



RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
Executive Council

MAIN DECISIONS

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING – FRIDAY 11 MARCH 2022

**The Executive Council met today under the chairmanship of
the Chief Commissioner, Mr. Johnson ROUSSETY, G.O.S.K.**

1. The Executive Council has taken note of the activities being organised to mark the celebration of the 54th Anniversary of the Independence and 30th Anniversary of the Republic. The official ceremony will be held on Saturday 12 March 2022 at 10.00 hours in front of La Residence.

His Excellency Mr. Marie Cyril Eddy BOISSÉZON, G.O.S.K., Vice President of the Republic of Mauritius will be the Guest of Honour for the occasion.

2. The Executive Council has approved that the Commission for Trade, Commerce and Licensing exceptionally waives the penalty fees for late payment on the renewal of Trade Licences for the period 01 January to 30 June 2022 following the outbreak of COVID-19 in Rodrigues. This waiver will apply to all payments made before the 31st March 2022.
3. The Executive Council has approved that the Commission for Industrial Development provides financial assistance to entrepreneurs under the Immediate Response Assistance Scheme for the period Saturday 29 January to Monday 28 February 2022 as follows:
 - i. Payment of one-off allowance of Rs 10,500 to each entrepreneur;
 - ii. Payment of one-off allowance of Rs 10,500 to up to five (5) employees of the abovementioned entrepreneurs;

- iii. Payment of one-off allowance of Rs 1,000 towards the payment of electricity to entrepreneurs; and
 - iv. Payment of one-off allowance of Rs 3,000 towards the payment of rent to entrepreneurs.
4. The Executive Council has approved the following arrangements regarding the forthcoming re-opening of schools in Rodrigues:
- i. The re-opening of schools be scheduled on Monday 21 March 2022;
 - ii. All Teaching and Non-Teaching staff resume work as from Monday 14 March 2022 to ensure preparedness of schools; and
 - iii. A revised sanitary protocol for suspected cases of COVID-19 in schools comprising splitting of classes and attendance on roster basis.
5. To ease traffic flow in Port Mathurin, the Executive Council has approved that Solidarity Street be reopened to vehicular traffic as from Monday 14 March 2022.

Solidarity Street from the junction with Père Gandy Street to Hajibaye Fatehmamode Street be closed only during peak hours from 07.00 hours to 08.30 hours and from 14.00 hours to 15.30 hours during week days.

6. The Executive Council has approved that the Commission for Tourism provides a one-off allowance to the 456 employees of the tourism sector and 156 entrepreneurs registered under the Tourism Alternative Livelihood Scheme (TALS) for the period 28 February to 25 March 2022.
7. The Executive Council has taken note of the status of the Revamping Exercise of the Sustainable and Integrated Development Plan for Rodrigues (SIDPR). The assignment would consist interalia of:
- (i) Updating the Tourism Development Plan for Rodrigues (which dates back to 2001);
 - (ii) Updating the 2010 Rodrigues Physical Development Strategy and Land Use Plan;

- (iii) Development of a revised and updated 10 years long term sustainable and integrated development plan comprising the policies, strategies, recommendations, programmes, projects and steps necessary for Rodrigues to achieve sustainable development; and
 - (iv) Development of a short-term (5 years) costed action plan, in line with revised Strategic plan covering the following eight identified key sectors: (i) Sustainable water production and distribution, (ii) Conservation and Preservation of the Environment (iii) Bio Agriculture, (iv) Sustainable Tourism, (v) Blue Economy, (vi) Renewable Energy including energy efficiency, and (vii) Sustainable Land Use Planning and Management and (viii) Small and Medium Enterprises;
8. The Executive Council has taken note that the Commission for Public Infrastructure has initiated action for extension of electricity network in parcelised zones at Mourouk, Var Brulé, Songes and Patate Theophile.
 9. The Executive Council has taken note of the immediate actions taken to control the fire following the outbreak on Tuesday 8 March 2022 at Roche Bon Dieu Dumping Site. Ongoing measures are being implemented to mitigate the adverse impacts on the island.
 10. The Executive Council has taken note that the Commission for Agriculture has solicited the technical expertise of two (2) Consultants in Agriculture to field a mission to Rodrigues as from 13 March 2022 to develop a road map to boost production in the agricultural sector.
 11. The Executive Council has taken note of the activities organised in the context of the celebration of the International Women's Day 2022 by the Commission for Women's Affairs.
 12. The Executive Council has taken note of the reconstitution of the Board of Directors of the following Companies:-
 - (1) Discovery Rodrigues Ltd.
 - (2) REDCO Ltd.
 - (3) Rod Clean Ltd.

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Date: 11 March 2022