



RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
Executive Council

MAIN DECISIONS

Executive Council Meeting – Friday 15 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 the Commission for Education will provide financial assistance to four Primary Schools and Special Education Needs (SEN) Schools for the organisation of Study Tours in Mauritius in the school holidays for the benefit of the pupils. The main objectives of the Educational tour are to:
 - (a) visit and discover places of interest related to the History and Geography Curriculum;
 - (b) reinforce knowledge of pupils in the different areas that are related to the physical, historical and cultural aspects of Mauritius: the island's geography, climate, history, culture, and people;
 - (c) familiarize students to the different aspects of Mauritius as a multicultural country; and
 - (d) give students tangible and hands-on experiences that promote meaningful learning that is likely to help them achieve better academically. This includes providing students with opportunities to participate in activities such as visiting museums and exploring nature.

- (ii) That the Commission for Education will launch bids for the Supply and Delivery of Furniture for Primary Schools for Academic Year 2024 to replace unusable furniture.
- (iii) That the Commission for Education will disburse the annual grant to the Coopérative Polyvalente des Caisses Villageoises to enable the society to maintain a low interest rate to entrepreneurs who contract loans to develop their business activity. The Cooperative Society which is present across 68 villages has recently extended its services to Jardin Mamzelle and Ste Famille.
- (iv) That the Commission for Education will provide a grant in aid to CARITAS Rodrigues for the provision of meals to vulnerable students of Primary, Secondary Schools and Vocational Training Institutions for the third school term. Targeted Students are from poor and low-revenue families and a large number of beneficiaries come from women-headed families who do not qualify for any social aid.
- (v) That the Commission for Education will grant a financial assistance to a student who will start her studies in Architectural, which is classified as a scarce field of study, at ENSA Nantes, Mauritius.
- (vi) To approve the procurement of twenty mooring buoys and accessories in the context of the setting up of ecological mooring zones at Petite Butte and Rivière Coco with the objective of replacing traditional mooring practices which are negatively impacting the marine ecosystem over the years. Ecological mooring will safeguard against destruction and prevent damages to the marine flora and fauna, thus protecting the marine ecosystem.
- (vii) To authorise Discovery Rodrigues Co. Ltd to proceed with the purchase of a new company car to replace the current vehicle, a four-wheel Double Cable acquired in 2007 and which is no longer sufficient and fit to meet the actual operational and daily transportation needs of the Company.
- (viii) To approve the setting up of an Acquisition Steering Committee for Rodrigues for the purpose of building up the collection of artefacts to be displayed in the Rodrigues museum.

TAKEN NOTE

- (i) That the Deputy Chief Commissioner's Office is issuing works order for the completion of concrete access road at Pave La Bont under the rate contract for construction of Track roads and footpaths and minor civil works in Rodrigues. The work is expected to start by end of September 2023 and to be completed by mid-February 2024.
- (ii) In order to increase the visibility of Rodrigues in Reunion Island, the Commissioner for Tourism, Mr Jean Alain WONG SO will lead a delegation to participate at Les Florilèges which will be held in Tampon, from the 13th to 22nd October 2023. Les Florilèges is an annual trade show and fair and is one of the most significant public events held in Reunion Island which attracts more than 600,000 visitors.
- (iii) Of the participation of Rodrigues in the prestigious International French Travel Market (IFTM) Top Résa to be held in Paris, France from the 03rd to 05th October 2023. The IFTM Top Résa is one of the largest and most popular annual B2B tourism events which takes place in Paris, Parc des Expositions, Porte des Versailles and it offers a unique occasion to showcase the tourism product of Rodrigues and meet service providers from around the world but mostly from the French market.
- (iv) Of the arrangement which is being made concerning the implementation of the Upgrading of Caverne Patate Project which consists of the upgrading of the Interior of the Cave as Phase I and its exterior as Phase II.
- (v) That at its meeting held on Tuesday 12 September 2023, the Building and Land Use Permit Committee has approved the grant of six (6) Residential Building and Land Use Permits and one (01) Commercial Building and Land Use Permits.
- (vi) That the Commission for Youth and Sports will provide financial assistance to the Rodrigues Island Scout Council for the Chief Scout Commendation Award 2023 to be held on Sunday 17 September 2023 at Paul Cathan House, Saint Gabriel and refund Air tickets for participation of two (02) members in the Annual General Assembly in Mauritius.

- (vii) Of the launching of the book "My wish book for an Inclusive Accessible Society to all" which retraces all the wishes made by the people with disabilities in Rodrigues to be held on 04 October 2023 at Mon Plaisir Leisure and Cultural Centre.
- (viii) That in the context of the Lime Project in Rodrigues, Mrs Monica MABIKA, Consultant was on official mission in Rodrigues from 10 to 13 September 2023 for follow up on the work plan agreed in the "Support to Operationalisation of SADC Regional Agricultural Policy" (STOSAR) project financed by the European Union and to ensure that the implementation of the said workplan is on target.
- (ix) That the Commission will mark the International World Clean Up Day by organizing a cleaning campaign at Port Sud Est on Saturday 16 September 2023 from 09.00 hour to 11.00 hours. The Cleaning activities will include cleaning of shorelines lagoon, watershed areas and the river with the participation of various stakeholders including Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) volunteers, businesses and government organizations.
- (x) That a delegation of the "Agence Française de Développement" (AFD) will be in Rodrigues from 20 to 23 September 2023 in the context of photo shootings of several projects implemented under financial/technical assistance of AFD in Rodrigues. The AFD wishes to highlight the services and programmes supported by the agency, particularly in terms of adaptation to climate change and water management.

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