



RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
Executive Council

MAIN DECISIONS

Executive Council Meeting – Friday 12 January 2024

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 in line with the Regional Government objectives to promote the use of renewable energy, the Commission for Environment will provide subsidies not exceeding Rs 25,000 on the purchase of a 150 litres solar water heater to 39 eligible households whose monthly income does not exceeds Rs 25,000 and who have not benefitted from similar scheme from any government institutions in the past.
- (ii) To approve that the Deputy Chief Commissioner's Office will initiate bidding exercise for the construction of about 30 km Track Road including footpaths and Civil Works around the island as announced by the Chief Commissioner in his budget speech 2023/2024. The scope of work shall consist of roads, footpaths, drains and masonry retaining wall.
- (iii) That the Commission for Employment will proceed with the disbursement of grants in favour of 11 new beneficiaries under the Plan de Préstation Transitoire (PPT) Scheme for financial year 2023-2024 for the implementation of their respective projects. The main objective of the PPT is to provide support to registered jobseekers drawing Unemployment Hardship Relief and beneficiaries of Social Aid to enable them to start an income generating economic activity/project in a field of their interest and to earn a decent living.

- (iv) To approve that the Commission for Environment sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Mutual Aid Foundation for the funding of the waste segregation project to the tune of 1 million under its Corporate Social Responsibility Program for period starting December 2023 to May 2024. During a meeting with the Deputy Chief Commissioner in June 2023, a delegation of Mauritius Civil Service Mutual Aid Association (MCSMAA) Ltd, agreed to assist the Deputy Chief Commissioner’s Office in its waste segregation project.
- (v) That the Chief Commissioner’s Office (Human Resource Development) will provide a grant to the Mauritius Research and Innovation Council (MRIC) to meet the remuneration costs of one (1) Research Assistant recruited by its Rodrigues Office in the context of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the two organizations in view of implementing Research and Innovation clusters in Rodrigues.
- (vi) That the Deputy Chief Commissioner’s Office initiates procurement procedures to purchase a new Lorry Elevator for the proper maintenance of street lightings, roadsides and other public amenities throughout the island.
- (vii) That the Commission for Arts and Culture will grant authorisation to Infinity Events, to use the podium at Malabar for a ticketed live music festival ‘Infinity Music Festival’ on Saturday 27 April 2024.

TAKEN NOTE

- (i) Of the rainfall data for Rodrigues for the month of December 2023 submitted by the Mauritius Meteorological Services, which has exceeded the long term mean as follows:

Region	Total for 1-31 Dec 2023 (mm)	Long Term Mean (1991 -2020) for Dec (mm)	Percentage (%) of Long Term Mean for Dec 2023 (mm)
Pointe Canon	151	68	222
Plaine Corail	80	78	103
Citronelle (AGRI)	210	102	206

- (ii) That the Rodrigues Public Utilities Corporation has awarded contracts for the construction of a new building, for the total amount of Rs. 44.5 million, to accommodate the 3 x 1000 m³ per day desalination plants which would be installed at Pte Coton and for drilling, testing and construction of 12 new boreholes and associated works for the sum of Rs. 14,233,700 VAT exclusive.
- (iii) That at its meetings held on Tuesday 19 December 2023, Wednesday 27 December 2023 and on Tuesday 9 January 2024, the Building and Land Use Permit Committee has approved the grant of twenty-three (23) Residential and one (01) Commercial Building and Land Use Permit.
- (iv) That the Commission for Fisheries has renewed Shrimp-Net Licence of seven (7) fishers and Cooperatives for period 01 January to 31 March 2024 in accordance with the Fisheries and Marine Resources Act 2007.
- (v) That Mrs. Mohenee NATHOO, Senior Chief Executive of the Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security will lead a delegation comprising representatives of the UNDP, National Parks and Conservation Service and Mainstreaming Invasive Alien Species Project (MIAS) Management Team to Rodrigues from 14 to 16 January 2024 in the context of the MIAS Project.

The aim of the project is to safeguard globally significant biodiversity in vulnerable ecosystems.

- (vi) That the Commissioner for Tourism, Mr Jean Alain WONG SO will lead a delegation from the Commission for Tourism and the Rodrigues Tourism Office to attend the Best Travel Agency Awards and the Travel Trade Awards 2023, to be organised with the collaboration of Air Mauritius Ltd at Le Méridien, Pointe aux Piments on Friday 12 January 2024.
- (vii) That to mark the commemoration of 189th Anniversary of Abolition of Slavery on Thursday 01 February 2024, the Commission for Arts and Culture will organise Wreath Laying ceremonies at 10.00 hours at Montagne Cimetière and at 10.30 hours at "Lieu de Mémoire Monument aux Esclaves" at L'Union. A message on the history of Abolition of Slavery will be prepared and read in all secondary, primary and vocational schools in order to raise awareness among the youth on the subject.

- (viii) Of the holding of a capacity building on oil spill preparedness for Rodrigues by resource persons from Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change, the National Coast Guard and the Special Mobile Force from 15 to 19 January 2024 at English Bay Youth and Family Centre. Activities which will be carried out during the capacity building comprise:
- (a) Handing over Tyvec/overalls (PPE);
 - (b) IMO Level 1 training for first responder;
 - (c) Simulation exercise;
 - (d) Drills and deployment of equipment in Port Area; and
 - (e) Working sessions/visits for equipment storage.
- (ix) Of the visit of Professor J. L FROSSARD, Director of the Gastroenterology Department at the University Hospital of Geneva, Switzerland and Dr Denis LI KAM WA, Gastroenterologist from 08 to 11 January 2024 during which they examined 32 patients.

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