



**RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
Executive Council**

MAIN DECISIONS

Executive Council Meeting – Friday 29 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) That in line with its mission to promote and develop Information and Communication Technology in Rodrigues, the Commission for Information Technology & Telecommunications will organise the second edition of ROD IT Fair in Rodrigues from 08 to 10 December 2023 on the Football Playground of Baie Lascar. The aim and objectives of the event are to: -
- (a) Boost up the ICT business sector in Rodrigues;
 - (b) Bring new technology/innovation to the local population;
 - (c) Provide a space for career evolution; and
 - (d) Boost the learning of ICT through entertainment activities.
- (ii) That the Commission for Education will sponsor the participation of two (2) Educators of Marechal College for an Exchange Programme in the United Kingdom from 04 to 20 November 2023 under the Exchange Programme in Innovation and Creativity at National and International Level for Secondary School Educators Scheme. It is expected that the Educators will acquire in-depth knowledge, additional skills and competencies for the benefits of students and their own professional growth.

(iii) That the Rodrigues Regional Assembly through the Commission for Vocational Training is awarding the following scholarships for academic year 2023-2024:

(a) Medical Scholarship – One (01) fully paid and two (02) partly paid;

NAME OF CANDIDATE	COURSE	UNIVERSITY	DURATION
Fully Paid			
EDOUARD Daris Lorian	MD	University of Mauritius	Nov 2023 – Sept 2029 (6 years)
Partial Scholarship			
MILAZARRE Tracy Berlande	MBBS	SSR Medical College	Nov 2023 – Mar 2028 (5 years)
MEUNIER Marie Laetitia	MBBS	SSR Medical College	Nov 2023 – Mar 2028 (5 years)

(b) Scholarship in Technical Fields; and

NAME OF CANDIDATE	COURSE	UNIVERSITY
VALIMAMODE Mohammad Reza Ridwaan	BSc (Hons) Tropical Environmental Biology	Monash University Malaysia
BEGUE Jean Dylan	BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering	University of Mauritius

(c) Distance Learning Scholarship – Three (03) undergraduate and Two (02) post graduates

NAME OF CANDIDATE	COURSE	UNIVERSITY
MEUNIER Steven	BA (Hons) Graphic Design and Multimedia	Open University of Mauritius
BEGUE Marie Anais	BA (Hons) Communication Media and Journalism	Open University of Mauritius
LOUIS Jenita	BSC (Hons) Social Work	Open University of Mauritius
COLIN COLLET Anne-Celine	Executive Master of Business Administration	Arden University
COLIN Marie Jocelyne	Master of Educational Leadership and Management	Open University of Mauritius

- (iv) To approve twenty (20) commercial and industrial projects for further processing in line with the revised procedures for evaluating commercial and industrial projects.
- (v) That the Commission for Water Resources will proceed with the procurement of pipes and fittings for the Water Resources Unit for Financial Year 2023/2024 for the maintenance or replacement of existing damaged lines or for the installation of new lines to ease the distribution of water to villages.
- (vi) That the Commission for Environment will organise the 1st edition of Salon Ekolozil Rodrig on Friday 29 September and Saturday 30 September 2023 at the parking space near Central Administration, Port Mathurin to:
 - (a) Promote circular economy model that minimizes waste generation by maintaining the value of products/materials and resources in the economy as long as possible thereby minimizing the social and environmental damage by a linear economic approach;
 - (b) show how products can be re-defined, reused, refurbished, remanufactured and recycled; how goods and services are produced from a 'sustainable consumption and production' perspective;
 - (c) encourage the population to buy products that are made in Rodrigues, and
 - (d) promote green businesses.
- (vii) That Rodrigues has been awarded the Swiss Tourism Awards 2023 under the category Destination of Excellence and that the Commissioner Mr. Jean Alain WONG SO will lead a delegation to Switzerland to receive the prestigious award and to participate in the Swiss International Travel Exhibition to be held from 03 to 05 November 2023 in the City of Lugano, Switzerland.
- (viii) That the Commission for Youth and Sports will allocate a financial assistance to Mr. Brian Fils Francois, (athlete) and Mr. Jean Francois Roussety, (Coach), to meet part of the cost for their participation in the World Savate Combat Championships 2023 which will be held in France on 30 September 2023. The "Federation Mauricienne de Boxe Francaise" is taking in charge the air tickets from Mauritius to France and back and the organiser in France will take charge of their accommodation.

- (ix) That the Commission for Youth & Sports will grant permission to the “Darel Barbel Gym” to organize a Zumba master class on Sunday 22 October 2023 for a fund-raising activity in favour of a patient who is actually under treatment abroad.

TAKEN NOTE

- (i) That the World Bank Regional Director for Infrastructure Eastern and Southern Africa will lead a delegation comprising Mr. Sjamsu Rahardja, Resident Representative and Senior Economist for Mauritius and Seychelles; Ms. Karla Gonzalez Carvajal, Practice Manager for Transport; Mr. Antonio Nunez, Program Leader for Infrastructure; Ms. Lara Born, Senior Energy Specialist and Mr. Edward Beukes, Senior Transport Specialist to Rodrigues on October 3-4, 2023 in connection with the airport development project.
- (ii) That the Rodrigues Public Utilities Corporation (R.P.U.C) has awarded the contract for the repair and commissioning of the 260 m³/day desalination plant at Caverne Bouteille for the sum of € 70,543.20. The Commission for Water Resources has provided funds to the tune of Rs11,857,687 million to the RPUC for the repairs of desalination plants and the expected completion dates of all repairs and the volume of water to be generated are as follows:

Desalination plant	Expected completion date for repairs	Additional volume of water expected per day
Pte Coton (Project undertaken by the RPUC)	15 th October 2023	460m ³
Songes (project undertaken by the Commission for Water Resources)	First week of November 2023	460m ³
Caverne Bouteille (Project undertaken by the RPUC)	End November 2023	260m ³
Total		1180 m³

- (iii) Of the taking over and operationalisation of the 1000m³ Concrete Circular Reservoir at Mt Goyaves. The Reservoir will be used for the distribution of water for domestic purposes to the nearby villages of Mt Goyaves, Baladirou and Dans Bebe, which are severely affected by the dry season.

- (iv) That in view of recognising the hard work of top performing students, the Commission for Training will provide a monthly allowance of Rs 5,000, for the duration of their studies up to a maximum of four (04) years, to two (02) boys and three (03) girls ranked among the 10 best performing boys and girls at HSC examinations who are not beneficiaries of a scholarship for Academic Year 2023-2024. Currently, twelve (12) students are benefitting from this scheme.
- (v) That representatives of Reef Conservation will be on official visit to Rodrigues from Monday 02 to Friday 06 October 2023 to visit eight (8) primary schools and four (4) secondary schools for the Eco-Schools award evaluation in connection with Eco-School programme. The programme was launched in Rodrigues in 2018 in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology, Reef Conservation, and Shoals Rodrigues and is an opportunity for schools to embark on a journey to improve the environment in their school and local community.
- (vi) That a delegation from Rodrigues will participate in the Switch Africa Green Regional Networking Forum from Wednesday 04 October to Friday 06 October 2023 in Mauritius which will be organised by the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The main objectives of the meeting are to:
- (a) enhance regional efforts to scale up green and circular business approaches and inspire continued national level policy making and implementation;
 - (b) stimulate discussions on importance of circular economy in driving sustainable development;
 - (c) discuss the opportunities and challenges of adopting circularity in Africa;
 - (d) disseminate the launched 'Guidelines to Accelerate the Transition Towards a Circular Economy in Africa' as a robust tool to drive implementation of circular economy in Africa; and
 - (e) consolidate the SAG phase 1 and 2 impacts and explore avenues of upscaling and replicating similar interventions in Africa.

- (vii) Of the first meeting of the National Land Transport Disciplinary Committee (Rodrigues) will be held from Wednesday 4 to Friday 6 October 2023 at the Deputy Chief Commissioner's Office at Baie Lascars. The Disciplinary Committee (Rodrigues) has been set up for the purposes of Section 16 of the National Land Transport Authority Act 2019 and shall:
- (a) Initiate and hear disciplinary proceedings against the holder of any licence, a permit or an authorization issued by the Rodrigues Transport Committee; and
 - (b) Make recommendations to the Chief National Transport Commissioner in respect of the suspension or revocation of a licence, a permit or an authorization.
- (viii) At its meeting held on Tuesday 26 September 2023, the Building and Land Use Permit Committee has approved the grant of six (6) Building and Land Use Permits.
- (ix) That the Commissioner for Tourism, Mr J. A. WONG SO will lead a delegation from Rodrigues, comprising one (01) Director/Member of Discovery Rodrigues Co Ltd and the Manager of the Rodrigues Tourism Office, to participate in the World Travel Market (WTM) to be held in ExCel London, United Kingdom (UK), from 06 to 08 of November 2023. The World Travel Market (WTM) London is a leading global event for the meeting of professionals of the travel industry where the delegation will promote Rodrigues as an authentic eco-destination.
- (x) Of the participation of 2 visual artists in the Arts Exhibition of the 38th Edition Festival Kreol Seychelles from 08 October to 15 October 2023.

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