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Finance Minister Advances Development Priorities at OPEC Fund Development Forum

Finance Minister, the Honourable Davendranath Tancoo joined leaders from around the globe for the OPEC Fund Development Forum 2026 in Vienna, Austria on June 23rd 2026. The event convened under the theme, *“A Transition That Empowers Our Tomorrow”*, primarily focused on discussions on advancing development impact and strengthening resilience, particularly in vulnerable nations. This year’s forum also marked a historic milestone, as the OPEC Fund celebrated its Golden Jubilee fifty (50) years of partnership-based international development cooperation.

“We are deeply appreciative of the opportunities the Fund creates through initiatives such as this, bringing together partners from across the globe to engage in meaningful dialogue, strengthen collaboration, and explore innovative pathways toward sustainable development,” the Finance Minister said.

Minister Tancoo further added that he was looking forward to building on the relationships that were established, “as we continue working together to advance resilience, prosperity and shared progress for our regions and our people.”

The OPEC Fund Development Forum provided an opportunity to engage in meaningful dialogue, strengthen partnerships, and explore innovative pathways for sustainable development. Participants included the Right Honourable Mia Mottley, S.C., Prime Minister of Barbados, Dr. Alexander Van der Bellen, Federal President of the Republic of Austria, International Ministers of Finance and Economic Affairs, along with Leaders of Development Banks and Agencies from around the world.



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The Finance Minister also expressed profound thanks to CAF (Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean) for its continued support, and for facilitating Trinidad and Tobago's contribution to this Forum.

For more on the OPEC Fund Development Forum 2026, please visit the following website:
<https://forum.opecfund.org/#Program>

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