The Executive Council met at 09.00 hours this Friday 27 November 2015 under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. Louis Serge CLAIR, G.C.S.K.

1. The Executive Council has agreed that the Commission for Employment proceeds with the grant of financial assistance to twenty-one (21) applicants who have applied for financial assistance to implement their projects under the "Plan de Prestation Transitoire".

2. The Executive Council has taken note that a cultural group from Rodrigues will participate in the cultural exchange programme, "L’inauguration de la Cité des Arts et aux festivités" from 28 November to 21 December 2015 in Reunion Island. The Rodriguan artists will participate in various cultural exchange workshops from 07 to 20 December 2015, in the "kabar a Ter" on 18 December and also in "Le defile et festivités" on 20 December 2015.

3. The Executive Council has agreed that the Commission for Youth proceeds with the implementation of the Rodrigues Youth Volunteer Corp Programme in collaboration with the RCSS. Twenty (20) volunteers will be recruited for an initial period of three months from January to March 2016 and their tasks will consist of data collection and analysis, help in the empowerment of vulnerable groups through meetings, coaching and accompaniment.

4. The Executive Council has taken note that the selection process for the Certificat d’Aptitude Professionelle Agricole will start in the month of December 2015. The courses will be launched early in 2016 for youngsters who wish to embark on agricultural entrepreneuriat. 56 applicants have been received and the "Centre de Formation Professional et de Promotion Agricole (CFPPA) de la Reunion" will conduct the selection exercise.
5. The Executive Council has taken note that the Commission for Public Infrastructure has launched tender for the construction of 470 m of reinforced concrete road at Pointe Monier and Hauteur Accacia and 960 m reinforced track road at Nassola and Grenade.

6. The Executive Council has taken note that the Commission for Water Resources is launching tenders for the supply of materials and equipment for the rehabilitation of the Desalination plants of Caverne Bouteille and Pointe Venus.

7. The Executive Council has taken note of the activities to be organized to mark the World Aids Day on Tuesday 1st December 2015 under the theme “Getting to Zero”. The activities proposed by the National Aids Secretariat and various NGOs are as follows:

(i) A half day testing and sensitization campaign on Tuesday 1st December 2015 at Port Mathurin Bus Terminal from 08.30 hours to 14.00 hours;

(ii) A religious ceremony at “Saint Coeur de Marie” Church, Port Mathurin on 05 December 2015 at 17.00 hours; and

(iii) A recreational day for patients living with HIV/AIDS and their families at Mourouk Beach on 12 December 2015.

8. The Executive Council has taken note of the participation of the Rodrigues Tourism Office and one diving centre at the Salon de la Plongée in Paris from 08 to 11 January 2016.

9. The Executive Council has taken note of the organization of the 28th Edition of the Special Vacances Programme during the November/December 2015 school holidays. The 28th edition of the Special Vacances Programme will compose of the following main activities:

(i) “Randonnée Decouverte”/ outings followed by cultural animation and sensitization talks for young people of the six regions:

   a. Friday 27 November 2015 for Youths of Regions 5 and 6
   b. Wednesday 09 December 2015 for Youths of Regions 1 and 2
   c. Friday 11 December 2015 for Youths of Regions 3 and 4

(ii) Final of the 7th Edition of the Youth Karafun Competition on Sunday 13 December 2015 at the Mont Plaisir Cultural and Leisure Centre.

(iii) Spectacle Artkoostik on Tuesday 15 December 2015 at the Mont Plaisir Cultural and Leisure Centre.
10. The Executive Council has taken note of the organization of the Climate Change March on Sunday 29 November 2015. The Climate Change march will be organized by the SIDS Youth AIMS Hub with the collaboration of other agencies and will start at Palissade at 14.00 hours to proceed to Grande Montagne Sports Complex where a concert will be held.

11. The Executive Council has taken note that the Commission for Social Security in collaboration with stakeholders working with the disability sector is organizing a one day activity at the Malabar Gymnasium on 03 December 2015 to mark the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. The theme of the day for this year is “Inclusion matters: access and empowerment for people of all abilities”.

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