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The Executive Council met at 09.00 hours this Friday 07th June 2013 under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. Louis Serge CLAIR, G.C.S.K. and has among its deliberations:

(i) The Executive Council has agreed for the organisation of the following activities in the context of the World Music Day 2013:

- Musical performance by novice and expert musicians in collaboration with the Rodrigues Council of Social Services in the local regions;
- A cultural show by artists on 21 and 22 June at Port Mathurin;
- An Arts Sale Exhibition from 21 to 22 June at Port Mathurin; and
- Mobile show by cultural groups from 21 to 22 June around the island.

(ii) The Executive Council has agreed that the Commission for Water Resources proceeds with the implementation of the Rain Water Harvesting Project throughout Rodrigues. The project consists of the construction of two (2) water tanks of 2 m$^3$ capacity fitted with rain water harvesting system per household. Some 400 households of needy families of the Rodriguan Society have been identified for the first phase of the project which will be implemented on a self help basis in collaboration with the Rodrigues Council of Social Services. A Committee has been set up at the level of the Commission for proper supervision.

(iii) The Executive Council has agreed for the issue of Works Order for the construction of the Citronelle-Terre Rouge Road under the rate contract Maintenance, Upgrading, Resurfacing and Construction of Roads in Rodrigues. The work is scheduled to start as from Monday 10 June 2013.
(iv) The Executive Council has taken note that a contract for the sum of Rs 2,601,000.00 has been awarded for the construction of two additional classrooms and a staircase block at Montagne Charlot Community Government School.

(v) The Executive Council has agreed that State land be leased to Emtel Ltd. for the implementation of six additional Cellular Base Stations at Anse Raffin, Riviere Coco, Tammes, Baie aux Huitres, Mont Cabris and Petit Gabriel so as to improve its communication network throughout the island.

(vi) The Executive Council has agreed for the granting of an industrial lease to AEL DDS Property Ltd for the setting up of a filling station at Grand la Fouche Corail.

(vii) The Executive Council has taken note that the Rajiv Gandhi Science Centre in collaboration with the Commission for Education is holding a National Science Week in Rodrigues from 12 to 16 June 2013 at the Cultural and Leisure Centre, Mont Plaisir. The following activities will be organised:

- On the spot Drawing and Painting Competition;
- Rodrigues Science Challenge 2013: a project based competition for upper primary and lower secondary school children providing them with the opportunity to investigate issues related to science and technology using the scientific method;
- Science Exhibition; and
- Poetry/ Slam Competition.

(viii) The Executive Council has taken note that in the context of the World Ocean Day 2013 which is celebrated on the 8th of June, the Commission for Fisheries in collaboration with the Mauritius Research Council-Rodrigues Branch and the Shoals Rodrigues is organizing a sensitizing competition campaign in all primary and secondary schools in Rodrigues on the topic “Plastic Bag in the Ocean Life”.

(ix) The Executive Council has taken note of the outcome of “La Semaine Rodriguaise” held in Mauritius from 25 May to 02 June 2013.
(x) The Executive Council has taken note that contract has been awarded for upgrading works be carried out at the building at Mont Limon in view of its conversion of the into a creole restaurant to be managed by women cooperatives.

(xi) The Executive Council has taken note that the UNFPA will provide technical assistance to Rodrigues for the setting up of the "Plateforme Numerique d’échange et de partage des jeunes". The project will allow the youth of Rodrigues to express their potential through exchange and sharing through:-

- Intervention à travers un profil sur facebook; and
- Creation d’un site web de reference.

(xii) The Executive Council has taken note that tender has been launched for the supply, installation and commissioning of a 32 Slice CT Scanner for Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Rodrigues.

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