



RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Executive Council

MAIN DECISIONS

Executive Council Meeting – Friday 12 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 Deputy Chief Commissioner's Office will disburse the grant-in-aid of the Rodrigues Council of Social Services (RCSS) to enable the organisation to meet its administrative and operating costs to achieve its mission which is to ensure the overall development of Rodrigues and the welfare of each Rodriguan by encouraging the active participation of the community in social initiatives.
- (ii) That in line with one of its mission to promote family welfare by providing them with adequate support, the Commission for Women's Affairs will provide assistance to three (03) vulnerable families/families in distress.

TAKEN NOTE

- (i) That in the context of the Mother's Day 2023, the Commission for Industrial Development will organise a Special SME Fair in the parking space adjoining the Central Administration from 25 to 27 May 2023 to enable 70 entrepreneurs who do not have a permanent stall at Port Mathurin Market to sell their products in the following categories:

- Handicrafts and souvenirs;
 - Paintings;
 - Horticulture;
 - Pastry and food;
 - Agro-processing;
 - Hairdressing and massage; and
 - Beauty Care.
- (ii) Of the official mission of the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China, His Excellency Mr Lying ZHU accompanied by his spouse Mrs Qunhua YING and Ms. Ran LIN, Third Secretary of the Embassy in Rodrigues from 16 to 18 May 2023 for meetings with local partners and donation of equipment.
- (iii) That Mrs Florence VAN HOUTTE, Team Leader (operation section) and Mr Madev BALLOO, Project Manager (operation section) of the European Union delegation in Mauritius will be carrying out a mission to Rodrigues from 22 to 25 May 2023 in connection with the launching of the workshop on the health sector and to carry out a field-monitoring visit to the GCCA+ Climate Smart Agriculture projects.
- (iv) That in line with the Code of Corporate Governance 2016 which encourages good governance practices in all public sector organisations and their related private entities, all companies owned by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly will be required to submit Anti-Corruption Charter and whistle blowing policy to their respective Boards of Directors for approval and implementation with a view to address the many unfavourable comments made by the Director of Audit in his reports and to ensure that these companies are run on sound corporate principles.
- (v) That a team from the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Centre (NDDRMC) will be on mission to Rodrigues to conduct a Community Disaster Response Programme at Graviers from 17 to 19 May 2023. The main aim of the exercise is to build a safer and more disaster-resilient society while inculcating a culture of risk reduction within the population and building the capacity of the community to respond to disasters.

- (vi) Of the official launching of the six regional councils of Rodrigues on 06 May 2023 at the Culture and Leisure Centre of Mon Plaisir as follows:

Region	No. of Members	President
1	26	Mr. GENAVE Jean Noel
2	19	Mr. HALL John Colson
3	30	Mr. VOLBERT Joseph Antonio
4	19	Mrs. KWANG PENG Francoise Marie Michela
5	21	Mr. FLORE Louis Stephano
6	21	Mr. ETIENNE Joseph Shane Berty

The councils will participate in the elaboration of the region's strategic plan in line with Regional Governments policies, programmes and projects.

- (vii) That the Commission for Agriculture is organising a handing over of Farmers' Welfare Fund Cards to a first batch of sixty-six (66) Farmers on Friday 12 May 2023 at 13.00 hours at les Cocotiers Hotel. Holders of the Farmers' Card benefit inter alia of an Accident Insurance Scheme which will provide insurance benefits in case of disabilities or death resulting from Accidents.
- (viii) In order to assist lemon planters to market their product, the Commission for Agriculture has liaised with the Agricultural Marketing Board and is facilitating the export of a first consignment on a trial basis on 12 May 2023. Ideal Food Co. Ltd. which is actually involved in the export of lemon to Mauritius has agreed to purchase lemons, for the trial, at Rs 2 per unit for sale to the Agricultural Marketing Board.
- (ix) That an award ceremony in connection with the Programme pour la Promotion de l'Entrepreneuriat Jeunesse (PPEJ) will be held on Wednesday 17 May 2023 at 13.30 hours in the presence of Hon. J. C. Toussaint, Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation as follows:-
- (a) three participants from Rodrigues will be awarded the cash prizes non-refundable (Prix Bourses) from the CONFESJES;
 - (b) two participants will receive their Cash Prizes non-refundable (Tranches Incitatives) from CONFESJES;

- (c) six (6) young entrepreneurs from Rodrigues who submitted projects in 2022 will be awarded their Start up fund (Financial Assistance of Rs 30,000 in terms of equipment) by the Commission for Commission for Youth & Sports; and
 - (d) 79 participants who followed the Youth Entrepreneurship Course in 2022 and 40 in 2023 will be awarded their certificates.
- (x) That a 4 days' workshop intended for local visual artists will be organised by the Commission for Arts & Culture with the input of resource persons from the Creative Seychelles Agency from 29 May to 01 June 2023.
- (xi) That the photo exhibition on the Historical Sites and Building in Rodrigues, organised to mark the International Day of Monument and Sites celebrated the 18th April 2023, will be transferred to the Cultural and Leisure Centre, Mon Plaisir and the CLAC of La Ferme from 03 to 15 May and from 17 until 31 May 2023, respectively to allow more people especially the student community to be aware of the importance of the different Historical Sites and Buildings in Rodrigues.

**Chief Commissioner's Office
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Date: 12 May 2023