



RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Executive Council

PRESS RELEASE

The Executive Council met at 10.00 hours this Friday 26 June 2009 under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. J. ROUSSETY, G.O.S.K and has, among its deliberations:

TAKEN NOTE

- (i) that a labour contract has been awarded to RABCO Contractor Ltd C/o Joseph André RABOUDE for the construction of 2.5 km of track road at Baie Malgache for the fixed sum of Rs 1,006,250 (inclusive of VAT). The project funded under the Food Security Fund will facilitate access to agricultural fields for 160 planters cultivating a total of 75 hectares.

- (ii) that a labour contract has been awarded to Mr. J. F. ROSIDOR PERRINE for the rehabilitation of drains at Baie Malgache for the fixed sum of Rs 1,035,000 inclusive of VAT. The works consisting of cleaning and reopening of drains, carting away of excavated materials and repair of existing retaining stone wall will be completed within 75 days as from the date of the signing of the contract agreement on 29 June 2009.

- (iii) of arrangement made for a study tour for a delegation of 30 fishers and 5 officials to Mauritius from 12 to 19 July 2009, where they will meet their counterparts and visit the Fisheries Training and Extension Centre (FITEC), boat builders, Albion Fisheries Research centre, Pointe Aux Feuilles Fish Farm, Blue Bay Marine Park and Fish Processing at "Thon des Mascareignes". The delegation will also have the opportunity to test medium size multiday off lagoon fishing boats as per the categories which will be purchased to be put at the disposal of fishers through the Rodrigues General Fishing Co. Ltd.

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- (iv) that a grant has been obtained from the Regional Coastal Management Programme (ReCoMap) to the tune of €18,000 for the setting up of a Geographical Information System (GIS) to manage marine scientific and other data collected by the Fisheries Protection Service, Shoals Rodrigues and the Fisheries Research and Training Unit. The GIS is scheduled to be completed by April 2010 and would be linked to the land based GIS.
- (v) that Mr. S. JEEWON, Officer in charge of the Traffic Management and Road Safety Unit will be on official mission to Rodrigues on 1st and 2nd July 2009 to make recommendations on the review of the traffic flow in Port Mathurin in the context of the construction of Winston Churchill Bridge and in relation to the substantial increase in the fleet of vehicles and motorcycles in Rodrigues. The bridge which was demolished in 2004 is being reconstructed with funding under the Additional Stimulus Package and works are expected to be completed in September 2009.
- (vi) that the tender document for the construction of the new market at Port Mathurin has been finalized and would be floated after vetting and approval by the Central Procurement Board. According to the tentative implementation schedule, the contract may be awarded by the end of October 2009 and construction works will take some 12 months.
- (vii) that in March 2009 the Government of Mauritius has signed a financing Agreement with IFAD in respect of the Marine and Agricultural Resources Support (MARS) Programme. The goal of the programme which covers both Mauritius and Rodrigues shall be to support the design and implementation of the Government's pro-poor reform agenda within the framework of the Mauritius Reform Programme, the Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and the Programme Based Budgeting (PBB) approach. Activities identified for Rodrigues include:-
- lagoon aquaculture and off-lagoon fishing;
 - support for community development activities based on extending the positive experience with RDP to be implemented by the Empowerment programme; and
 - Support for land consolidation, clustering and networking, agro-processing and marketing, training and demonstrations, and preparing business plans.

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(viii) of the programme of visit of an official delegation headed by the Minister of Education, Culture and Human Resources, Dr. The Honourable V. BUNWAREE from 1 to 2 July 2009 including among others the:-

- official launching of the Antenna of the National Library;
- Inauguration of the Pre-primary school at Terre Rouge;
- Laying of the Foundation Stone for Terre Rouge Secondary School;
- Official launching of the Book Festival; and
- Visit to Mt. Lubin College and le Chou IVTB Multipurpose Training Centre

(ix) that the football team of Port Sud Est Primary Government School has participated in the final of the FIFA Grassroots football tournament held on Thursday 24 June at Auguste Volaire Stadium at Flacq. The football team of Port Sud Est school won the tournament held in Rodrigues on 12 and 13 June 2009 and was awarded a shield and gold medal for Rodrigues zone.

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