



RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Executive Council

MAIN DECISIONS

Executive Council Meeting – Friday 05 May 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 Women's Affairs will organise a training programme in Early Childhood Care, Development, Protection and Education to ensure that the Child Day Care Centres are compliant with the provision of the Children's Act 2020 and Regulations. Moreover, one staff of each Day Care Centre in Rodrigues, will be sent for a one-week placement in the 'Centres d'Eveil' managed by the 'Fondation pour l'Enfance Terre de Paix', in Mauritius, for them to get acquainted with the mode of operation, the pedagogy used and infrastructural facilities available there.
- (ii) That the Commission for Education will proceed with the payment of Cambridge School Certificate Examination fees of 9 needy students who have not satisfied the criteria for promotion to Grade 12 and whose parents are facing financial difficulties to pay their examination fees.
- (iii) That the Commission for Industrial Development will provide a financial grant to the 'Federation des Associations Cooperatives des Eleveurs de Rodrigues (FACER) to meet the payment of the leasing facility of their lorry and part of the auditors' fee for the year 2022/2023.

- (iv) That the Commission for Industrial Development will provide a grant to Samari Agricultural Cooperative Society Ltd for the construction of a display area to sell its products and for fencing works at the agricultural plot at Grand La Fouche Corail. The members are mostly women and are involved in the production of food crops, plant seedlings, herbs and flowers.

TAKEN NOTE

- (i) That following the request of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development's (MoFEPD) for financing of projects in the water sector for Mauritius and Rodrigues, a delegation of the Agence Francaise de Development (AFD) led by Hassane BELGUENANI, Water Project Manager at AFD, Adrian LINGAYA, from the Public and Citizen Transformation Division (TPC) will conduct a second mission in Rodrigues from Monday 22 May to Tuesday 23 May 2023 to define specific indicators concerning the needs of Rodrigues in the water sector.
- (ii) That the Commission for Information Technology and Telecommunications in collaboration with Rodrigues Information Technology Association (RITA) is organising the 8th edition of the Web Cup Regional 2023 to be held from 06 to 07 May 2023 at the Polytechnique Mauritius at Baie Malgache. The Web Cup is an annual event which is being organized in collaboration with the Rodrigues Information Technology Association (RITA) and Web Cup Association from Reunion Island and is held on the same date and time with the other islands of the Indian Ocean namely: Mauritius, Reunion, Comoros, Madagascar, Mayotte and Seychelles whereby the participants will have to design a web site over 24 hours non-stop.
- (iii) That in order to provide assistance to planters to market the actual surplus of pumpkin, the Commission for Agriculture has liaised with the Agricultural Marketing Board (AMB) which has agreed to purchase of five (5) tons of well cured excellent quality pumpkins at Rs 36 per kg, on a trial basis. A first consignment of that vegetable has been shipped to Mauritius on the last trip of the Black Rhino that left on 03 May 2023.
- (iv) That in the context of the Citrus Project – EU Market Access for Mauritius, a delegation comprising of Food Agricultural Organisation (FAO) Expert, officials from the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security, representatives of the Food and Agricultural Research and Extension (FAREI) and Small Farmers Welfare Fund will field a mission to Rodrigues from 08 to 12 May 2023.

- (v) That a delegation from the University of Mauritius headed by Dr. (Mrs.) Anagha Vaidya Soocheta, Senior Lecturer, Department of Applied Sustainability and Enterprise Development, Faculty of Engineering and Mrs. Deshpande from the National Women’s Council, will be on mission in Rodrigues from Monday 08 May to Wednesday 10 May, 2023 to sensitize and disseminate knowledge on the use of solar cooker and solar cooking, in the context of a research project funded by the Higher Education Commission, Mauritius under the scheme “Enhancing Research Capacity to bridge the Gender Gap”.
- (vi) That the Ministry of Information Technology, Communication and Innovation will organise a live conversation between the Emirati Astronaut from the International Space Station (ISS) and Mauritian Students including students from Rodrigues on 11 May 2023 at 12.00 hours. The live conversation in Rodrigues will be held at the Lecture Theatre of the Antoinette Prudence HRDC at Malabar and 10 (Lower 6 or Upper 6) students have been invited from each of the eight Secondary Schools for the event.
- (vii) That his Excellency Mr Vincent DEGERT, Ambassador of the European Union, accompanied by his wife will lead a delegation to Rodrigues as from 10 to 14 May in connection with the launching of the updated SIDPR 2023-2032 and to visit the funded projects in Rodrigues.
- (viii) That a delegation from the Procurement Policy Office (PPO) headed by its Director, Mr. H. RAMBHOJUN, O.S.K., and three officers will be on mission to Rodrigues from 21 to 27 May 2023 to hold training sessions with officers of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly on recent changes in the Public Procurement Act/Regulations and the new Procurement Portal.
- (ix) That a delegation from the Independent Police Complaints Commission headed by its Chairperson, Mrs. D. BEESOONDOYAL, GCSK, will be on mission to Rodrigues from 14 to 19 May 2023 to investigate into complaints received from the public against police officers. The IPCC is mandated to investigate into any complaint made by any person or on his behalf against any act, conduct or omission of a police officer in the discharge of his function.
- (x) That a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between the Rodrigues Regional Assembly and the Development Bank of Mauritius Ltd. on Saturday 29 April 2023 at Antoinette Prudence Human Resource Development Centre for collaboration in the implementation of the Sheltered Farming Scheme.

- (xi) That in line with the policy of the Commission for Agriculture to promote training and development of our planters and to help to keep abreast with new agricultural techniques and practices, the Commission will sponsor travel cost and lodging for seven members of the “Association des Eleveurs et Planteurs de Montagne Govaves” to enable them to attend an Agricultural training session hosted by the Midlands Agricultural Credit and Marketing Cooperative Society Limited.
- (xii) That following the successful completion of the on-the-job training of seven Nursing Officers who have completed their training as Specialised Nursing Officer, an official award ceremony will be held on Monday 08 May 2023 at the Cardiac Centre in Mauritius in the presence of Dr. the Honourable Kailesh Kumar Singh JAGUTPAL, Minister of Health and Wellness, Mr. Jean Nicolas VOLBERT, Commissioner for Health, high officials of the Ministry and the Chairman and board members of the Cardiac Trustees.
- (xiii) That during the previous days, there has been an increase in the number of cases of Covid-19 which has reached 53 active cases and that the population will be encouraged to adopt recommended sanitary measures.

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Date: 05 May 2023