



RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
Executive Council

MAIN DECISIONS

Executive Council Meeting – Friday 18 August 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) To approve the list of activities to be organised for the celebration of the 21st Anniversary of the Autonomy, namely:
 - (a) reading of the Chief Commissioner’s message in schools;
 - (b) an Official Ceremony on Thursday 12 October 2023 at 14.00 hours at the football playground of Grande Montagne followed by the Conferment of Medaille de la Reconnaissance Rodriguaise and Honorary Freeman, cultural performance which will culminate with the final & prize giving ceremony of the football match of the Rodrigues Day Cup.
 - (c) final and Prize Giving of the woman football match Rodrigues Day Cup 2023 on Saturday 14 October 2023 at 15.00 hours at the football playground of Grande Montagne; and
 - (d) Autonomy Regatta Competition, to promote regatta as a traditional and cultural sports game, on Sunday 15 October 2023 at 12.45 hours at the public Beach of Mourouk.

- (ii) To approve a salary review for the employees of RODCLEAN Ltd in response to repeated representations of Trade Unions with respect to long lasting income inequalities among the employees. The salaries of the employees who joined the company between the year 2007 to 2011 was not subsequently adjusted in accordance to the Cleaning Enterprises (Remuneration) Regulations 2019, causing an inequality between their salaries and those of their colleagues who were recruited after 2011.
- (iii) That the Rodrigues Public Utilities Corporation (RPUC) will be entrusted the management of the Waste Water Treatment plan of Grenade, including the processing of applications for pumping of septic tanks by lorry cesspool emptiers for disposal at the treatment plant.
- (iv) To approve the activities to be organised in connection with the 24th Edition of the Festival Creole in Rodrigues which will be held from Thursday 07 to Sunday 10 December 2023, as follows with the theme "Kreolite Siman Nou Linite", and the slogan "Koste Nou enan Nou Valer":
 - (a) an "Expozision ek Lavant Prodwi Artistik" in front of Discovery Rodrigues and & 'Restoran Kreol' in front of Central Administration will be held at 09.30 hours from Thursday 07 to Saturday 09 December 2023;
 - (b) "Formasion lor Patrimwann Imateriel, Transmision Savwar Tradisionel ek Ezans Interzenerasionel", "Atelie Tambour pou bânn zenn" and "Lanwit Sega Tanbour", at the Community Centre of Riviere Coco as from 09.30 hours on Thursday 07 December 2023 in a view to commemorate the inscription of the Sega Tambour of Rodrigues as Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) of Humanity by UNESCO.;
 - (c) "Atelie Sant Romans ek Sant Sega Tanbour" on Friday 08 December 2023 as from 09.30 hours at Sainte Famille and the participation of the cultural association Skool of Arts, Les Enfants d'Abord, Centre Carrefour as well as RCEA will be solicited. An open call for participation will also be launched.
 - (d) 'Teat, Kont ek Poezi Kreol'" on Saturday 09 December 2023 at 18.00 hours the Cultural and Leisure Centre; and
 - (e) the 'Festival Regat' and 'Konser Festival Kreol' to be organised on Sunday 11 December 2023 at Pointe l'Herbe. The collaboration of our main partner Phoenix Bev Ltd will be solicited to sponsor mainly the Regatta Festival.

- (v) That the Consultant Servansingh Jadav & Partners Consulting Engineers Limited would carry out Geotechnical Investigation for the construction of box culvert and bridges in Rodrigues to be implemented by the Ministry of National Infrastructures and Community Development (National Development Unit).
- (vi) That the Deputy Chief Commissioner's Office will grant Government Quarters A30 situated at Baie Lascar to the Rotary Club of Rodrigues for the setting up of a Data Centre and a Club House.

TAKEN NOTE

- (i) That Honourable Teeruthraj HURDOYAL, Minister of Public Service, Administrative and Institutional Reforms will lead a delegation which comprise Mr K. CONHYE, Secretary for Public Service, Mr. L. M. K. LAM PING FONG, Deputy Director of Human Resource Management, Mr. S. RAMGOLAM, Assistant Director of Public Sector Business Transformation Bureau, Mr. S. COOLEN, Director of Occupational Safety and Health Unit and Mr. B. E. H. RAMJAUN, Adviser on Human Resource, Administrative and Institutional Reforms to Rodrigues from 20 to 24 August 2023. The objective of the mission is:
 - i. to give an overview of Emerging and Disruptive Technologies such as Artificial Intelligence in the Public Sector;
 - ii. to present the new Human Resource Management system e-HR) and Collaborative Tool and Document Management System for Scheme of Service;
 - iii. to hold meetings with Federations/Unions; and
 - iv. to hold working sessions with Heads of Departments on "Strategies for Enhancing compliance".
- (ii) That a delegation comprising officers from the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development and the Treasury are actually in Rodrigues to have working sessions with staff of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly on the implementation and implications of Accrual based International Public Sector Accounting Standard (IPSAS) and to assist the Rodrigues Regional Assembly in the preparation of the financial statement for the financial year 2022/2023 using the accrual basis of accounting.

- (iii) That the Ministry of Health and Wellness (National AIDS Secretariat) in collaboration with the Commission for Education is organising a survey based on study in Knowledge, Attitudes, Behaviours (KABs) concerning HIV-AIDS and drug among adolescence aged 15-17 years among 100 adolescents of Secondary Schools in Rodrigues. The main objectives of the study are as follows:
- (a) Determine the level of knowledge on drugs and HIV related issues among adolescents in the Republic of Mauritius;
 - (b) Described adolescents' behavioural characteristics, nature and levels of the high-risk behaviours associated with drug use, HIV and Syphilis transmission;
 - (c) Determine access to and use of drugs, HIV and STIs prevention and treatment services; and
 - (d) Empower adolescents to make informed decisions to protect themselves against HIV and drug use through adoption of safe measures.
- (iv) That the Commissioner for Tourism Mr Jean Alain WONG SO will lead a delegation comprising officers of the Rodrigues Tourism Office and local tourism operators to participate in the 09th Edition of the "Salon du Prêt-à-Partir" to be held at the Swami Vivekananda International Convention Centre (SVICC), Pailles, Mauritius, from the 25th to 27th of August 2022. The "Salon du Prêt-à-Partir" is an annual event organised by Events Plus to bring under one roof during a period of three (03) days, regional, international and local tourism professionals.
- (v) That a team led by the Director of the Special Education Needs Authority will be on official visit to Rodrigues for period 23 to 26 August 2023 in the context of regulating SEN Schools and in view of the setting up of a Special Education Needs Resource and Development Centre in Rodrigues.
- (vi) That a delegation of the Mauritius Society of Authors (MASA) which comprise of Mr. Gerard Louis, O.S.K, Chairperson, Mr. Avinash Lutchun, Officer-in-Charge and Mr. Hansley Antoine, Senior Officer will be on mission in Rodrigues between 30 August 2023 and 03 September 2023. During their mission, a general meeting will be held on Saturday 2 September 2023 at 09.30 hrs at the Cultural & Leisure Centre of Mon Plaisir with all the registered members (artists) in Rodrigues.

- (vii) That the Commission for Tourism will proceed with the organisation of the training of Skipper (theoretical) for 12 Nautical Miles to be delivered by resource persons/trainers from the Tourism Authority over a period of two (02) weeks as from 21st August 2023 at English Bay Youth Centre.
- (viii) That according to statistical records for the month of June 2023, 9,073 tourists visited Rodrigues compared to 6,605 for the same month in 2022. From January to June 2023, 50,950 tourists have visited the island compared to 39,666 for the same months in Year 2019 (normal year prior to Pandemic) showing an increase of 27.5%.
- (ix) That the Museum Consultant, Mr. H. GOOSSENS, will proceed to Rodrigues for a working visit as from Monday 28th August 2023 to Sunday 03rd September 2023. During the visit the consultant will work on the Patch Plan and Interpretive Media for the museum space and he is also expected to submit an updated work-plan and timeline on the setting-up of the museum.
- (x) That the Commission for Fisheries has installed an Ice Making Machine of capacity of one (1) ton per day which will operate fully with solar energy at "La Maison des Pecheurs" at Pointe Monier.
- (xi) That a delegation of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC), lead by its Chairperson, Honourable M. R. C. UTEEM will be on mission to Rodrigues as from 23 to 26 August 2023 to consider the reports of the Director of Audit for the Rodrigues Regional Assembly for the Financial Years 2020/21 and 2021/22.
- (xii) Of the posting of 2 Medical Health Officers and three Nursing Officers from Rodrigues to the New Cancer Hospital in Mauritius to have on-the job training for a period of three months.

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