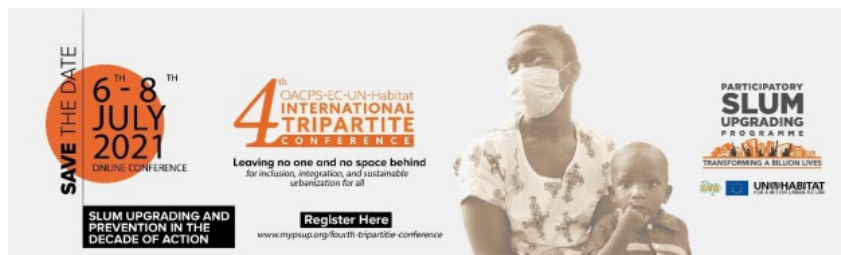


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Brussels, 6 July/OACPS: H.E. Mr.

Georges Rebelo Pinto Chikoti, Secretary-General of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) today delivered the Opening Address at the Launch of the 4th OACPS/EC/UN-Habitat International Tripartite Conference, which takes place in the framework of the partnership with the Secretariat of the OACPS, the European Commission (EC), and UN-Habitat.

In his speech, Secretary-General Chikoti conveyed the OACPS' satisfaction with the performance of the Participatory Slum Upgrading Programme (PSUP), which he pointed out, has reached out to more than **40 countries, 190 cities and 4 million people** in vulnerable communities: “We appreciate the Programme’s platform to exchange and learn, conduct policy dialogues, assist countries to engage in urban development and facilitate development frameworks for transformation.”

Secretary-General Chikoti reaffirmed the OACPS' willingness to promote and develop South-South collaboration and exchange of experiences, and called on national governments and local authorities to make it a policy and financial priority to create an annual budget towards slum upgrading.

The 4th Tripartite OACPS/EC/UN-Habitat Conference is held to discuss results, progress and impacts on the commitments agreed in the last OACPS/EC/UN-Habitat Declaration in Brussels in 2018. The Online Conference runs from 6 to 8 July. To join the conference please click on: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85055800133> ^[1] and [visit the Conference Agenda Here](#) ^[2].

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About the Programme

The Participatory Slum Upgrading Programme (PSUP) was founded in 2008 as a tripartite initiative of the Secretariat of the former African, Caribbean and Pacific Group (ACP) of States, the European Commission and UN-Habitat. About 40 countries and 190 cities are now investing in strategic, participatory slum upgrading activities and sustainable urbanization. PSUP focuses on the biggest challenges for slum dweller – the lack of adequate housing and basic services.

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