



RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
Executive Council

MAIN DECISIONS

Executive Council Meeting – Friday 02 February 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) To approve that the Commission for Education will launch bids for the procurement of Consultancy Services for Design, Management and Supervision of Educational Infrastructure Development Projects.
- (ii) That the Chief Commissioner's Office (Marine Services) will proceed with a procurement exercise for consultancy services, as recommended by the Mauritius Port Authority to undertake the Financial and Economic Study, Detailed Designs and Project Management and Supervision in connection with the construction of a new commercial quay at Port Mathurin. The Feasibility Report and the EIA Report have already been prepared.
- (iii) To approve that new arrangements be made with regard to the provision of technical services for Design, Management and Supervision of Capital Projects of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly so as to speed the implementation of the projects.

Technical services for all projects will be provided either by the Commission for Public Infrastructure or by Consultant to be hired by respective Commissions depending on the nature of the projects.

- (iv) That the Commission for Environment will provide a grant to the Rodrigues Public Utilities Corporation (RPUC) to enable the Company to meet expenses for five months for the management of the Waste Water Treatment Plant at Grenade.
- (v) That the Commission for Women's Affairs will provide a grant to the Rodrigues Student Needs Association for the implementation of the "Programme d'autonomisation des Familles" which is a new budgetary measure introduced in the budget for financial year 2023/2024 and aims at empowering needy Rodriguan families to become self-sufficient through income-generating activities. Some 35 families will be involved in pig rearing while the other 08 families will be involved in chicken production and all the 43 beneficiaries will benefit from Parental Education.
- (vi) Of the setting up of a Market Fair for women entrepreneurs in the region of Petite Butte with the objective to bring together women entrepreneurs, give more visibility to their products and opportunities to market their products.
- (vii) With a view to safeguarding the intangible heritage of Rodrigues, the Commission for Arts and Culture will proceed with the recording of songs from the lyrical booklet "Sega Tanbour Rodrige" and the production of 1000 CDs for distribution.

TAKEN NOTE

- (i) That following the increase in the number of Dengue Fever cases in Mauritius and Rodrigues, the Ministry of Health and Wellness has reviewed the existing protocol, inter alia, as follows:
 - (a) Patients detected as Dengue Fever positive shall be called to attend the hospital;
 - (b) Patients whose parameters are normal who has no associated medical condition will be allowed to go home;
 - (c) Patients with abnormal baseline parameters will be admitted;
 - (d) Patients who are allowed to go home will be given a medical certificate of ten days; and
 - (e) A Domiciliary Monitoring Unit (DMU) consisting of a Medical and Health Officer, a Nursing Officer and a Driver will be set up to visit the Dengue Fever patients at their residence on day 2, day 4 and day 7.

In this context, the services of additional Public Health Inspectors will be enlisted to deal with the emergency situation and all stakeholders will be invited to reinforce control against the proliferation of mosquitoes through general cleaning, use of mosquito repellent including traditional fumigation with smoke from green leaves.

- (ii) That the first meeting of the Rodrigues High-Level Drug Committee will be convened under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner to;
- review of the Rodrigues Drug Action Plan Against Illicit Drugs;
 - consider the setting up of a Rodrigues Drug Secretariat;
 - to take stock of the drug situation (consumption and trafficking) in Rodrigues; and
 - to work out a budget for the implementation of the action plan.
- (iii) That with a view to empower local Educators involved in the teaching of Kreol Rodrige (KR) in primary schools of Rodrigues, the Mauritius Institute of Education (MIE) will conduct a training programme as from 08 to 16 February 2024 for twenty-one (21) Supply Teachers and twenty (20) full-fledged Educators.
- (iv) That the Rodrigues Public Utilities Corporation will hand over pre-fabricated water tank to a fifth batch of 42 beneficiaries who are eligible for the Rainwater Harvesting Scheme.
- (v) That following the recent rainfall, the daily water production is currently 5798 m³ compared to 4915 m³ for December 2023 which has resulted in an improvement in water production and distribution to the population.
- (vi) That at its meeting held on Wednesday 27 January 2024, the Building and Land Use Permit Committee has approved the grant of thirty-three (33) Residential, one (01) Industrial and one (01) Commercial Building and Land Use Permits.
- (vii) That following the expression of interest which was recently launched for the allocation of tuck shop, the Commission for Environment will allocate 1 tuck shop at Pointe Cotton and 2 tuck shops at Mourouk. The purpose of the tuck shop is to provide a more conducive environment for cooperatives societies and individuals to operate their businesses involved in the sale of local foods on public beaches.

- (viii) Of the maximum wholesale and retail prices of onions, garlic and potatoes in Rodrigues as follows:

| Items | Wholesale price per ½ kg (Rs) | Maximum retail price Port Mathurin ½ kg (Rs) | Maximum retail price Ex. Port Mathurin ½ kg (Rs) |
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| Garlics | 74.50 | 84 | 84 |
| Onions | 25.50 | 28 | 28 |
| Potatoes | 25.00 | 28 | 28 |

- (ix) That according to last statistical records, 13,706 tourists visited Rodrigues in December 2023 compared to 11,950 for the same month in 2022. There has been a total of 99,066 visitors from January 2023 to December 2023 compared to 77,831 in 2019 (normal year), which depicts an increase of 27.3 %.
- (x) That in order to pursue with its efforts for the professionalization of the local Tourism Sector, the Commission for Tourism with the support of a Service Provider will provide training in Management and Accounting for owners and managers of small Tourism Structures in Rodrigues. The Commission aims at empowering managers/owners of Gites, Chambre d'hôte, Guest Houses and Tourist Residences with the basic skills and concepts to effectively and efficiently manage their business and accounts. The participants will be selected based on the following criteria established by the Commission for Tourism:-
- (a) Operators owning/managing an enterprise with less than ten (10) rooms;
 - (b) Self-employed operators;
 - (c) Operators possessing no qualification in enterprise management; and
 - (d) Operators employing a minimum of one (01) staff
- (xi) That the Rodrigues Regional Youth Council (RRYC) is recruiting a Project Manager, on a contract basis, for the "Atelier de Savoirs". The recruitment of a Project Manager is mandatory for registration of the "Atelier de Savoirs" with the Mauritius Qualification Authority (MQA).

- (xii) Of the organisation of Bronze and Silver Adventurous Journeys/Expeditions from 02 to 04 February 2024 for 14 silver awards participants and 20 bronze award participants of the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award.

These expeditions are required for the participants to obtain their Bronze and Silver Award Certificates and Medals and will empower them to develop initiatives and a spirit of adventure and discovery by planning, training and completing an adventurous self-sufficient journey as part of a team.

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