



DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Commemorative message by VP Meriton in celebration of OACPS Day

Today, Seychelles proudly joins the rest of the OACPS countries to celebrate the OACPS Day under the theme of 'Power of Change'. This is also an occasion to take pride in what has been achieved thus far by OACPS.

On this day, we also recognize the need to continue embracing the values of equality, peace and progress, as we continue to steer the organisation in the right direction so that it reaches its full potential.

Notwithstanding the progress made, in today's increasingly unpredictable environment, OACPS is confronted with a number of challenges, including sustainable development, protection of the environment, climate change, human rights, migration and peace and security among others. We have to continue working together in order to surmount these challenges.

As we commemorate OACPS day, we remain inspired by the theme "Power of Change", as a driver for embracing innovation, boosting diversification and deepening sustainable development, with the view to create a more economically resilient OACPS group. More than ever, priority should be given to intensify international efforts to re-look at the fabric of international development support and harness global solidarity, in order to address the inequalities that exist in our societies and globally, as exposed by this COVID-19 pandemic, as well as finding a suitable solution to the debt burden, which many member-countries must bear.

As part of this OACPS family, we remain committed to work together, seek new partnerships, enhance existing ones and truly transform the OACPS into a modern, dynamic and effective intermediary for promoting OACPS goals and aspirations.