

# **Trafficking in Persons in the Americas: combating a global crime with global and inclusive solutions**

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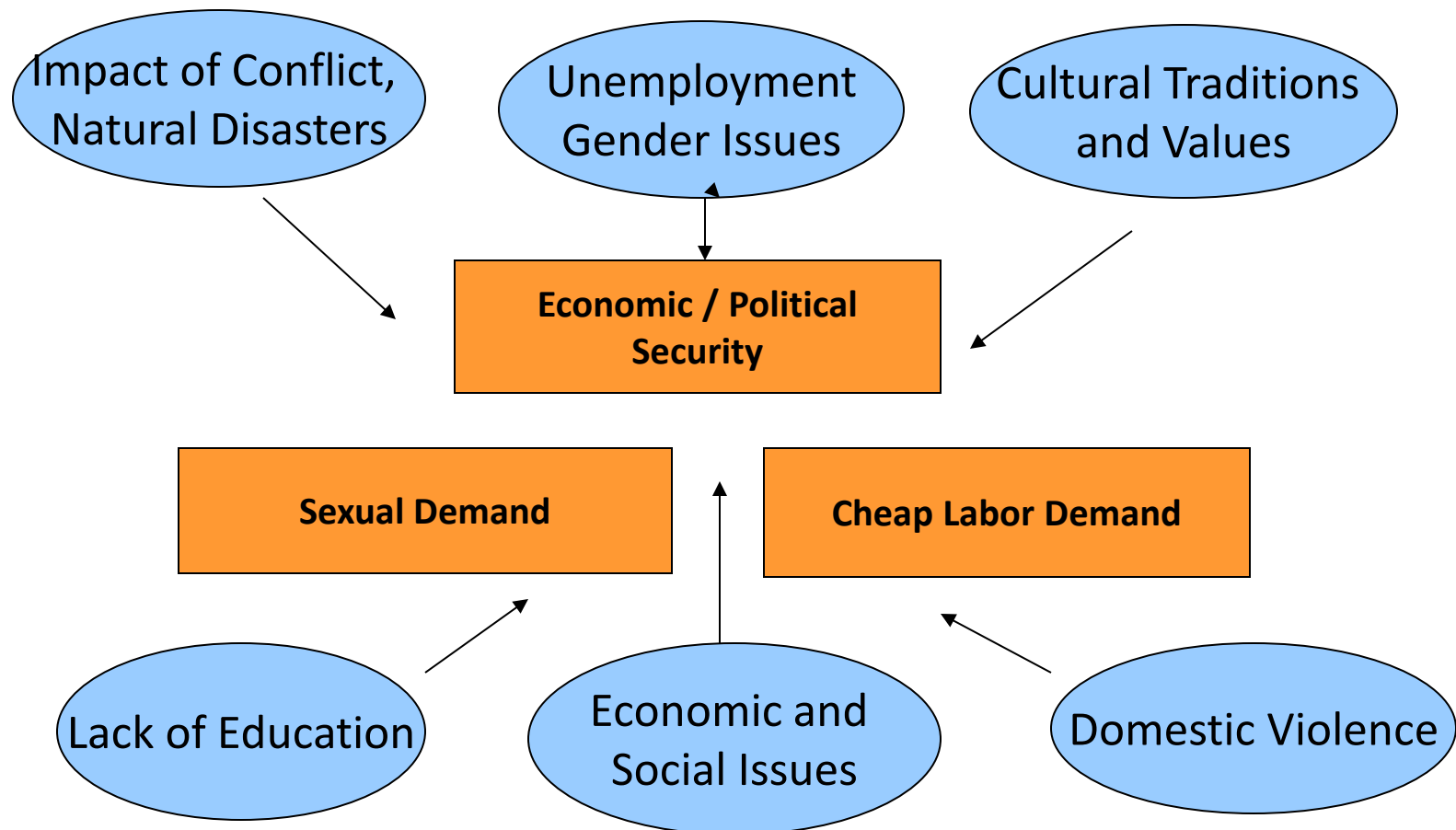
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## Organization of American States (OAS)

- 1889-90 International Union of American Republics
- 1948 OAS Charter
- Political platform bringing together all independent states in the Western Hemisphere
- Active participation of 67 Permanent Observers and the European Union
- OAS actions are based on four pillars: **Democracy, Development, Human Rights, Security**



## Establishment of Partnerships to Combat Vulnerabilities



## Base Documents for OAS Member States

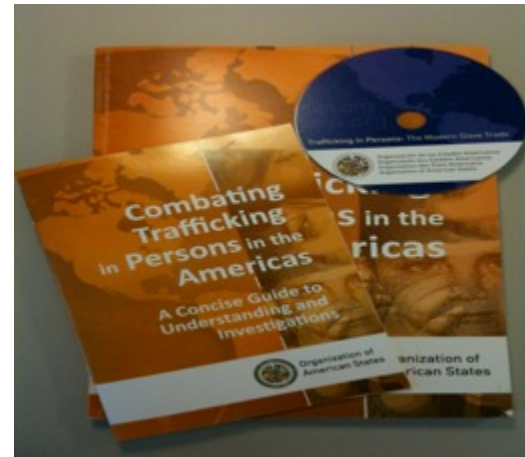
- Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children  
[http://www.planalto.gov.br/ccivil\\_03/\\_ato2004-2006/2004/decreto/d5017.htm](http://www.planalto.gov.br/ccivil_03/_ato2004-2006/2004/decreto/d5017.htm)
- Conclusions and Recommendations of the First and Second Meetings of National Authorities on Trafficking in Persons (Venezuela 2006, Argentina 2009)  
[http://scm.oas.org/doc\\_public/ENGLISH/HIST\\_06/RA00039E04.doc](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/ENGLISH/HIST_06/RA00039E04.doc);  
<http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XXXIX.2/RTP-II/doc&classNum=5&lang=e>
- Work Plan against Trafficking in Persons in the Western Hemisphere AG/RES.2551 (XL-O/10)  
<http://www.oas.org/consejo/sp/AG/Documentos/AG05138E06.doc>
- Conclusions of the Third Meeting of National Authorities on Trafficking in Persons (Guatemala 2012)  
<http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=XXXIX.3%20RTP-III/Doc&classNum=7&lang=e>

## OAS – Coordination Efforts with Member States

- Public policies and strategies to combat TIP
- Anti TIP comprehensive law strengthening
- Identification of victims
- Data collection
- Prevention-Protection



## Strengthening Collaboration and Coordination Efforts with International Organizations



## **Work Plan to Combat Trafficking in Persons in the Western Hemisphere 2010-2014 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.
- **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 Areas at the Multi-Sector Level

- Attention to internal trafficking
- Strong witness protection systems
- Strengthened and more effective judicial systems
- Banning of entertainment visas
- Unification of terminology
- Identification of missing persons
- Strengthening of the principle of shared-responsibility
- Budget allocation for effective remedies
- Strengthening of standard operating procedures
- View victim protection as a State Policy
- Ratification of international instruments
- Address gender issues and women empowerment



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