



RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Executive Council

MAIN DECISIONS

Executive Council Meeting–Friday 11 November 2022

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) To approve the modalities of the Youth Mobility Programme, announced by the Chief Commissioner in his budget speech for financial year 2022/2023, and its launching on Thursday 17 November 2022 during the Global Entrepreneurship Week. It aims to empower young people through the provision of sponsorship, such as round trip air tickets; an all-inclusive allowance to meet living, lodging and transport; equipment cost (if any); Insurance Cover (travel) and Registration/Participation/Exam fees, in respect of specific career or business projects for short internships or training course in Mauritius or abroad for period not exceeding one year.
- (ii) That the Commission for Education and Vocational Training will organise a two-day Workshop in Careers Education, Information, Advice and Counselling in collaboration with the Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) and the Career Guidance Unit of the Ministry of Labour on Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 November 2022 at Cotton Bay Hotel for 50 participants comprising Senior Educators, Educators as well as representatives of Technical and Vocational Education and Training. As there is no careers counsellor in Rodrigues, it has been decided to set up Career Guidance Unit in each Secondary School to provide career guidance services to college student.

- (iii) That the Commission for Industrial Development will organise the 1st Edition of 'Entrepreneurs on the Move', under the concept of 'Rodrigues on Business Initiative' (ROBI), in the context of the **Global Entrepreneurship Week** from 17 to 19 November 2022, in front of La Résidence and on the road and parking space behind the Central Administration at Port Mathurin focusing on the following two objectives :
- (a) **Information and Counselling** – which will involve some 15 government institutions, parastatal bodies, banks, and other funding agencies which will disseminate information to the public and entrepreneurs on matters relating to business opportunities in Rodrigues, procedures to set up and register businesses and to present SME loans and schemes currently available; and
 - (b) **Marketing and Promotion** – The aim thereof is to give a platform to young entrepreneurs to present and promote their products.
- (iv) That the Commission for Youth and Sports will sponsor selected athletes for their preparation to participate in the 12th edition of the CJSOI Games which will be held in Mauritius from 4 to 11 December 2022. Rodrigues will participate in the games under the national selection, in four sports disciplines, namely athletics, weightlifting, boxing and handy sport.
- (v) The Commission for Youth and Sports will grant clearance to the Ministry of National Infrastructure and Community Development (National Development Unit) for the implementation of two amenities projects for Constituency 21 – Rodrigues namely: the construction of a Mini-Soccer Pitch at Terre Rouge College and an outdoor gym at Papayes.

TAKEN NOTE

- (i) That the French Ambassador, Her Excellency Mrs Florence CAUSSE-TISSIER will lead a delegation for an official mission to Rodrigues from 16 to 18 November 2022. The objectives of the mission is to discuss on future collaboration with the Rodrigues Regional Assembly in the water sector, renewable energy, education, training, coastal erosion, cultural and sports cooperation amongst others.
- (ii) That in the context of the Mainstreaming Invasive Alien Species (IAS) Prevention, Control and Management Project in Rodrigues, a delegation from the Mainstreaming IAS Project Management Team is on mission in Rodrigues from 02 to 11 November 2022 to carry out stakeholders' engagement through

consultative meetings/workshop and collect data for the development of the Mourouk valley Management Plan and to undertake the midterm review of the Mainstreaming IAS Project.

- (iii) That the Commission for Fisheries in collaboration with the “Federation des Pêcheurs Artisanaux de L’Océan Indien” (FPAOI) will organise the following activities from 19 to 21 November 2022 to commemorate the World Fisheries Day:

SN	DATE	ACTIVITY	LIEU	TIME
1.	Saturday 19.11.2022	‘Degustation des produits de la mer ‘	Reclaimed land Port Mathurin	9.00 hrs - 14.00 hrs.
2.	Sunday 20.11.2022	Regatta Competition Cultural Show	Mourouk Public Beach	10.00 hrs 15.00 hrs – 20.00 hrs
3.	Monday 21.11.2022	Wreath Laying Ceremony Official launching of ‘Les Assises de la Pêche’	‘Monument des Pêcheurs’, Port Sud Est Leisure Centre, Mont Plaisir	10.00 hrs 13.00 hrs -15.30 hrs

- (vi) That a delegation of the Competition Commission led by its Executive Director, Mr. D. KOWLESUR will be on mission to Rodrigues from 14 to 16 November 2022 to hold meetings, workshops and group discussions with stakeholders in the public and private sector in relation to competition and to raise awareness on competition law and the benefits of a competitive market.
- (vii) That Dental Services of La Ferme Area Health Centre will be relocated to the Ex-Doctors Quarters at La Ferme and converted into a Child Friendly Dental Clinic to reduce dental anxiety and fear in children which are the main reasons for avoidance of dental care which leads to poor oral hygiene.
- (viii) Of the measures being adopted by the Deputy Chief Commissioner’s for the efficient management of inert and e-wastes. The site at Montagne Plate where inert wastes are being disposed will be closely monitored to control the problem of illegal dumping thereat. E-wastes are temporarily being stockpiled at Oyster Bay and to improve the collection of same, additional containers will be placed in the five other electoral regions from where the waste will be delivered to authorised collectors of scraps and e-wastes.

- (ix) That the Director of 'Mention Anthropologie Sociale de la Faculté des Lettres et Sciences de l'Université de Toamasina', Dr. Andre RAKOTOARIMANANA will field a mission to Rodrigues to conduct a training course in Social Anthropology, which will help trainees in acquiring deeper understanding of cultural and ethnic differences whilst learning people's perspectives, beliefs and practices, from 14 to 28 November 2022 at the Antoinette Prudence, HRDC. As at date, 16 participants have already enrolled for the course and any candidates willing to follow the programme can still submit their application.
- (x) That the Civil Status office has started to issue Baby Bonus Scheme Vouchers as from 07 November 2022 to parents whose baby was born as from 01 July 2022 in the context of the national initiative to accompany growing families as announced in the Budget Speech 2022-23 whereby Rs 1,000 will be provided to parents of every baby born as at that date. The Baby Bonus Scheme Vouchers will be issued automatically for all birth registered on or after 07 November 2022.
- (xi) That the Data and Research Sub-Committee of the Rodrigues Climate Change Committee (RCCC) has reviewed more than 150 indicators for which data need to be collected and analysed to ultimately report on the environmental situation of Rodrigues and assist the RCCC to formulate Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Strategies and Action Plans.
- (xii) That the Commission for Tourism has awarded a contract for the upgrading of the Mont Limon Tourism Site to improve security and safety of visitors through the following works:
- (a) Fixing of signboards at the entrance;
 - (b) Ropes on the sides at the entrance to facilitate access;
 - (c) Provision of two (02) benches and ten (10) chairs made from local woods (*Tronc d'arbre*);
 - (d) Renovation of existing steps; and
 - (e) Installation of additional ropes to secure the paths.

- (xiii) That the Commission for Tourism is extending the Foundation Course in Tourism to students and unemployed youth who are interested in joining the Tourism Sector to provide them with the basics knowledge and skills for operation in the sector and to increase their employability.

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