



RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

MAIN DECISIONS

Executive Council Meeting – Friday 05 April 2024

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

DECIDED

- (i) To approve the setting up of a steering Committee on water reforms under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner Mr. Franceau Aubret GRANDCOURT, G.O.S.K. to spearhead reforms in the water sector for more efficiency and effectiveness in service delivery. The main objectives of the reforms are:
 - (a) to ensure regular and equal access to water for all residents in terms of quality and quantity;
 - (b) to guarantee a continuous water production;
 - (c) to invest in adequate water infrastructure and logistics; and
 - (d) to create the appropriate legal and institutional framework conducive to a more efficient management of both potable, irrigation and used water.
- (ii) To approve that the Chief Commissioner's Office will fast-track procedures to facilitate approval for the transfer of residential leases, 'Droit de Surélévation' and Excision of residential leases in favour of eligible applicants in a bid to achieving sustainable access to residential sites. The Rodrigues Regional Assembly will bear the cost for notarial deeds up to a maximum of Rs. 30,000 for 'Droit de Surelevation' and 'Reglement de Co-propiété' for eligible beneficiaries whose family income does not exceed Rs. 25,000.

- (iii) That in a view to promote the practice of sports in schools which contributes to the holistic development of pupils while promoting higher self-esteem and better social interaction, the Commission for Education will organise the following sports activities in Primary Schools for the academic year 2024:
 - (a) Inter Primary School Football Tournament;
 - (b) School Sports Fun Day;
 - (c) Inter Primary School Sports Day; and
 - (d) Inter Primary Kids Athletic.
- (iv) That the Commission for Education will provide a capital grant to the Roman Catholic Education Authority (RCEA) for the construction of toilets at Father Ronald Gandy RCA School and St. Esprit RCA School to meet wash facilities standards in these two RCEA Schools following increase in admission to Grade 1 in 2022 and 2023 at these schools.
- (v) That the Commission for Water Resources will provide funds to the Rodrigues Public Utilities Corporation (RPUC) Ltd for the urgent purchase of submersible water pumps for Mont Lubin borehole which yields 12m³ of water per hour since it is a very important source of water for Mt Patate and Terre Rouge reservoirs.
- (vi) That an Open Day will be organized by the Commission for Health on 06 April 2024 at Oyster Bay Football playground to mark the World Health Day 2024 which is celebrated each year on 7 April 2024. The theme for this year is "My Health, My Right."
- (vii) To approve the naming the new Hemodialysis Unit at Queen Elizabeth Hospital as Jean Yves Casimir Hemodialysis Unit. Late Mr. Jean Yves was proclaimed laureate in 1999 and obtained the Monash University International Scholarship for Excellence and was qualified on 06 December 2024 for a Bachelor of Pharmacy with Honours and graduated on 18 May 2006. He joined the public service from 1st November 2018 and was the first and sole Rodriguan Pharmacist/Senior Pharmacist on the RRA Establishment Health Services.

TAKEN NOTE

- (i) That the Minister of Gender Equality and Family Welfare, the Honourable Mrs. Kalpana Devi KOONJOO-SHAH, accompanied by high officials of her Ministry was on mission to Rodrigues from 03 to 04 April 2024 in connection with the implementation of the National Gender Policy (2022-2030) (NGP) in Rodrigues.

- (ii) That a presentation on the Delimitation of Village project followed by a first consultative meeting with representatives of the civil societies, president of villages committees and other stakeholders will be held on Saturday 06 April 2024 at 09.00 hours at the Ruy Karl Allas Cultural and Leisure Centre, Mon Plaisir.
- (iii) That the Commission for Environment has awarded contracts for the upgrading of Grand Var and Roseaux Community Centres under the Small Development Project - Indian Grant for Rs 553,620 and Rs 945,825 respectively. The scope of works are as follows:

Grand Var Community Centre

- Dismantling of existing metal structure;
- New Building extension for bathroom and maize grinding room with miscellaneous associated works;
- External and internal paint works; and
- Removal of existing gate and installation of new metal gate.

Roseaux Community Centre

- External and Internal paint works;
- Rehabilitation works to terrace area; and
- Construction of concrete steps and footpath and erection of metal gate.

- (iv) That the Commission for Education will advertise the following scholarship as from Monday 08 April 2024 to Wednesday 15 May 2024 for students having sat for Higher School Certificate Examinations in 2023:
- (a) Medical Scholarship – One (01) fully funded and two (02) partly funded;
 - (b) Paramedical (Allied Health) Scholarship - Two (02) partly funded;
 - (c) Veterinary Scholarship - Two (02) partly funded; and
 - (d) RRA Technical Scholarship – Two (02) scholarships.
- (v) That the Commission for Education will meet the costs of return air tickets and accommodation of the five (5) Laureates of the Rodrigues Open Scholarship 2023 and one accompanying parent to enable them to attend the reception in honour of Laureates of the HSC 2023 Examinations organised by the President of the Republic of Mauritius on Wednesday 24 April 2024 at 14.00 hours at the State House.

- (vi) That the Deputy Chief Commissioner's Office has issued Works Order for the sum of Rs 24,998,260.79, for the construction of road from Mt. Cabris Corail to Marechal (Fazenda) Phase I. The handing over of site is scheduled for 11 April 2024 and the works will start on 18 April 2024, with expected completion date of 22 October 2024.
- (vii) That at its meeting held on Tuesday 2 April 2024, the Building and Land Use Permit Committee has approved the grant of 8 (eight) residential and one (1) Commercial Building and Land Use Permits.
- (viii) That the Commission for Agriculture in collaboration with the National Empowerment Foundation (NEF) will organise a training in Beekeeping for fifty (50) beneficiaries under the Social Register of Mauritius (SRM) in the month of April 2024. The training in Beekeeping is in line with the objective of the National Empowerment Foundation to eradicate poverty and promote empowerment.
- (ix) That the Commission for Agriculture will proceed with the handing over of Agricultural Permits to eighty-one (81) farmers on Friday 05 April 2024.
- (x) That a team of the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) Consultants will be on mission to Rodrigues from 14th to 17th April 2024 in the context of the project entitled "Mainstreaming Nature-Based Solutions in Land Use System for Productive and Resilient Ecosystems".
The objective of the project funded through the Global Environment Facility is to reduce ecosystems degradation and facilitate nature positive development applying Nature- Based Solutions in key ecosystems that support socio-economic development.
- (xi) That the Commission for Health, with a view to raise further awareness of the public on protective measures to fight against Dengue Fever, has prepared a new pamphlet for distribution to the population. The pamphlet highlights the imperative to eliminate mosquitoes through the destruction of its living habitat; stagnant water sources and using of protective barriers.
- (xii) That the High Level Drug Committee which has been set up with a view to effectively lead and coordinate the implementation of the Rodrigues Action Plan against illicit drugs will hold its first meeting on Friday 5 April 2024.
- (xiii) Of the Launching of Assad BHUGLAH's Book entitled: "Muslim Presence in Rodrigues" on Saturday 13 April 2024 at 14.00 hours at La Residence, Port Mathurin.

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Date: 5 April 2024