



RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Executive Council

MAIN DECISIONS

Executive Council Meeting – Friday 31 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 Regional Assembly will provide return tickets (Rodrigues to Mauritius and back) in favour of a delegation consisting of 22 young Rodriguans who will participate in the 37th World Youth Day (WYD) 2023, a gathering of young persons from all around the world with the Pope, to be held in Lisboa, Portugal from July 2023 to August 2023.
- (ii) That the Rodrigues Public Utilities Corporation (RPUC) will proceed with the recruitment of eight (8) Graduates in Engineering as Trainee Engineers, nine (9) Heavy Vehicle Drivers (On Roster- Day and Night) and sixteen (16) Plant and Equipment Operators (On roster- Day and Night) for the smooth operation of its activities.
- (iii) That the Commission for Education will provide a grant to the Association des Ecoles Maternelles de Rodrigues for the procurement of new furniture and equipment for newly constructed classrooms at Les Abeilles Pre-primary School at Malartic, La Colombe Pre-primary School at La Ferme, Paille en Queue Pre-primary School at Montagne Goyaves, Les Hirondelles Pre-primary School at Lataniers and Le Dauphin Pre-primary School at Grand La Fouche Corail.

- (iv) That with a view to promote students' exposure and to enhance their knowledge and skills, the Commission for Education will provide financial assistance to secondary schools to undertake study tours in Mauritius and abroad. The following modalities will be adopted in respect of requests from Secondary Schools to undertake study tours:
- (a) to bear the costs of air tickets to Mauritius and up to Rs 20,000 for overseas travel;
 - (b) to meet costs related to living expenses at the rate of Rs 1,000 in Mauritius and Rs 2,000 abroad up to a maximum of 10 days;
 - (c) a maximum of two (2) study tours (1 in Mauritius and 1 abroad) per secondary school per academic year; and
 - (d) participation should be limited to 50 students and 5 accompanying staff per academic year.
- (v) That the Commission for Water Resources will provide funds to the tune of MUR 20,000,000 (Mauritian Rupees Twenty Millions) to the Rodrigues Public Utilities Corporation (RPUC) for the implementation of the Rainwater Harvesting Scheme on behalf of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly. A first batch of 455 screened applications, out of the total of 1615 received, following advertisement of the scheme, have been submitted to the RPUC which will proceed with the second phase of processing including site visits at applicants' place of residence to confirm whether they comply set eligibility criteria, namely not having water tanks exceeding a storage capacity of 6m³.
- (vi) That the Deputy Chief Commissioner's Office will grant a Building and Land Use Permit to the Mauritius Housing Company Ltd for the construction of six individual houses of 135 m² of 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, kitchen, living, dining, carport, balcony, verandah and of a rainwater harvesting system, at Mourouk. The houses are meant for sale to individual in the middle and upper-income group who satisfies to the following criteria:
- (a) be of Mauritian nationality and above the age of 18;
 - (b) residing and working in Rodrigues;
 - (c) not be a land owner (state or private land) in Rodrigues; and
 - (d) not be owner of a housing unit in Rodrigues.

- (vii) That the Commission for Agriculture will implement the Seeds Subsidy Scheme for this year, the scheme will be extended to planters who produce and keep their own seeds every year as in so doing they are playing a significant role in the conservation and multiplication of genotypes of local crop varieties that may prove beneficial for adaption to emerging challenges in crop production with the advent of climate change.

TAKEN NOTE

- (i) That three Meteorological Telecommunication Technicians of the Mauritius Meteorological Services will be in Rodrigues from 02 to 15 April 2023 for the deployment of a wave rider buoy, to monitor wave and other marine parameters at Port Sud Est, migration of automatic weather station to optical fibre and the maintenance of the tide gauge at Port Mathurin Harbour.
- (ii) That the Commission for Education will provide financial assistance to the four (4) Laureates of the Rodrigues Open Scholarship 2022 and one accompanying parent to enable them to attend the Reception in honour of Laureates of the 2022 HSC Examinations organised by the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology at Paul Octave Wiehe Auditorium on Thursday 06 April 2023.
- (iii) That the Deputy Chief Commissioner's Office will award contracts:
 - (a) for the Supply, Delivery, Installation and Commissioning of one unit Heavy Duty Automatic Truck Tyre Changer for the total sum of Rs 575,000, and Three units Electro Mechanical Two Post Lift for the total sum of Rs 1,378,275 for the maintenance of the vehicles at the Mechanical Workshop; and
 - (b) for the Rehabilitation and Upgrading of Jetty with New Metal Shed at Baie Malgache to the lowest responsive evaluated bidder, for the negotiated amount of Rs 3,142,000 exclusive of VAT.

- (iv) That a Memorandum of Understanding will be signed between the Commission for Public Infrastructure and the Land Drainage Authority to establish a collaboration between the two parties in respect of drainage infrastructures for better coordination and monitoring of land drainage issues, and development on flood management in Rodrigues.

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Date: 31 March 2023