

RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY Executive Council

MAIN DECISIONS

Executive Council Meeting – Friday 09 February 2024

The Executive Council met today under the chairmanship of the Deputy Chief Commissioner, Mr. Franceau Aubret GRANDCOURT and has among its deliberations:

DECIDED

(i) To approve the appointment of two new members of the Rodrigues Commission for Conciliation and Mediation (RCCM), for a period of two (02) years with effect from 15 February 2024, in replacement of two members who have resigned and/or decline the appointment as members due to health issues.

TAKEN NOTE

(i) That a delegation headed by Ms. Alia Hirji, Chief of Mission, IOM Mauritius and comprising a representative of the PMO and two IOM Experts will be on mission on 04 March 2024 in the context of the project "Bouze Rodrig: pour une migration réussie". The project being implemented by the Prime Minister's Office (Rodrigues, Outer Island and Territorial Integrity Divisions) in collaboration with the Rodrigues Regional Assembly and the International Office of Migration (IOM) and aims to strengthen migration management for sustainable development in Mauritius with a specific focus on internal migration from the island of Rodrigues.

- (ii) That Mrs. Z. AULADIN AUCKBURALLY, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade will lead a delegation from the Human Rights Division of the Ministry to Rodrigues from 22 to 24 February 2024 for consultation in the context of the preparation of reports for the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and African Charter on Human and Peoples' Right.
- (iii) That a delegation of the Special Education Needs Authority (SENA) will be on official mission to Rodrigues from 13 to 17 February 2024. During their mission, the delegation will:
 - (a) remit a Braille Note to one student of Ananias Andre Le Chou College with visual impairment;
 - (b) carry out Needs Assessment for setting up of a Special Education Needs Resource Development Centre in Rodrigues;
 - (c) assess school readiness in the Special Education Needs (SEN) Schools for academic year 2024;
 - (d) hold working sessions with learners with visual impairment;
 - (e) organise a workshop with Heads of Special Education Needs (SEN) Schools to validate Quality Assurance Framework; and
 - (f) finalise Memorandum of Understanding between the Special Education Needs Authority and the Rodrigues Regional Assembly.
 - (iv) Of the rainfall data for Rodrigues for the month of January 2024 which has exceeded the long term mean effects and is positively impacting on surface and underground water production:

Region	Total for 1-31 Jan 2024	Long Term Mean	% of Long Term Mean for Jan 2024
Pointe Canon	197	142	139
Plaine Corail	250	139	180
Citronelle	284	198	143

- (v) That the next meeting of the Rodrigues Transport Committee will be held on the 15 and 16 February 2024 at the Deputy Chief Commissioner's Office and would consider the following:
 - (a) Application for Public Service Vehicle (Contract Bus) Licence;
 - (b) Application for Public Service Vehicle (contract Car) Licence;
 - (c) Application for transfer of Road Service Licence;
 - (d) Application for transfer of Public Service Vehicle (Contract Bus) Licence;
 - (e) Application for transfer of Public Service Vehicle (Contract Car) Licence;
 - (f) Delay to replace Contract Car;
 - (g) Replacement of Public Service Vehicle (taxi) licence;
 - (h) Additional Road Service Licence along Route 205; and
 - (i) Taxi facilities at Eau Vannee Zone 12.
- (vi) That the Commission for Agriculture in collaboration with the Food Agricultural Research Extension Institute (FAREI) will organize a two-weeks training on Mauritian Good Agricultural practices standards, for some forty (40) planters and 40 officers of the Agricultural Research and Extension Services from 12 to 23 February 2024.
- (vii) That following the visit of the two Experts from the World Health Organisation in November 2023, a report has been submitted to the Commission for Health on the proposed construction of an Oxygen Plant in Rodrigues. The recommendation of the report will be discussed with Ministry of Health and Wellness and the WHO representative in Mauritius.
- (viii) Of the participation of Rodrigues in the annual "Salon Destinations Nature" which will be held at the Parc des Expositions, Porte de Versailles, France from the 14th to 17th March 2024. It will be an opportunity for Rodrigues:
 - (a) Promote Rodrigues as an eco-destination;

- (b) Increase the visibility of Rodrigues as the destination for hiking with the 05 hiking paths which have been demarcated by the Rodrigues Tourism Office;
- (c) Promote the local events on the island such as the Trail de Rodrigues, Festival de Randonnée and the Kitesurf Festival; and
- (d) Improve the networking in Europe for future collaboration focused on increasing the visibility of the eco-tourism sector of the destination.
- (ix) That the Commission for Arts and Culture is organising the Rodrigues Drama Festival 2024 in French language in the context of the National Day Celebration. The first Preliminary of the Festival is scheduled for 6th April 2024 and the final for Saturday 11th May 2024.
- (x) That the Commission for Arts and Culture will provide assistance to the Action for Artistic Creativity for the organisation of an Art Exhibition in Rodrigues from 18th to 24th March 2024 which coincides with the celebration of 56th Anniversary of the Independence of Mauritius, the 32nd Anniversary of the Republic and also the 22nd Anniversary of the Autonomy of Rodrigues. The aim of the exhibition is to bring together artists from Mauritius and Rodrigues to showcase their talents and to promote artistic exchanges and collaboration.
- (xi) That as from 2nd February 2024 an e-Filer is posted at the Office of the Registrar of Company to assist the public to file their document online.
- (xii) That a contract has been awarded for the refurbishment of the existing Slaughter House at Baie Diamant, for the fixed sum of rupees seven million, nine hundred and fifty-one thousand (Rs 7,951,000) exclusive of VAT.

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Date: 09 February 2024