The Executive Council met at 09.00 hours this Friday 15 July 2016 under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. Louis Serge CLAIR, G.C.S.K.

1. The Executive Council has agreed that the incentives offered under the different agricultural schemes being granted to farmers be reviewed so as to meet the requirements of the projects of ex-trainees who successfully completed their “Brevet Professionnel Agricole” in May 2016. The ex-trainees are beneficiaries of the following modified schemes:

   i. Assistance to cattle, Goat and Sheep Breeders for the setting up of Integrated Farms;
   ii. Assistance for the setting up of Black Pig Model Farms;
   iii. Setting up of Model Orchard; and
   iv. Setting up of Poultry Farm.

2. The Executive Council has taken note that the handing over of site to the contractor for the project of converting the Ex-Maternity Ward into a New Pediatric Ward has been held on Thursday 14 July 2016. Works are expected to be completed within 182 days.

3. The Executive Council has taken note of the number of tourist arrivals in Rodrigues for the month of June 2016. 3,491 tourists visited Rodrigues during the month as compared to 2,995 arrivals for the same period in the year 2015 representing an increase of 16.56%. For the first six months of the year 2016, a total of 30,856 tourists have visited the island compared to 24,901 for the same period in 2016 with a percentage increase of 23.91%.
4. The Executive Council has agreed that authorization be granted to Cotton Bay Hotel for the drilling of a brine rejection borehole in connection with the operation of its desalination plant.

5. The Executive Council has agreed for the setting of a Rodrigues Technical Coordination Subcommittee of the National Technical Coordination Committee with regards to the implementation of Switch Africa Green Project in Rodrigues. The objective of the setting up of the subcommittee is to provide closer support to the Rodrigues-based beneficiaries and for closer monitoring of the different projects.

6. The Executive Council has taken note that the Rodrigues Disaster Committee will carry out a simulation exercise at Rivière Coco on Saturday 23 July 2016 in the context of disaster preparedness.

7. The Executive Council has taken note that the Mauritius Institute of Education (MIE) is organizing an intensive course programme on Early Support Programme 2016 for the sixteen trainees selected for the Remedial Programme in Rodrigues from 16 to 20 August 2016.

8. The Executive Council has taken note of the opening of the Juvenile and Family Division attached to the Court of Rodrigues as from Saturday 06 August 2016.

9. The Executive Council has taken note that a one-stop-shop for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) will be operational at Malabar as from Wednesday 20 July 2016. The one-stop-shop aims at making available to entrepreneurs all guidelines, schemes, application forms and relevant information related to business and will also be mandated to issue SME Development Certificate and certificate confirming priority sector with a view to facilitate banking and other facilities.

10. The Executive Council has taken note of the outcome of the mission of the Commissioner of Tourism in Mauritius and Reunion Island. The objective of the mission was to meet the different stakeholders to discuss on the organization of the following activities:

   i. “La Tournée Rodriguaise” in Reunion Island in August 2016;
   ii. “Le Salon du Tourisme à Rodrigues” in September/October 2016; and
   iii. “La Tournée Rodriguaise” in Mauritius in October 2016.
11. The Executive Council has taken note that an officer of the Tourism Authority will be on mission to Rodrigues from 17 to 22 July 2016 to conduct practical test to aspiring skippers and to survey boats in respect of applications for Pleasure Craft Licences.

12. The Executive Council has taken note that a Volleyball tournament, the Volleyball Rodrigues Day Cup, will be organized in the context of the 14th Anniversary of Autonomy of Rodrigues. The competition will be held in two categories namely male and female and is expected to start on 10 September 2016.

Date: 15 July 2016