction materials for the casting or recasting of slab of their houses.
- (ii) That the After-School Sports and Fitness Program which is organised by the Mauritius Sports Council in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology, the Ministry of Youth Empowerment and the Commission for Education will resume in schools as from 30 January 2023. The programme is meant to motivate and encourage the participation of children aged 7 to 13 years old in regular physical activity while nurturing in Mauritian children love for sports with the objectives to:
- improve physical, mental and well-being;
 - create consistency in routine;
 - promote new and healthy habits;
 - foster connection with other children;
 - help children learn new skills;
 - build confidence;
 - improve social and emotional skills; and
 - encourage other healthy lifestyles habits.
- (iii) Of the status regarding the implementation of the project pertaining to the publication of a “Romance” Songs booklet and recording and publishing of “Sega Tambour Rodrige” CD in a bid to safeguard our oral tradition, and to ensure its transmission to future generations. As at date a booklet on lyrics of Sega Tambour songs collected from various local singers has been published now a CD of these Sega Tambour will be recorded and a lyrical booklet together with a USB disk of “Romans Rodrige” will be produced.

- (iv) That a delegation from the «Établissement publique local d'enseignement et de formation professionnelle agricole» (EPLEFPA) and the «Centre de formation professionnelle et de promotion agricole» (CFPPA) from Reunion Island will be on official mission to Rodrigues from 30 January to 03 February 2023 in the context of the handing over of “Brevet Professionnelle Agricole” (BPA) certificates to six (6) Students of the Lycée Agricole de St Gabriel and to discuss with the RRA on the possibilities of renewing the cooperation convention which existed between the two organisations.
- (v) That the Mauritius Institute of Education (MIE) will organise a Graduation Ceremony on Saturday 11 February 2023 at the Cultural and Leisure Centre, Mon Plaisir for forty-five (45) Educators who have successfully completed four programmes which were organised and conducted in Rodrigues as follows:

SN	Programme	Grade	Number
1	Teacher's Diploma Primary (Full-Time)	Trainee Primary School Educator	14
2	Diploma in Educational Management	Primary School Educator	16
3	Post Graduate Diploma in Educational Leadership and Management	Educator (Secondary)	8
4	Bachelor of Education (Primary)	Primary School Educator	7

- (vi) That a Book Sales Exhibition will be held under the chapiteau next to Central Administration from Tuesday 28 February to Saturday 04 March 2023, with the participation of eight (08) bookshops from Mauritius and Rodrigues which will target pupils of primary schools, students of secondary sector and the general public with the objective of promoting human values, cultural heritage and literary skills.
- (vii) That the Commission for Agriculture will sponsor the processing fee to enable two (2) young persons to attend a training in Digital Climate Advisory Services (DCAS) for Eastern Africa Countries from 31 January to 02 February 2023 to be co-hosted by the Global Center on Adaptation (GCA) in partnership with the Wangari Maathai Institute for Peace and Environmental Studies (WMI), University of Nairobi (UON). The objective of the training is to:-
- (a) increase awareness on the use of sustainable Digital Climate Advisory Services (DCAS) Systems; and

- (b) scale the DCAS framework across the targeted African countries, thus promoting productivity, income and climate adaptation in the regional agri-food sector.
- (viii) That a mega screening for cervical and breast cancer will be held at Cascade Jean Louis Community Health Centre to mark the World Cancer Day 2023 which will be celebrated on Saturday 04 February 2023. This year edition marks the second of the three-year **“Close the care gap”** campaign.
- (ix) Of the Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) Health Promotion Report 2022, which reveals that there is a high prevalence of diabetes and pre-diabetes, a condition, associated with increased risk of subsequent diabetes, its complications and heart diseases. These conditions coupled with obesity and hypertension, constitute a significant threat in terms of heart diseases and diabetes complications in Rodrigues. In October 2022, a delegation of Officers from the Ministry of Health and Wellness carried out an NCD Survey in five (5) different regions in Rodrigues and the results will be submitted by April 2023.
- (x) Of the correspondence received from the Procurement Policy Office to the effect that all commissions of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly have to make mandatory use of the e-procurement system by end of June 2023. Hence, local suppliers will be invited and encourage to register themselves to enable their participation in bidding exercises of the Commissions of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly.

**Chief Commissioner’s Office
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