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RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS 2010

Regulations made by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly under sections
26 and 31 of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly Act 2001
and item (7) of the fourth schedule of the said Act

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1. Short Title

These regulations may be cited as the **Rodrigues Regional Assembly (Community Development) Regulations 2010**.

2. Interpretation

In these regulations -

"Animateur Communautaire" means the person to whom the responsibility of promoting community organisation is assigned;

"Chairperson" means the Chairperson referred to in regulation (5) (1) (a) of the present regulations;

"Commission" means the Commission for Community Development;

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner to whom the subject of Community Development is assigned;

"Committee" means the Rodrigues Community Development Advisory Committee;

"Community" means all the people living in a specific locality or a group of people having common interests;

"Community Organisation" means any Community Organisation catering for the welfare of a community;

"Departmental Head" means the accounting officer of the Commission for Community Development;

"Managing Committee of the Community Organisation" means the committee to which power for decision making has been assigned on behalf of the Community Organisation;

"Non-governmental organisation", means a non-profitable organisation not belonging or associated with the government and which is a legal entity.

3. Establishment of the Rodrigues Community Development Advisory Committee

- (1) There is established for the purposes of these regulations a Rodrigues Community Development Advisory Committee.
- (2) The Rodrigues Community Development Advisory Committee shall work under the aegis of the Commission for Community Development.

- (3) The Committee shall advise the Commissioner for Community Development -
 - (a) on the development and implementation of programmes to integrate the community and more specially the vulnerable groups in all sectors of the development of Rodrigues in accordance with the policies of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly;
 - (b) on the allocation of grants and any assistance to the Community Organisations where applicable.
- (4) In the exercise of its functions, the Committee may appoint such subcommittees as it deems fit.

4. Objects of the Rodrigues Community Development Advisory Committee

- (1) The objects of the Committee shall be -
 - (a) to establish and maintain effective communication between the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, Community Organisations and other Non-governmental Organisations;
 - (b) to ensure coordination of activities of these various community organisations;
 - (c) to assist in the implementation and evaluation of policies of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly relating to the needs of the communities;
 - (d) to advise and assist development projects and activities with the aim of encouraging the active participation of the community in the process of their own empowerment.
- (2) The Committee shall, for the purposes of attaining its objects -
 - (a) examine and evaluate the contribution of each community to the various sectors of development in the light of the needs and priorities of Rodrigues in accordance with the policies of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly;

- (b) study specific areas and actions where the participation of the community should be invited or strengthened.
- (3) The Committee shall advise on the recruitment of persons to be Animateurs Communautaires.

5. Composition and functioning of the Committee

- (1) The Committee shall consist of -
 - (a) a Chairperson who shall be the Departmental Head of the Commission for Community Development, and in his absence by any other person appointed by the Commissioner;
 - (b) a representative of the Commission for Public Infrastructure;
 - (c) a representative of the Commission for Social Security, Women, Family Welfare and Child Development;
 - (d) a representative of each of the following organisations:
 - (i) Rodrigues Council of Social Services;
 - (ii) Rodrigues Regional Women's Committee;
 - (iii) Rodrigues Regional Youth Council;
 - (iv) Action Catholique des Enfants;
 - (v) Senior Citizens Association;
 - (e) 3 members, having experience and proven ability in the field of Community Work, appointed by the Commissioner.
- (2) The Secretary of the Committee shall be an officer from the Commission appointed by the Departmental Head for that purpose.

- (3) Decisions of the Committee shall be taken by simple majority of all members present, including the Chairperson and in case of deadlock the Chairperson shall have a casting vote.
- (4) The quorum of the Committee shall be six persons including the Chairperson.
- (5) The Committee shall regulate its meetings as the Chairperson deems fit.

6. Tenure of Office

Except for the Chairperson, a member shall hold office for an initial period of two years, renewable for further periods of two years.

7. Organisation structure and staffing

- (1) For the purpose of these regulations the island of Rodrigues shall be divided into different zones as may be determined by the Commissioner.
- (2) Each zone shall be under the responsibility of an officer of the Commission as assigned by the Departmental Head.
- (3) An Animateur Communautaire shall work in the different Community Centre/s as assigned by the Departmental Head.

8. Recognition of Community Organisation

The Commission for Community Development shall recognize a Community Organisation only if it is a legal entity or it is affiliated with an institution or organisation having a legal entity.

9. Commencement

These regulations shall come into operation as from 01 July 2010.

Passed by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly on 18th May 2010.