



## RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

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### **MAIN DECISIONS**

#### **Executive Council Meeting – Friday 03 May 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) That the Commission for Youth and Sports will award a financial grant of Rs 100,000 to Rising Sports Club for their preparation in the Semi-finals of the MFA Cup being given their outstanding performance in the Mauritius Football Association Cup from 18 to 28 April 2024, the more so that it is the first time that a team from Rodrigues reaches this stage of the competition.
- (ii) That the Chief Commissioner's Office (State Land) will grant an Industrial Lease to the Rodrigues Public Utilities Corporation (RPUC) over two plots of state land situate at Pointe Coton for the construction of :
  - (a) a new desalination plant and related water reservoirs stores and workshops; and
  - (b) a solar farm for providing electricity to run the desalination unit on site.
- (iii) That the Commission for Industrial Development will provide grants under the Agricultural Grant Scheme in the context of the Incentive for Consolidating the Rodrigues Agricultural Value Chain and Promotion of Professional Agriculture and Farming as follows:

- (a) Grant financial assistance up to a maximum of Rs 500,000 each to 23 professional breeders and 25 professional crop producers; and
  - (b) Grant financial assistance to 2 start-ups in crop production and 2 start-ups in animal production, up to a maximum of Rs 300,000 each.
- (iv) That the Commission for Education will organise Coaching Programmes as from 06 May 2024 for low achievers pupils of Grades 5 and 6 in all primary schools and for pupils studying Kreol Rodrige in Grades 4 and 5 of Government Primary Schools.
- (v) That the Commission for Education will provide additional financial assistance to a scholarship beneficiary under the Paramedical Scholarship Scheme so as to enable her to complete her studies leading to a BSc (Hons) Nutrition with Wellness at UCSI University in Malaysia.
- (vi) That the Commission for Education will provide annual grants to the Parents Teachers Association (PTAs) of Secondary Schools to meet sundry Expenses and costs related to the provision of sanitary pads for girl students.
- (vii) That the Commission for Trade and Licences will proceed with the issue of 4 Trade Licences, pending amendment and/or subletting of the leases as appropriate.
- (viii) That the Commission for Water Resources will provide funds to the Rodrigues Public Utilities Corporation (RPUC) for the construction of a 2000m<sup>3</sup> reservoir at Manique to provide water to places such as La Ferme, Montagne du Sable, Anse Goeland and Baie Malgache inter alia.
- (ix) That the Deputy Chief Commissioner's Office will launch a bidding exercise for the supply and delivery of lamps and bulbs for street lighting to replace defective ones.
- (x) To approve that the Rodrigues Public Utilities Corporation (RPUC) proceed with the recruitment of
- (a) 31 Plant and Equipment Operators (on roster Day and night) to enhance its operational capabilities in line with the expansion of its services; and
  - (b) 03 Administrative Clerk to support the increased administrative workload.

- (xi) To approve the organisation of a Rodrigues Motor Festival (Grand Prix de Port Mathurin) by the Motor Club of Mauritius in collaboration with the ROD Rider's Club in the context of their 40th anniversary.

The proposed programme will involve mobilisation of motorbikes (up to 200cc), mopeds, motor cross, go-karts, quad bikes, and drift cars. Participants from both Rodrigues and Mauritius will have the opportunity to showcase their combined talents and mastery on the road and off road while observing all security measures.

- (xii) That in the context of the Mother's Day 2024, the Commission for Handicraft will organise a Mother's Day Fair as from 23 to 25 May 2024 at Port Mathurin, within the Parking space, next to the Central Administration. The primary goal of the Mother's Day Fair this year is to promote local handicraft businesses and inspire entrepreneurship within the local community, especially amongst the youth and women.

- (xiii) To approve the setting up of the following Institutional Mechanism in connection with the implementation of the recommendations of the National Gender Policy in Rodrigues:

**(a) Rodrigues Steering Committee on Gender Mainstreaming**

It aims at ensuring that gender is permeated in all policies and programmes of the Regional Government, thereby providing guidance and new strategic orientations to promote a gender responsive culture;

**(b) Inter-Commission Gender Technical Working Committee**

It is a consultative forum to discuss progress, achievements and challenges of implementing the sectorial gender policies and action plans; and

**(c) Gender cells**

All the Commissions of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly and the Secretariat of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly have to set up their respective gender cells.

- (xiv) In view of the celebration of the International Day of Families 2024, the Commission for Family Affairs will launch the programme 'Autonomisation des familles' in collaboration with the Rodrigues Student Needs Association and an Action Plan to Combating Social Ills in Rodrigues.

- (xv) That the Commission for Youth and Sports will initiate actions for the development of a new motocross track at Pointe Palmiste.
- (xvi) That the Commission for Youth and Sports will grant a one-off stipend to a Judoka to meet expenses related to his recovery from injury in the last Indian Ocean Island Games in Madagascar.

## **TAKEN NOTE**

- (i) That the Procurement Policy Office within its mandate will be carrying out a Procurement Compliance Audit at the Rodrigues Regional Assembly from Monday 10 to Friday 14 June 2024. The delegation will be led by Mr. Lutchmeesing HARNAMSING, Deputy Director Procurement and Supply.
- (ii) That a delegation from the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development will field a mission to Rodrigues from 19 May to 1 June 2024, to provide additional training to Officers of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly pertaining to the Implementation of the Electronic Inventory Management System (EIMS) in Rodrigues.
- (iii) That a delegation from the Project Implementation and Monitoring Agency (PIMA) will be on mission to Rodrigues from Tuesday 7 May to Sunday 12 May 2024 to dispense training on the implementation and deployment of the Executive Management System.

The Agency works in close collaboration with Ministries/Departments to address impediments in the implementation of capital projects and ensure that these impediments are expeditiously dealt with and projects are completed on time.

- (iv) That the Rajiv Gandhi Science Centre in collaboration with the Commission for Education will organize an Africa Code Week in Rodrigues from 06 to 10 May 2024. The programme will consist of the following activities: -
  - (a) A Train the Trainer Programme targeting ICT Support Officers of Primary Schools and IT Educators of Secondary schools;
  - (b) A launching and Award of Certificate Ceremony at Antoinette Prudence Human Resource Development Centre; and
  - (c) Scratch Coding Sessions targeting primary pupils and secondary students to be run in their respective schools.

- (v) That the Licensing Committee at its meeting held on Thursday 25 April 2024 has approved the issue of twenty-one (21) Trade Licences.
- (vi) That at its meeting held on Tuesday 30 April 2024, the Building and Land Use Permit Committee has approved the grant of 5 (five) Residential and Building and Land Use Permits.
- (vii) Of the outcome of the participation of the delegation from Rodrigues in South Africa at the World Tourism Market (WTM) Africa 2024, which took place from 08 to 16 April 2024 in Cape Town and Johannesburg, South Africa.
- (viii) That in line with its objective to promote the rights and well-being of every child by ensuring protection against any form of abuse, the Commission for Child Development and others will organize sensitization sessions on the Children's Act 2020 for parents at Camp Pintade, Roche Bon Dieu, Ile Michel and Terre Rouge on 7, 10, 16 and 30 May 2024 respectively.

**Chief Commissioner's Office  
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Rodrigues**

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