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The Executive Council met at 10.00 hours this Friday 18 May 2012 under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. Louis Serge CLAIRE, G.C.S.K. and has among its deliberations:

DECIDED:

(i) To approve for the procurement of bushcutters for the trimming of grasses along community roadsides, trackroads, community centres and other public places for the improvement of the environment at community level.

Taken Note:

(i) That the Commission for Arts and Culture in collaboration with the “Conseil Culturel de Rodrigues” will organise a multi-faceted cultural and arts show on Saturday 26 May 2012 at the Regional Cultural and Leisure Centre, Malabar, to mark the Africa Day which is observed on the 25th of May each Year. The theme of the Africa Day for this year is “Africa and the Diaspora”.

(ii) That a “Salon de la Formation et des Métiers” with the theme “La Formation Technique et Professionelle” will be held at Le Chou Multipurpose Training Centre from 24 to 26 May 2012 with the objective to provide students, out of school youths and jobseekers with necessary information on study opportunities in the vocational and technical fields as well as promoting an entrepreneurial culture among the youth in Rodrigues. There will be exhibitions, presentations, talks and live demonstrations by participants from Rodrigues and Mauritius.
Taken Note:

(iii) Of the success of the cleaning campaign which was held at Petite Butte on Sunday 13 May 2012.

(iv) That Oil Spill Training exercises will be conducted in Rodrigues from 21 to 23 May 2012 by Consultants from Reunion Island under the Marine Highway Development and Coastal and Marine Contamination Prevention Project of the Indian Ocean Commission. The objectives of the training are to:

(a) Provide information to all stakeholders interacting with the marine and coastal ecosystems on oil spill issues;

(b) Make an audit of the oil spill combat equipment;

(c) Assess preparedness of the stakeholders during a crisis through a simulation exercise; and

(d) To update and review the Rodrigues Oil Spill Contingency plan.

(v) Of the activities to be organised by the Commission for Environment in collaboration with the Mauritian Wild Life Foundation and Shoals Rodrigues on 22 May 2012 at the Cultural and Leisure Centre, Malabar to mark the World Biodiversity Day 2012. The theme for this year is “Marine Biodiversity”.

(vi) Of the mission from the National Aids Secretariat in Rodrigues and that a one-day workshop was organised on 17 May 2012 with stakeholders in line with the development process of the National Strategic Framework for HIV/AIDS 2012-2016.

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