

**CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM
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CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE OF AMBASSADORS**

I am very honoured to extend hearty congratulations to the Secretariat and membership of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States on our 45th Anniversary. Exactly two months ago, we celebrated the coming into force of the revised Georgetown Agreement and the subsequent change of name.

While the name has changed, the meaning and significance of the day remains the same. It is the day that we celebrate our foundation and our community. As we celebrate the day under these special circumstances, we must remember that the survival of the organization is a clear testament to its relevance to the political and socio-economic advancement of our member states and peoples across Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific.

The theme of this year's celebrations is "OACPS 3.0: The Power to Change". And this speaks to the ability of this organization to adapt to meet the needs of its membership and the context in which it operates. This is even more apparent this year in the wake of the global pandemic necessitating a different approach to our celebrations; however, we remain dedicated in our resolve to further strengthen our organization to respond to the current and future challenges.

I wish you all, a happy OACPS Day.