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*March 2021/OACPS:* Secretary-General H.E. Mr Georges Rebelo Pinto Chikoti, in a video message at the opening of the Joint Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat – International Trade Centre (PIFS-ITC) Symposium on Trade Finance, highlighted several trade-related activities of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS).

Highlighting the importance of the private sector as a main development actor, the OACPS Secretary-General touched on key aspects of the OACPS’ trade policy, ending his presentation with three initiatives of special interest to the Pacific region.

With the theme, “Improving and Strengthening Private Sector Access to Finance for Trade”, the Joint PIFS-ITC Symposium on Trade Finance takes place from 10-11 March in Suva Fiji. Also speaking at the Opening were: Dame Meg Taylor, Secretary General, PIFS; Mr Shaheen Ali, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport, Fiji and Forum Trade Official Chair; Ms Pamela Coke-Hamilton, Executive Director, ITC and H.E. Sujiro Seam, Head of the EU Delegation in the Pacific.

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