RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
Executive Council

MAIN DECISIONS


The Executive Council met at 09.00 hours this Friday 15 May 2015 under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. Louis Serge CLAIR G.C.S.K.

1. The Executive Council has agreed that Commission for Education in collaboration with the Commission for Health and Sports organizes sports activities during the 2nd term for pupils of primary schools in Rodrigues. The following activities are to be organized:

   (i) Inter Primary Football Tournament on 18 June 2015 at Camp du Roi Stadium;
   (ii) Grassroot Football Festival in each school; and
   (iii) Inter Primary School Kid Athletics day on 16 July 2015 at Camp du Roi Stadium.

2. The Executive Council has agreed for the setting up of community forests around Rodrigues through service contracts with fifteen Village Communities. The objective is to promote the community participation so as to develop the sense of belonging of village communities with regard to the importance of forests and the conservation of forest Biodiversity in their region.

3. The Executive Council has agreed for the organization of the Renewable Energy Strategy Workshop in Rodrigues on Thursday 21 May 2015. The objectives of the workshop are:

   (i) To establish the priorities and objectives of the Regional Authority as well as the private sector and the general population of the island of Rodrigues with respect to the development of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency strategy that can serve as a model for the national and regional levels.

   (ii) To identify particular project opportunities for the development of renewable energies and energy efficiency measures in Rodrigues.
4. The Executive Council has taken note that a contract is being awarded for the construction of a new Community School at Anse Quitor.

5. The Executive Council has taken note that the registration exercise for the admission of pupils in Standard I in the year 2016 is being held up to Tuesday 26 May 2015.

6. The Executive Council has taken note of the setting up of a High Powered Committee on the Family. The objective of the Committee is to:

   (a) Assess on the social status of Rodrigues as regards to the family; and

   (b) Assess on which issues are being attended to and which are not.

7. The Executive Council has taken note that the Commission for Family Welfare in collaboration with the Commissions for Youth and Education and partners NGOs is organising a workshop on the theme “l'Education sexuelle, comment en parler aux jeunes”.

8. The Executive Council has taken note that Mrs. Marie Francoise FEUILLANDE of Marechal will celebrate her 100th birthday on Sunday 17 May 2015. An official ceremony will be held at the centenarian place on that day.

9. The Executive Council has taken note that fourteen (14) candidates operating in the tourism sector have been selected by the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) to follow a 14 days training and placement programme in Italy in the month of June 2015 in the context of the Circular Migration Programme. The training/placement will be run in Emilia Bologna in Italy and will cover specific areas of specialization namely:-

   (a) The tourism industry – Sommelier and Cook;
   (b) The Fisheries Industry – Skippers and aquaculture Farmers; and
   (c) The Agri-Tourism Sector for those involved in Table –d'Hote and Guest House.

10. The Executive Council has taken note of the activities to be organized in the context of the World Biodiversity Day on Friday 22 May 2015 under the theme “Biodiversity for Sustainable Development”. The Forestry Services will carry out the following activities to mark the Day:

    (a) Planting of some 1,000 native and endemic species at Montagne Plate where Acacia Nilotica has been eradicated on 22 May 2015 as from 09.00 hours;

    (b) Radio intervention by Forestry Services on the importance of Biodiversity and action taken in Rodrigues to promote biodiversity;
(c) Signature of service contracts with village communities for the setting up of Community Forests;

(d) Some rare endemic flora and fauna of Rodrigues will be filmed and shown to the Rodriguan Population; and

(e) SEMPA and Shoals Rodrigues are working on the theme “Discover the marine Biodiversity of Rodrigues.

11. The Executive Council has taken note that the Commission for Environment is proceeding with the removal of invasive species (Acacia Nilotica) along the road side from Caverne Provert to Grand Baie as they are obstructing the smooth flow of traffic, thus, constituting a danger to road users.

12. The Executive Council has taken note that the Commission for Environment will be involved in the activities during the stopover of the Race for Water Odyssey in Rodrigues from 26 to 30 September 2015. The activities will be carried out in the context of the 20 years of presence of the Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme (GEF/SGP) in the Republic of Mauritius. The Commission will make logistical arrangements for the exhibitions of projects that have been financed under the GEF funding for the conservation of the environment and biodiversity in Rodrigues.

13. The Executive Council has taken note that the Commission for Arts and Culture in collaboration with the Nelson Mandela Centre for African Trust Fund is organizing a conference on Wednesday 27 May 2015 at the Cultural and Leisure Centre, Mont Plaisir to commemorate the Africa Day.

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