The Executive Council met at 09.00 hours this Friday 20 March 2015 under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. Louis Serge CLAIR, G.C.S.K.

1. The Executive Council has agreed for reconstitution of the Rodrigues Public Officers Welfare Committee with a view to organize activities for the welfare of public officers in Rodrigues.

2. The Executive Council has agreed for the purchase of garlic, onion & potato seeds from the Agricultural Marketing Board for sale to planters. The sales of the seeds will be effected through the Rodrigues Trading and Marketing Company Ltd who will sell the seeds at a subsidized price to planters.

3. The Executive Council has agreed that the Commission for Training meets partly the cost of the training fees to the National Computer Board in favour of unemployed people who follow IC3 training in Rodrigues with a view to increase the ICT-literate population and the ICT skilled workforce.

4. The Executive Council has agreed for the grant of a financial support to AGROD Federation Networking Ltd for the consolidation of the Cooperatives societies forming part of the Federation to prepare the Federation for mass production as well as to build and maintain its reputation as reliable supplier of high quality and standardized agro-products.

5. The Executive Council has agreed for the application of the Deposit Refund System for the proper Management of Waste in Rodrigues. The application of this policy will be accompanied by an appropriate legal framework and will allow the recovery of plastic, metal and glass materials for recycling, whilst, at the same time control littering.
6. The Executive Council has agreed for the participation of a delegation of 98 athletes and 17 official/coaches in the National Youth Games in Mauritius. The National Youth Games is a new version of the “Jeux de L’Espoir” and will be held on 08 and 09 April 2015.

7. The Executive Council has taken note that the Commission for Environment is implementing a new management plan for public beaches in Rodrigues. The new management plan will be implemented through community approach with Village Committee. A pilot project will start at Graviers Beach with the participation of the Graviers Village Committee and if same is successful, the project will be replicated in other public beaches.

8. The Executive Council has agreed that the Commission for Fisheries procures modern equipment consisting of a drone and search lights for the Fisheries Protection and Forestry Services. The drone will be used with a view to deter illegal fishing in the island.

9. The Executive Council has taken note that the Commission for Forestry Service is proceeding with the procurement of materials for fencing works in view of the implementation of the Community Forests Project in Rodrigues. The Community Forests project is a Regional Government Budgetary Measure for the year 2015 aims to be implemented in partnership with village communities.

10. The Executive Council has agreed for that Rodrigues hosts the “Comité de pilotage – gestions des zones côtières des îles de la Commission de L’Océan Indien” from 31 March to 1st April 2015. The purpose of the Comité de pilotage is to work on the elaboration of the annual programme for the management of the coastal zones in the islands of the Indian Ocean. A delegation from the Indian Ocean Commission will be in Rodrigues for the occasion.

11. The Executive Council has taken note that Rodrigues has been nominated for the development of a comprehensive Renewable Energy (RE) Strategy. A two day workshop will be held for the development of a RE strategic plan for Rodrigues Island.

12. The Executive Council has taken note of the outcome of the mission of Miss Julie GOURLAY from the Institut Réunionais de la Qualité Agroalimentaire (IRQUA) from 02 to 06 March 2015 in the context of the implementation of a collective mark for the honey of Rodrigues.

13. The Executive Council has taken note that the Fisherman Welfare Fund is inviting application for the award of scholarship to children of fisherman under the “Scholarship for post CPE and post SC 2014 Scheme”. 
14. The Executive Council has taken note of the outcome of the registration of parents who have more than one child studying at Post Secondary or Tertiary level in Mauritius and whose family income is above the threshold of Rs 12,500 disqualifying them for the monthly allowance or grant for lodging and other assistance schemes.

15. The Executive Council has taken note the Commission for Housing will hand over cheque to 45 beneficiaries under the Government grant for casting of roof slab scheme on Tuesday 24 March 2014 at 09.30 hours under the veranda of the Central Administration.

16. The Executive Council has taken note that the Commission for Environment is installing bins in public places including public beaches. As at date, forty bins have been fixed at seven public beaches and near Bay Lascar Traffic Centre.

17. The Executive Council has taken note of the number of Tourists arrival in Rodrigues for the month of February 2015. 3025 tourists visited Rodrigues as compared to 2694 for the same period in 2014 representing an increase of 12.29%.

18. The Executive Council has taken note of the activities to be organized to mark the World Theatre Day which is celebrated every year on 27 March. The following activities will be organized:

(i) staging of local plays, one man shows and “jeux d’improvisation” on Saturday 28 March 2015 at the Cultural and Leisure Centre, Mont Plaisir; and

(ii) the launching of drama festival intended for villages and colleges during the ceremony marking the World Theatre Day at the Cultural and Leisure Centre, Mont Plaisir.

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