The Executive Council met at 09.00 hours this Friday 25 January 2013 under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. Louis Serge CLAIR

1. The Executive Council has agreed that the Commission for Education provides for coaching sessions in favour of private students who will take part in GCE ‘O’ and ‘A’ Level examinations with a view to allow the candidates to upgrade their qualifications and at the same time promote lifelong learning among the population in general.

2. The Executive Council has taken note of the release of a grant-in-aid of Rs 300,000 in favour of the “Association Co-operatives des Caisses Villageoises Levé Debouté de Rodrigues Ltd” to enable the association to meet its administrative expenses and to provide training to its members during the year 2013.

3. The Executive Council has agreed for the implementation of a complaint desk within the Rodrigues Regional Assembly (RRA) to receive public grievances on the public service in Rodrigues. This desk is being established with a view to receive feedback on the service delivered by officers of the RRA in order to take appropriate remedial actions to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the service.

4. The Executive Council has taken note that to mark the 178th Anniversary of the Abolition of Slavery, a Wreath Laying Ceremony will be held at the “Monument aux Esclaves, Lieu de Mémoire”, L’Union on 1st February at 10.00 hours.
5. The Executive Council has taken note that ten unemployed residents of Baie Topaze are being trained in salt production since 23 January 2013. The one-month duration training is being run by two salt workers from Noirmoutier and aims at helping the trainees to become salt makers.

6. The Executive Council has taken note that an agreement has been reached between the Commission for Women’s Affairs, Child Development and Family Welfare and the Vicariat Apostolique de Rodrigues for the posting of two sisters on a pilot basis for the management of the Baladirou Shelter.

7. The Executive Council has taken note that the Commission for Industrial Development is organizing “Les assises de l’entrepreneunariat” on the theme “Rodrigues: Quel développement au niveau de l’entrepreneunariat?” on 06 and 07 February 2013 with a view to generate inputs to help Mr. Raymond Guillouso, Consultant and Director of the “Institut de la Francophonie pour l’Entrepreneunariat” to prepare a strategic plan for entrepreneurship development in Rodrigues in line with the vision of the Regional Government to make entrepreneurship the engine for job creation and economic development.

8. The Executive Council has taken note that the Deputy Commissioner of the Ministry of Social Security was in Rodrigues from 22 to 24 January 2013 to brief officers of the Social Security Department on the implementation of the Social Register of Mauritius Child Allowance Programme in Rodrigues.

9. The Executive Council has taken note that Mrs. ARDOR Marie of Petit Gabriel will celebrate her 100th birthday on 15 February 2013 and that arrangement is in process to mark the event.

10. The Executive Council has taken note of the number of tourists arrival in Rodrigues for the month of December 2012.

11. The Executive Council has taken note that the official ceremony of the conversion of the Port Mathurin Public Library into the “Centre de Lecture Public et d’Animation Culturel (CELPAC) will be held on Tuesday 19 February 2013. A delegation comprising Mr. Clement DUHAIME, Administrator of the International Organisation of the Francophony (IOF), Hon. Mookeshwar CHOONEE, Minister of Arts and Culture, Mr. Eric WEBBER, responsible officer for the reading programmes of the CLAC project and Mrs. Aimée CHASLE, Director of CELPAC in Mauritius will be in Rodrigues in that context.
12. The Executive Council has taken note that a delegation from the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security are actually on mission in Rodrigues to review the honey production sector.

13. The Executive Council has taken note that the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) will conduct a workshop to discuss the findings of the report on “An assessment of the Health and Socio-economic vulnerabilities of Rodriguans in Mauritius” in Rodrigues on 14 February 2013.

14. The Executive Council has taken note that the 27th Edition of the National Sports Award 2012 will be held in Mauritius on 31st January 2013. Four Rodriguan athletes namely Angelina BEGUE, Christiane LEGENTIL, Jasmina PERRINE and Brice PIERRE LOUIS have been nominated for the award.

15. The Executive Council has taken note that Mr. Christophe CASIMIR, President of the Rodrigues Youth Council has been designated to participate in the Regional Consultation on Commonwealth Youth Council which will be held at Dar-Es-Salaam, Tanzania from 28 January to 01 February 2013. The consultation is organised by the Commonwealth Secretariat.


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