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*Drug Trafficking and Organized Crime in Central America:  
The Challenges for the 2010-2020 Decade*

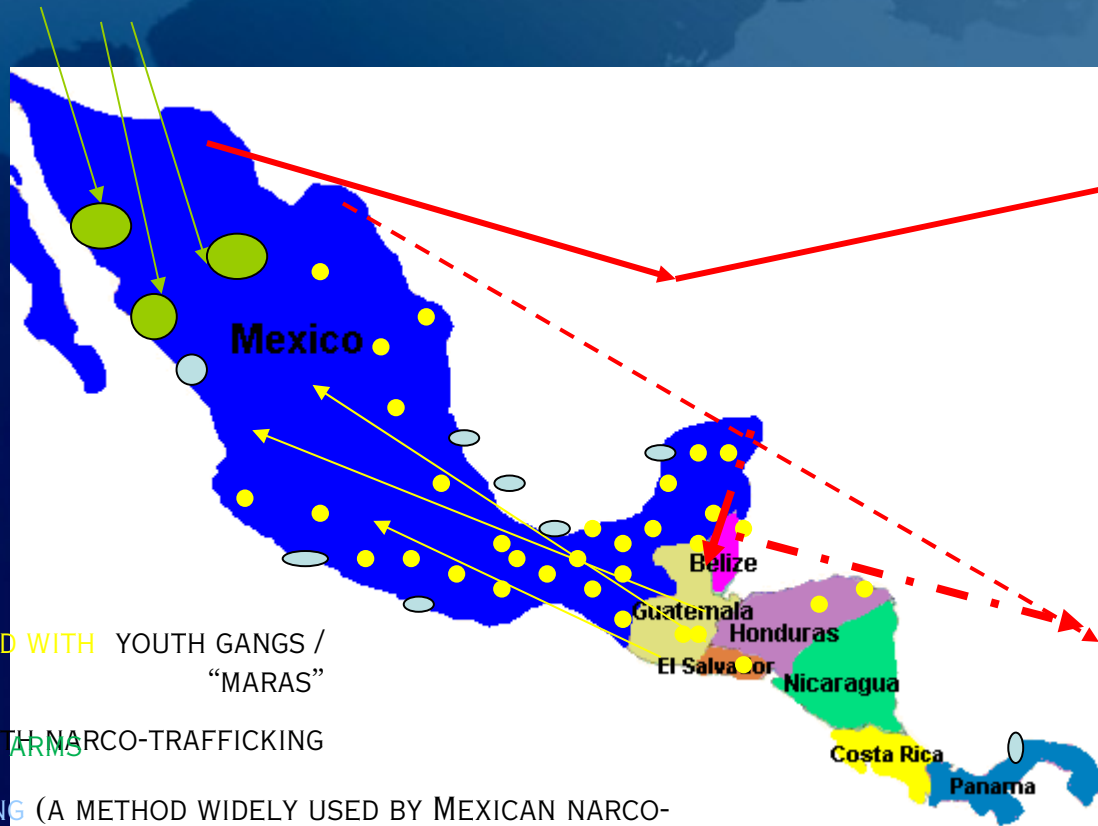
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*Panel 2: International and Regional Agreements Relating to  
Trafficking Issues: The Role of International Organizations*

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• **What are the current threats in Central America and Mexico?**



- CAINE TRAFFICKING
- VIOLENCE LINKED WITH YOUTH GANGS / "MARAS"
- YOUTH GANGS LINKED WITH NARCO-TRAFFICKING
- MONEY LAUNDERING (A METHOD WIDELY USED BY MEXICAN NARCO-CARTELS)

• THE CHALLENGES IN MEXICO: NARCO-CARTELS AND GANGS:



Federación

- THE THREAT FROM NORTH AMERICA:  
SMALL ARMS TRAFFICKING





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- **KIDNAPPING: A FASHIONABLE CRIME IN CENTRAL AMERICA, MEXICO AND THE CARIBBEAN**



Source: Federal Police, Mexico – on-the spot operation to rescue a kidnapped young lady - Mexico DF.



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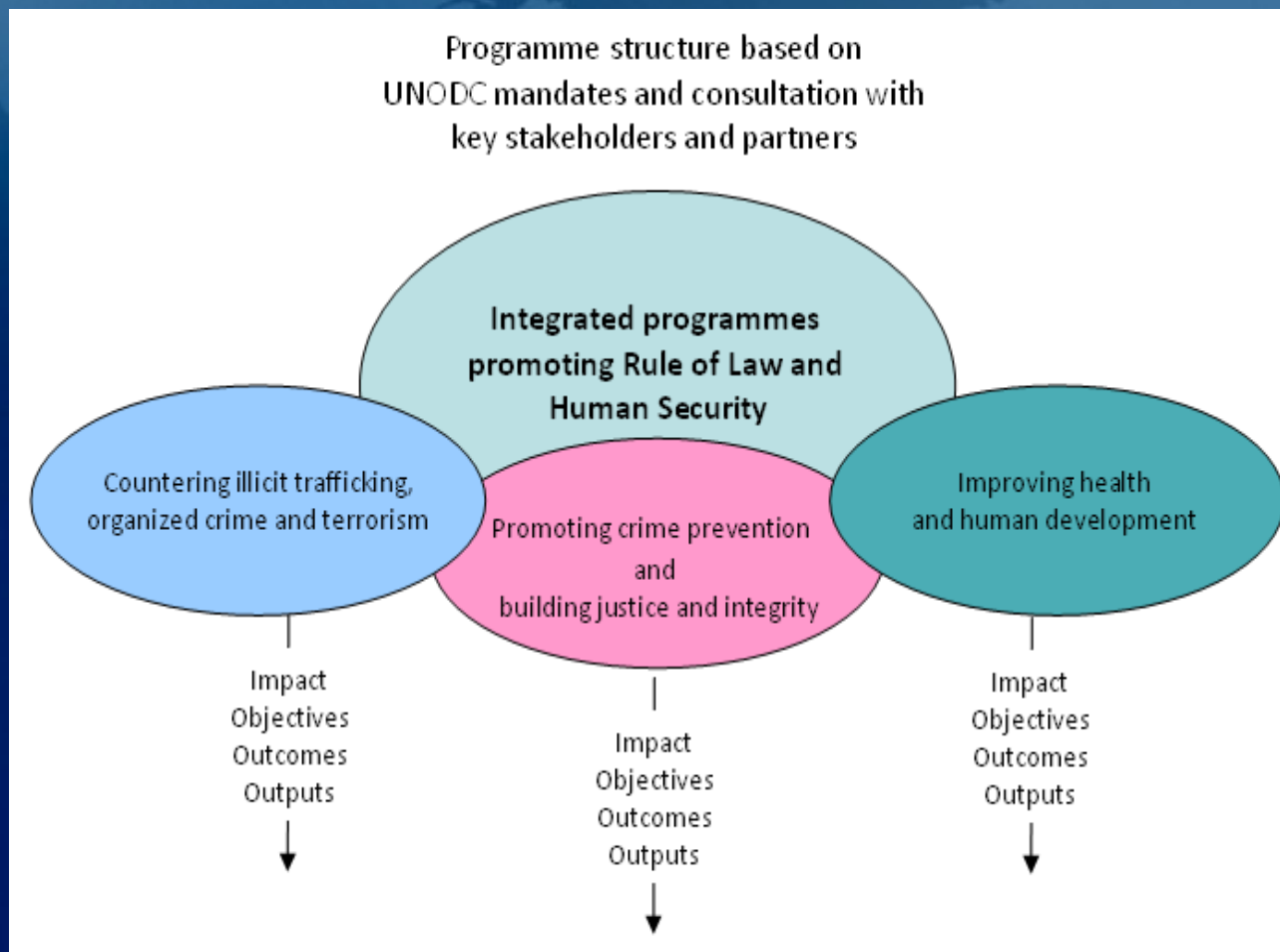
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## *Guiding principles of UNODC's regional approach*

### THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

- DEVELOPING PROGRAMMES. ASSESSMENT AND PROGRAMME FORMULATION MISSIONS WERE FIELDED IN ALL SELECTED COUNTRIES OF THE REGION TO IDENTIFY NEEDS FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (OCT 2008 – JUNE 2009);
- DIVERSIFYING PROGRAMMES. IN THE PAST YEARS, UNODC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WAS MOSTLY LIMITED TO DRUG-RELATED PROJECTS. WORK HAS NOW STARTED TO EXPAND THE PROGRAMME TO CRIME-RELATED AREAS;
- INTEGRATING REGIONAL AND COUNTRY PROGRAMMES. UNODC WILL FOCUS ON CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES, MAKING THE BEST USE OF ITS THEMATIC EXPERTISE

## **Structure of the regional programme**





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## ***Selected outputs of the regional programme***

- UPGRADE THE PROFESSIONAL SKILLS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN SPECIALIZED AREAS;
- COLLECT, COLLATE AND ANALYZE INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF INTELLIGENCE-LED OPERATIONAL RESPONSES;
- SUPPORT THE CONDUCT OF SPECIALIZED INVESTIGATIONS IN COMPLEX AND ORGANIZED CRIME CASES;
- PROMOTE INTEGRITY, PREVENT AND COMBAT CORRUPTION WITHIN SPECIALIZED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES;
- REINFORCE AND BUILD COOPERATION AMONGST LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES BOTH WITHIN AND BETWEEN MEMBER STATES; AND
- SUPPORT THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORMS IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE RULE OF LAW.

## ***A Results-based Process:***

1). EXPERTS GROUP MEETING FOR SICA MEMBER STATES  
(SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA, 4-5 FEBRUARY 2009)

OUTCOME: REGIONAL APPROACH WITH SICA

2). MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE FOR THE CARIBBEAN  
(SANTO DOMINGO, 17-20 FEB 2009)

OUTCOME: SANTO DOMINGO PACT

3). MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE FOR CENTRAL AMERICA:

OUTCOMES:

(I) ESTABLISHMENT OF ROPAN

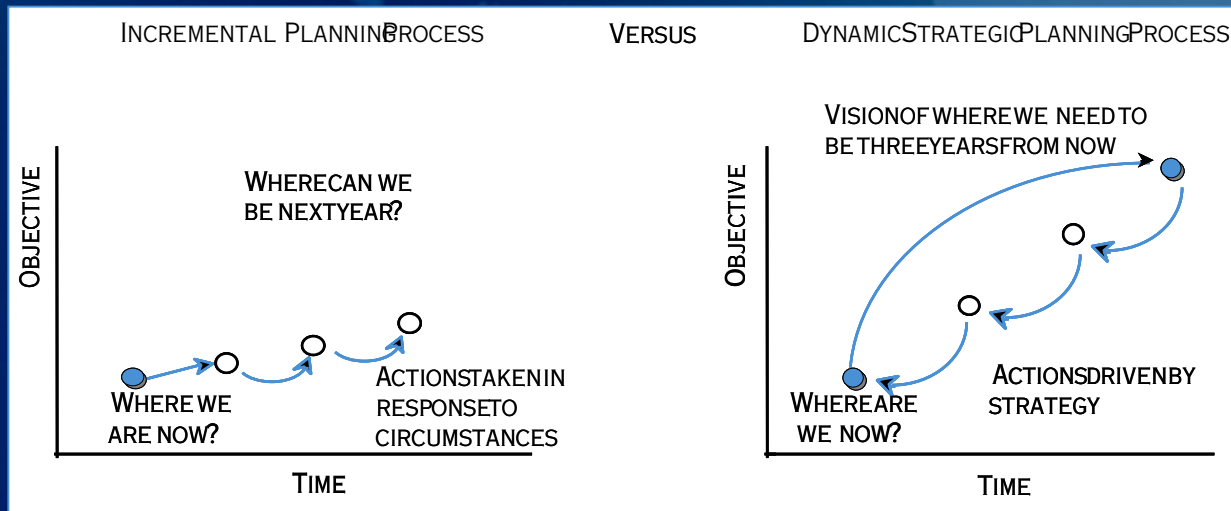
(J) ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE

(K) PRESENTATION OF THE COUNTRY INTEGRATED PROGRAMMES

(L) PRESENTATION OF THE SANTO DOMINGO PACT AND MANAGUA MECHANISM

## Experts Meeting in San José, Costa Rica (4-5 February 2009)

- Programmatic and results-focused:* THE PROGRAMME IS THE RESULT OF A DYNAMIC STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS WITH THE CENTRAL AMERICAN INTEGRATION SYSTEM (SICA). ACTIONS HAVE BEEN DRIVEN BY THE VISION OF WHERE WE NEED TO BE IN 2013, AS OPPOSED TO AN INCREMENTAL PLANNING PROCESS WHERE ACTIONS ARE TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO CIRCUMSTANCES.

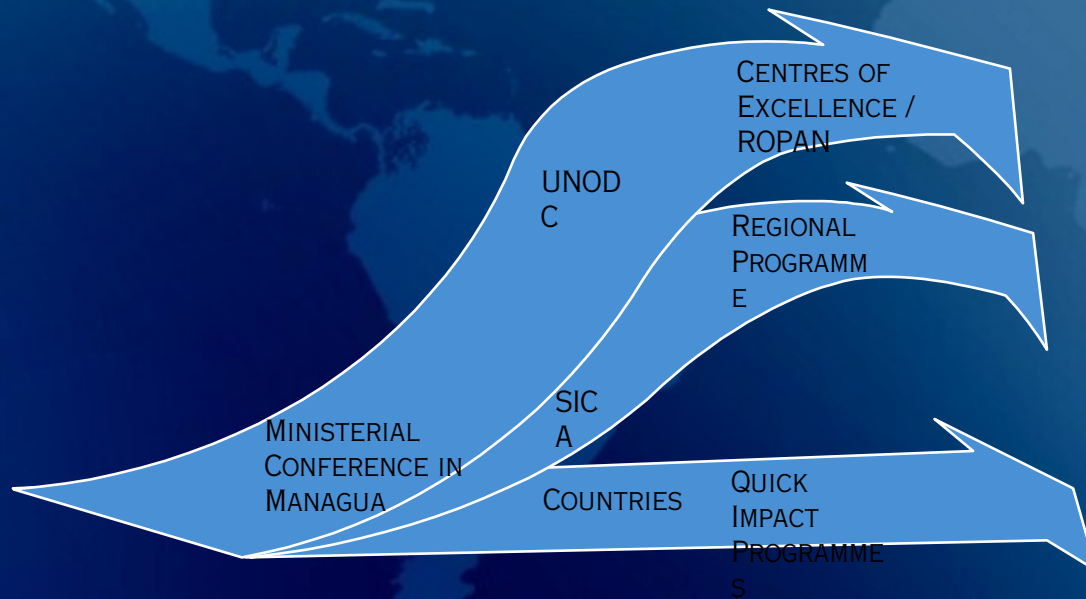




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## Ministerial Conference in Managua – the results





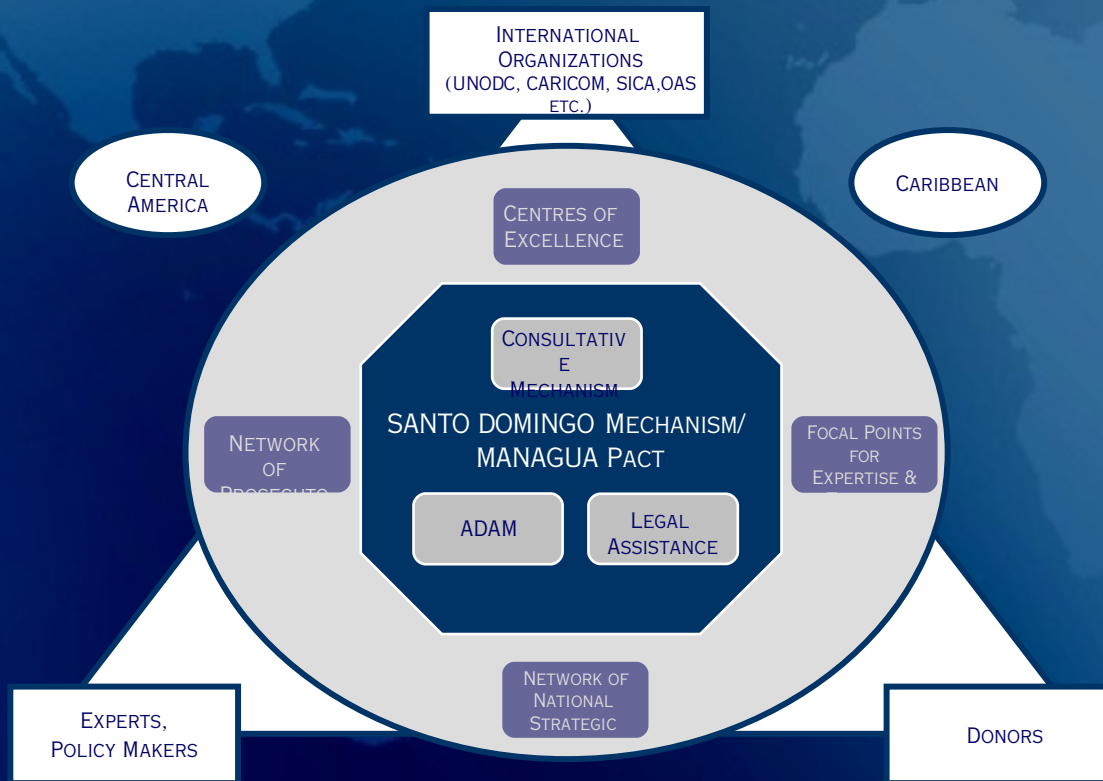
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## ***The Santo Domingo Pact and Managua Mechanism***

- THE ***Santo Domingo Pact and Managua Mechanism*** IS AN INTER-REGIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF FACILITATING PERIODICAL CONSULTATIONS AND STRATEGIC THINKING BETWEEN PARTNERS AT EXPERT AND POLICY LEVEL IN ORDER TO JOINTLY DISCUSS, IDENTIFY AND SET IN MOTION COORDINATED ACTIONS TO STEM THE INCREASING LEVELS OF ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING AND RELATED ORGANIZED CRIME FROM, TO AND THROUGH ***Central America*** AND ***the Caribbean***.

# The Santo Domingo Pact and Managua Mechanism



## **Centres of excellence - mandate**

- 1). RESEARCH AND GENERATION OF REGIONAL EXPERTISE PROVIDING THE FOLLOWING SERVICES.
- 2). CAPACITY-BUILDING THROUGH TRAINING AND PROVISION OF TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT.
- 3). INFORMATION SHARING AND COOPERATION.





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