



## RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

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### **MAIN DECISIONS**

#### **Executive Council Meeting – Friday 26 April 2024**

**The Executive Council met today under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. Franceau Aubret GRANDCOURT, G.O.S.K; and has among its deliberations:**

#### **DECIDED**

- (i) To approve that the Rodrigues Regional Assembly will sign a Consultancy Agreement with Setec, to carry out a study to address water and sanitation issues in Rodrigues. The study is in line with the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) which was commissioned by Airports of Rodrigues Ltd in the context of the new runway at Plaine Corail Airport.
- (ii) That in line with the new Fisheries Act 2023, the Commission for Fisheries will conduct a registration exercise for all genuine off-lagoon fishers in Rodrigues aged from 18 to 50 years old and fishing vessel from 02 May to 17 May 2024. This exercise will be carried out in all fisheries post namely Pointe Monier, Petite Butte, Port Sud Est and Graviers.
- (iii) That the Commission for Agriculture will sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Rodrigues Agricultural Marketing Cooperative Federation Ltd (RAMCF) for the services of 300 manual workers, one (1) Coordinator and twelve (12) Supervisors through the "Community End User Participation Procurement Method" for land rehabilitation, derocking and terracing project.
- (iv) To approve "in principle" that the Commission for Social Security initiates actions for the setting up of a transit home for abused elderlies in Rodrigues to provide a safe and secure place for these elders.

- (v) That the Commission for Social Security will organise an essay competition for college students and a short dissertation for public officers including the Police Department to mark the World Elderly Abuse Awareness Day 2024 which is observed on 15 June 2024 each year. The aim of the essay competition and the short dissertation on the theme "Challenges of an Ageing Population and its impact on the Rodriguan Society" is to raise awareness of the general public of Rodrigues on elderly abuse.
- (vi) That the Commission for Health will make arrangements to supply potable water to bedridden patients and to persons with severe disability.
- (vii) That the Commission for Tourism will grant permission to Francois Leguat Ltd to undertake the following works at Anse Quitor free of charge, in the context of its collaboration in the implementation and operationalisation of the "One Visitor One Tree project":
  - (a) Replacement of the old and damaged fencing from the Francois Leguat Reserve's entrance to the Forestry Services Watchman's shed on a distance of approximately 40 meters with a more attractive fence on both sides of the road leading to the project; and
  - (b) Fencing works over a portion of degraded state land located on the eastern side of the road adjacent to Anse Quitor for the extension of the project.
- (viii) To approve the signature of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Rodrigues Regional Assembly and the Vicariate Apostolic of Rodrigues in the context of the setting up a Historical, Cultural and Religious Site at La Ferme.
- (ix) That the Commission for Arts and Culture will implement the Second Phase of the 'Parkour Istorik ek Kiltirel Sega Tanbour' at L'Union which will comprise the embellishment of the path leading to the "Moniman Tanbour" with sculptures. The creation of a 'Parkour Istorik ek Kiltirel Sega Tanbour' at L'Union is in line with the nomination of 'Sega Tanbour' as an Intangible Cultural Heritage by the UNESCO in 2017 and has for objectives:
  - (a) To safeguard and promote listed and other Intangible Cultural Heritage;
  - (b) To promote the Sega Tanbour of Rodrigues as an essential element of the Intangible Cultural Heritage;
  - (c) To implement safeguarding measures as stipulated in the Nomination Dossier on Sega Tambour; and
  - (d) To compile information and data relevant to enable the submission of periodic reporting.

The project is expected to start at the beginning of the month of May 2024 and will be completed by the end of the month of July 2024 whereby fifteen local artists will be enlisted for the design and execution of the project under the technical supervision of two local artists.

## **TAKEN NOTE**

- (i) Of the outcome of the recent mission of the Chief Commissioner to Mauritius. The main objective of the visit was to attend the First Ministerial Conference on Substance Abuse and Drug trafficking in the Western Indian Ocean. In the margins of the visit, the Chief Commissioner also paid courtesy call to the Prime Minister, Honourable Pravind Kumar JUGNAUTH. He also had a meeting with the Minister of Land Transport and Light Rail, Honourable Alan GANOO, G.C.S.K. to discuss among others the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to define the working arrangements between the Rodrigues Regional Assembly and the National Land Transport Authority (NLTA)
- (ii) That the Commission for Community Development has awarded contract for the Upgrading of Petite Butte/Pointe Vingt Tours Community Centre under the Small Development Project - Indian Grant for the total amount of Rs. 1,728,000. The scope of works is as follows :
  - (a) Rehabilitation/upgrading works to boundary wall and gate;
  - (b) Rehabilitation/upgrading works to verandah structure and replacement of roof sheeting;
  - (c) Painting works to Community Centre Building; and
  - (d) Rehabilitation/upgrading works to rainwater harvesting system.
- (iii) That the Building and Land Use Permit Committee at its meeting held on Tuesday 23 April 2024, has approved the grant of 10 (ten) residential and two (2) Industrial Building and Land Use Permits.
- (iv) That the Rodrigues Public Utilities Corporation (RPUC) will provide water tanks to 44 beneficiaries under the Rainwater Harvesting Scheme as per eligibility criteria. To date, the RPUC has issued prefabricated water tanks of capacity 5150 litres each to 163 eligible beneficiaries.

- (v) Of the organization of a training course for Officers of the Commission for Agriculture from 22 to 26 April 2024 on the issuance of online Phytosanitary Certificate required for the export of agricultural commodities by the Commission for Agriculture in collaboration with the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security and the National Plant Protection.
- (vi) Of the outcome of the 44<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Rodrigues Tourism Licensing Committee (RTLCL) which was held on Tuesday 23 April 2024, whereby 13 cases were considered and processed.
- (vii) That Discovery Rodrigues Company Limited has launched invitation for bids for the Exterior Infrastructural and Development Works at Caverne Patate on 26 April 2024. The closing date for submission of bids is fixed for 17 May 2024 at 13.30 hrs and public opening will be held on the same date at 13.45 hrs at the Discovery Rodrigues Co. Ltd, Port Mathurin.
- (viii) That the Commission for Information Technology and Telecommunications in collaboration with the Rodrigues Information Technology Association (RITA) is organising the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the Web Cup Regional 2024 from 04 to 05 May 2024 at the Polytechnics Mauritius at Baie Malgache. The primary objective of the competition is to foster innovation, collaboration and skill development within the coding community whereby participants will have the opportunity to tackle challenges and learn new technologies.
- (ix) That the Commissioner for Youth and Sports will lead a delegation to Mauritius in the context of the National Youth Award 2023 organised by the National Youth Council and the Ministry of Empowerment, Sports and Recreation on Friday 03 May 2024 at Intercontinental Resort, Balaclava. The National Youth Award 2023 is being organised for the first time in Mauritius and comprises three categories namely, Best Youth, Best Youth organisation and Best Youth Worker. Mr. Jean Frederic RAVINA, President of the Rodrigues Regional Youth Council has been nominated in the Category Best Youth of the National Youth Award 2023.
- (x) Of the mission of a delegation of the University of Mauritius, led by Prof. Dr. L. A. CARPOORAN, Personal Chair in French and Creole Studies in the context of the examination exercise related to the short courses on Kreol Rodrige from 22 to 23 April 2024 followed by an Award Certificate Ceremony to be held on Saturday 27 April 2024 at 10.00 hours at the Ruy Karl Allas Cultural and Leisure Centre, Mon Plaisir for that purpose.

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**Date: 26 April 2024**