

# **Preventing and Combating Human Trafficking in the Americas**

**Consultation of the UN Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons**



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# **Root Causes into Prevention Programmes**

# Trafficking from and to the Americas

Japan

Europe

Asia



# Countries of Origin, Transit, and Destination

North America

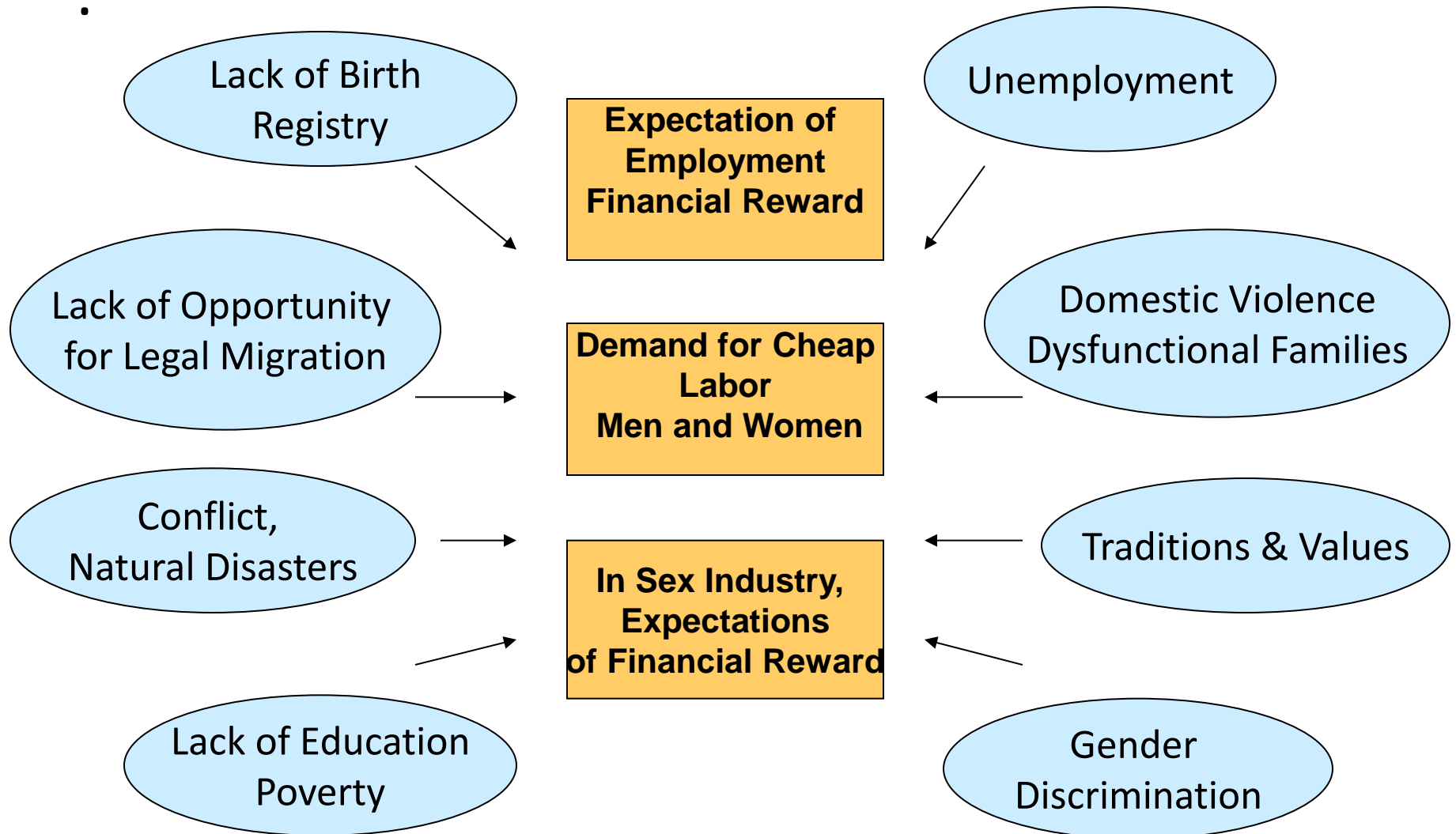
E. Europe

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Asia

# TIP in the Americas: Push, Pull Factors





# Commitment of the OAS Member States

- Dedicated State action to combat trafficking in persons
- Anti TIP law enforcement
- Identification of victims.
- Data collection
- Prevention-Protection



# **Work Plan to Combat Trafficking in Persons in the Western Hemisphere 2010-2012 AG/RES.2551(XL-O/10)**

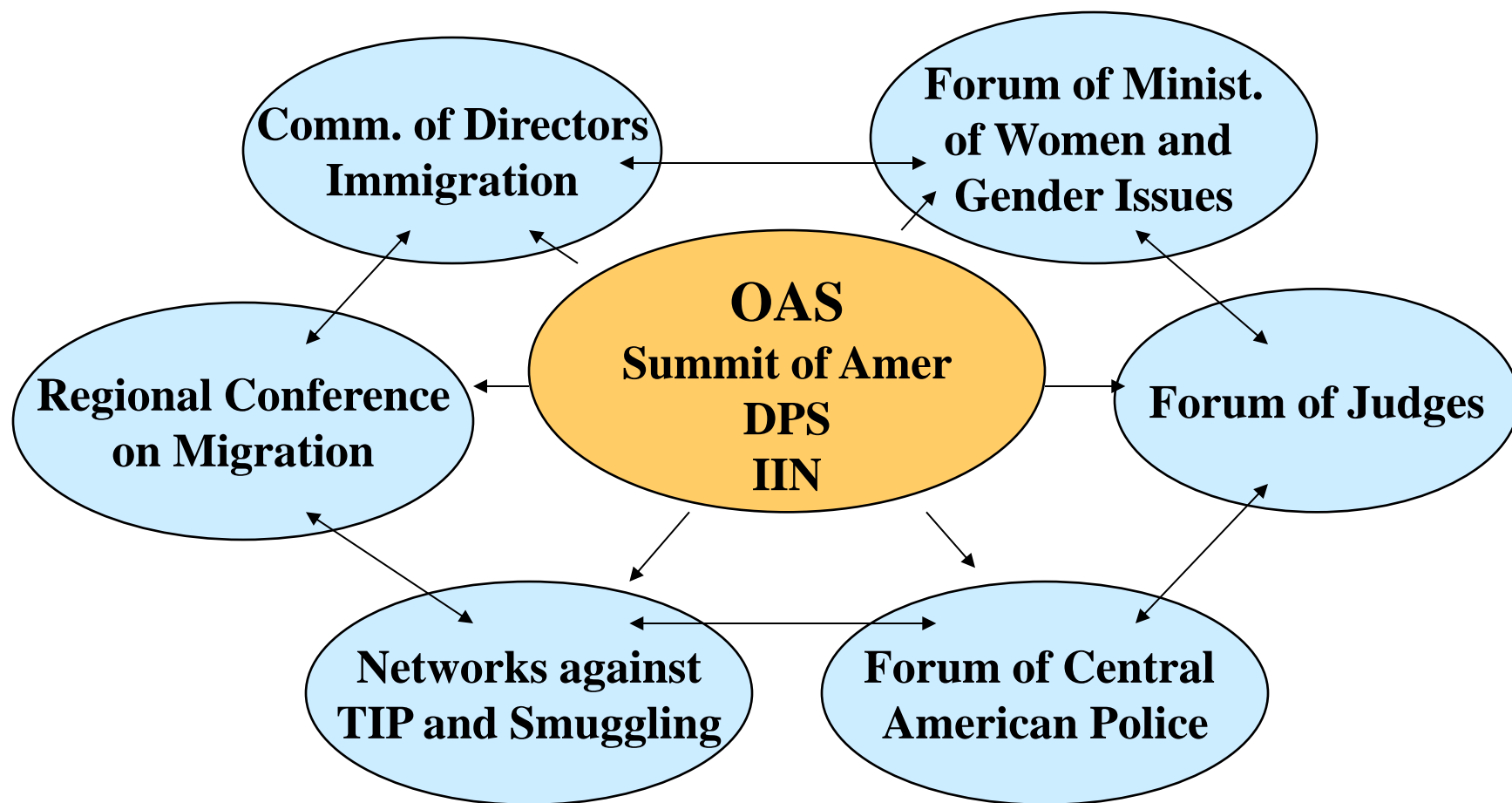
- **Prevention:** promote legislation, policies, actions plans, campaigns, coop.-sectors. Identify vulnerable groups, supervision of travel agents-job recruiters, combat demand.

Suggested Activities

# **Protection of Specific Groups: Gender-Sensitive and Child- Centered Approaches**



# Use of Existing Platforms: Central America



# Consular Training





# Peacekeeping Capacity-Building



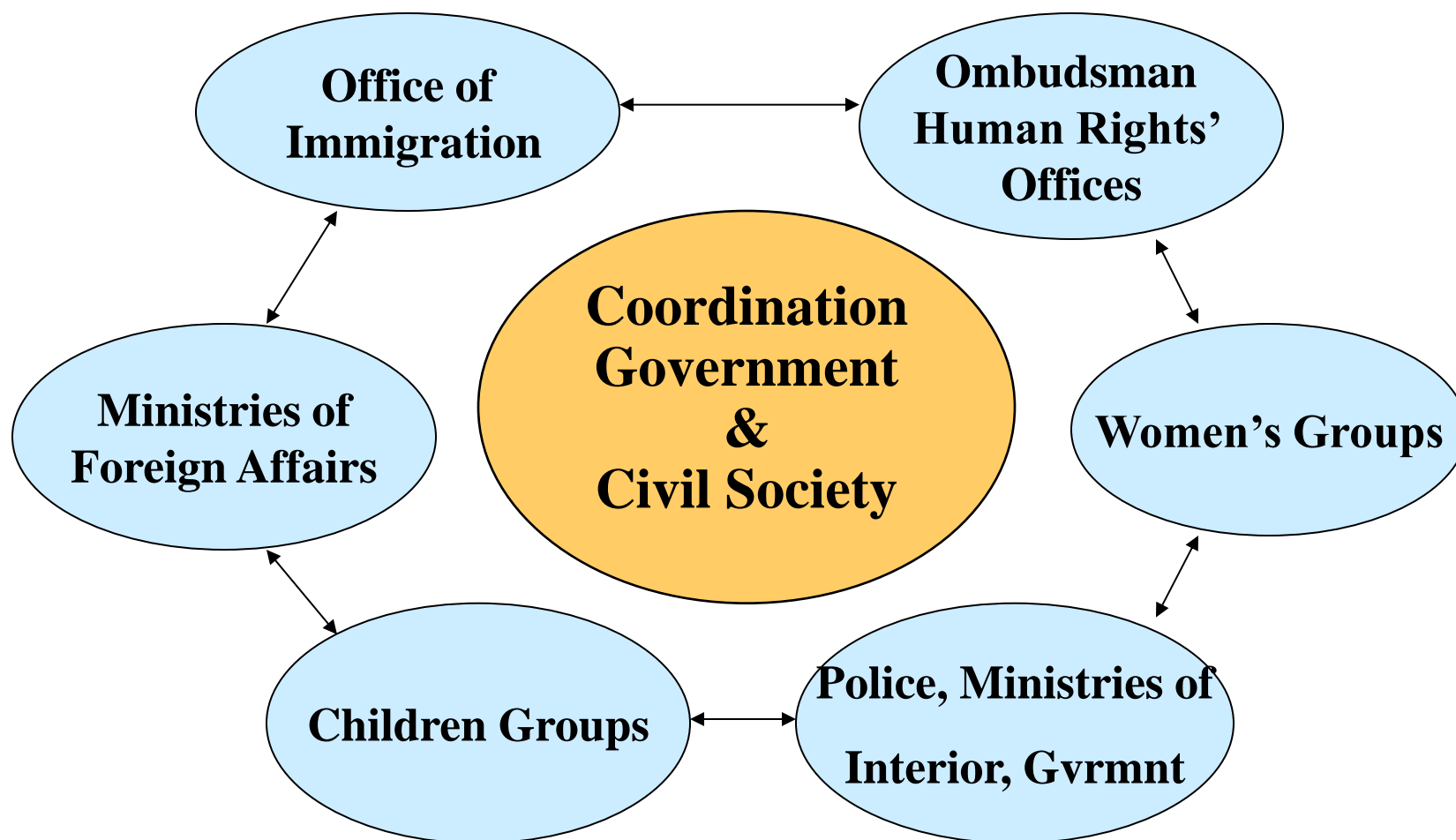
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- **Prosecution:** judicial cooperation, extradition, confiscation of proceeds, data, create police units, training, agreements, invest. Techniques.
- **Protection:** shelters, State cooperation, protection of victims/witness/children, consular services, legal advise, funding, promote UN instruments.

# **Cooperation with Civil Society and Private Sector**



# National Coordination



## Best Practices: Central America



## **Cooperation Activities**

- Research
- Training and capacity-building: government, civil society, press, immigration authorities, law enforcement officers, consular officials, Pskeepers.
- Participation of key women organizations
- Public information campaign: TV and Radio
- Victim assistance: professional services
- Establishment of legal frameworks
- Discussions on Legal and public policy reforms

## Challenges

- The mandate of the Palermo Protocol
- Creation and implementation of legal frameworks in accordance to Member States social, political, economic and cultural realities
- Awareness raising, human rights perspective
- Active participation of all sectors of society

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