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Main alliances on OSH as a mandate for Sustainable Development

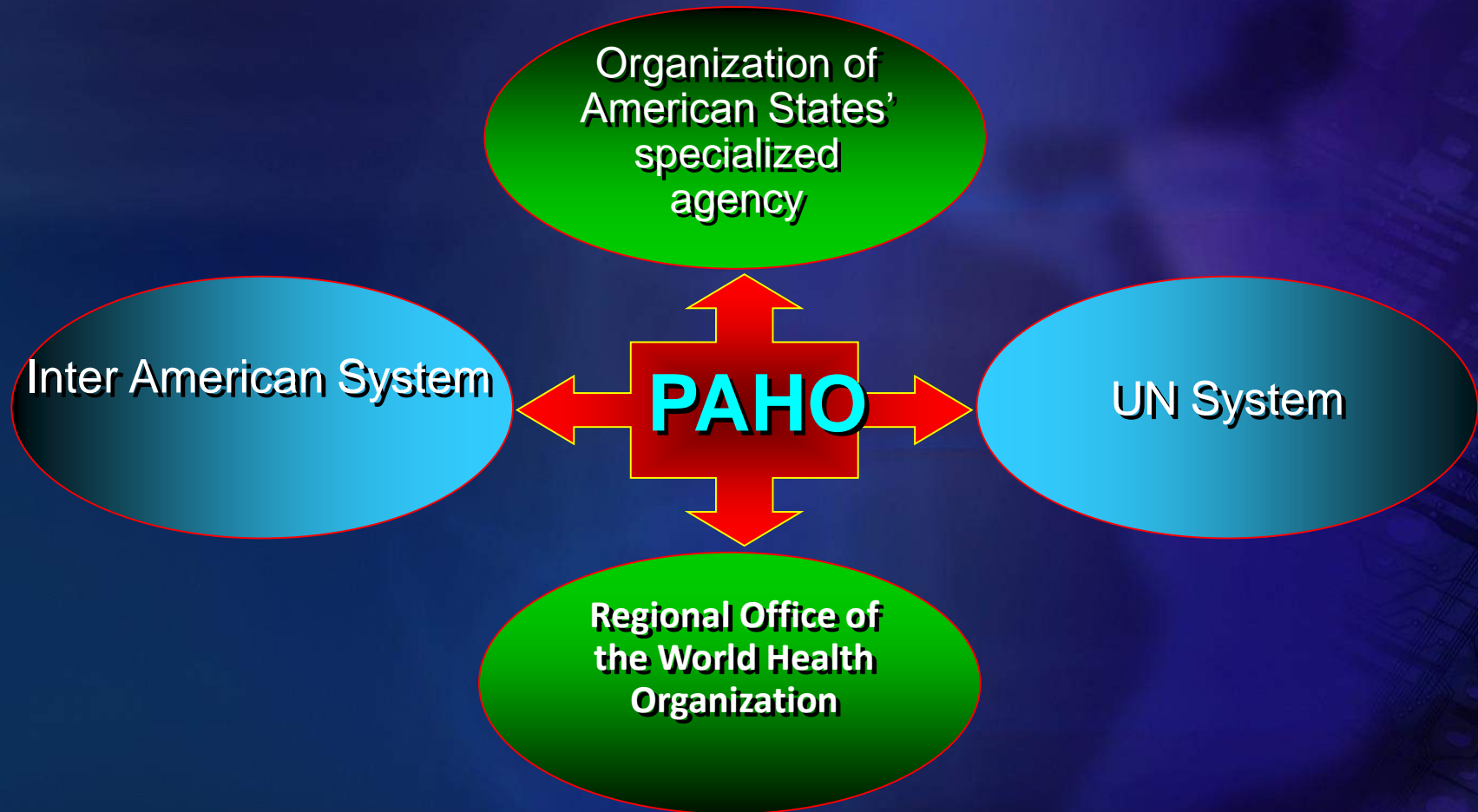
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PANAMERICANISM and EQUITY

Mission

To lead strategic collaborative efforts among Member States and other partners to promote equity in health, to combat disease, and to improve the quality of, and lengthen, the lives of the peoples of the Americas

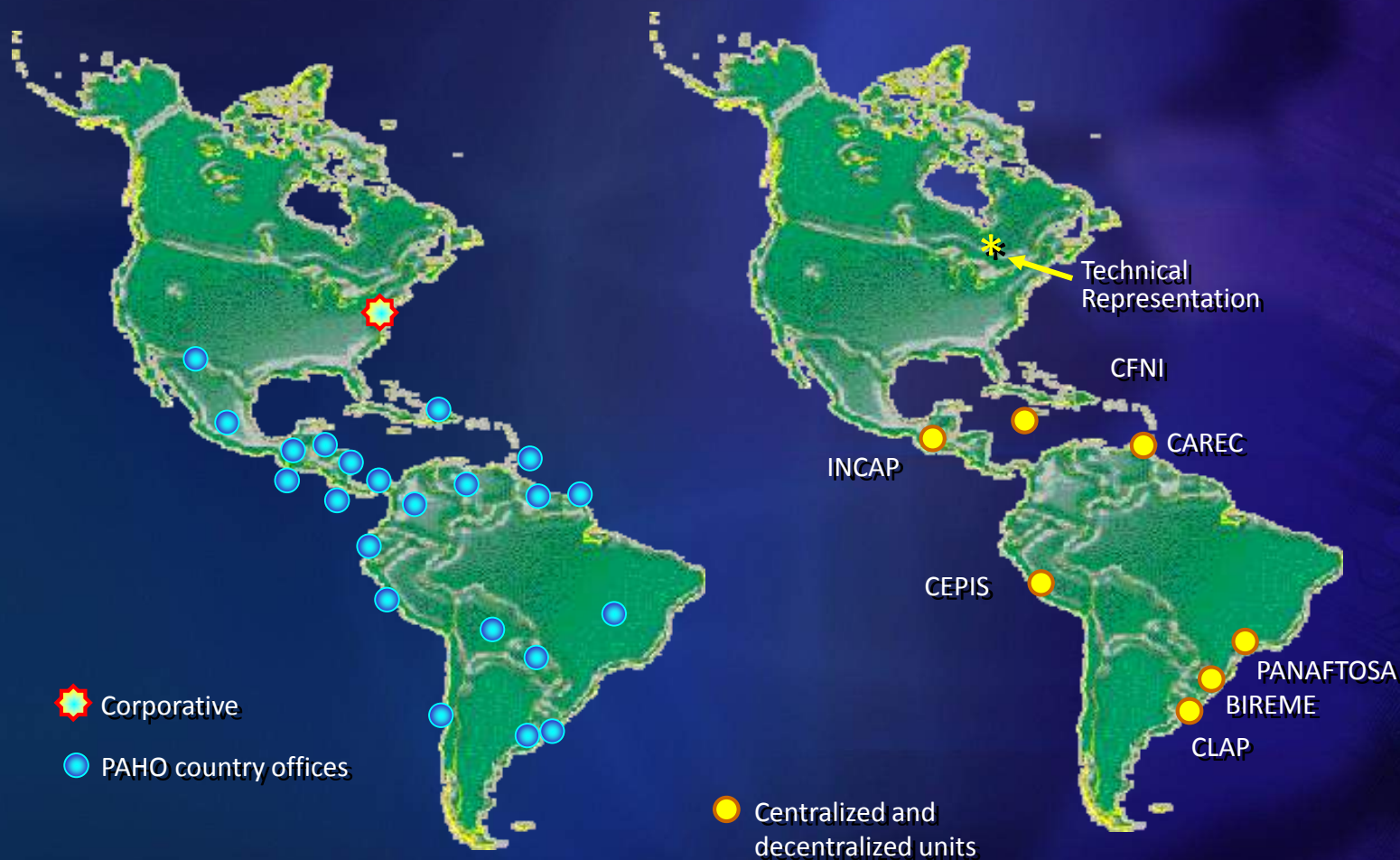
Vision

The Pan American Health Organization will be the major catalyst for ensuring that all the peoples of the Americas enjoy optimal health and contribute to the well being of their families and communities



PAHO's presence in the Region

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PAHO's member states

Antigua and
Barbuda
Argentina
Bahamas
Barbados
Belize
Bolivia
Brazil
Canada
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Cuba
Dominica
Ecuador
El Salvador
Grenada

Guyana
Haiti
Honduras
Jamaica
Mexico
Nicaragua
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Republica Dominicana
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent and the
Grenadines
Suriname
Trinidad and Tobago
United States
Uruguay
Venezuela

Participant Countries

France
Netherlands
United Kingdom, Great Britain
and North Ireland

Associate Members

Puerto Rico

Observer Countries

España
Portugal



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Regional Plan of Worker's Health

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❖ RESOLUTION CD XIII 1999

Actors:

- International and governmental
- Worker's and private organizations
- NGOs and universities
- Media
- Collaborating Centers

Programatic Areas

- ✓ Quality of Work Environments
- ✓ Normative and Political Framework
- ✓ Health Promotion
- ✓ Comprehensive Health Services



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Sustainable Human Development

“It is about creating an environment in which people can develop their full potential and lead productive, creative lives in accord with their needs and interests ”.



Main alliances for action



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Interagency Alliance PAHO/WHO - ILO



- **Joint committee on Health and Work safety WHO-ILO**
- **Technical advisory CIMT/OAS and Process of Summit of the Americas**
- **World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg (2002)**



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Interagency Alliance PAHO- ILO Actions



ILO-PAHO Alliance

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Future actions:

- **Joint planning of their programs and activities oriented to institutional strengthening of the countries in the context of *Decent Work (Safe work) and the Healthy Work Environment initiative.***
- **To keep supporting the management and dissemination of information on OSH through networks**
- **To share databases and methodologies to complement and strengthen information systems on OHS**
- **Joint work on AIDS in the context of Joint Guidelines ILO-WHO**



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Future actions:

- **To coordinate efforts to review and update legislation on OSH**
- **To support the promotion of agreements and recommendations of ILO and WHO's Global Occupational Health Strategy for All**
- **To promote synergistic work among Collaborating Centers of WHO and ILO (CIS)**
- **To support implementing actions of the Global Program WHO-ILO to eliminate silicosis in the Americas.**
- **To support PAHO-WHO initiative of equity on Occupational Health Systems in the Region**



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Alliance to implement the initiative of Healthy Work Environments

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- New working culture
- Personal and collective development
- Public participation
- Improvement of work and environment of the community.

Central American
Agreement OPS- 8
Labor Ministers
(Toolkit HWE)

Agreement
Brazil-Canada
Industrial Sector
SESI

Hispanic Workers
in USA EPA, NSC,
OSHA, NAHH

Health workers' health
(OSH of HCW)

CARICOM
(Healthy hotels)



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Healthy Work Environment Initiative, Tools, Standards and Parameters

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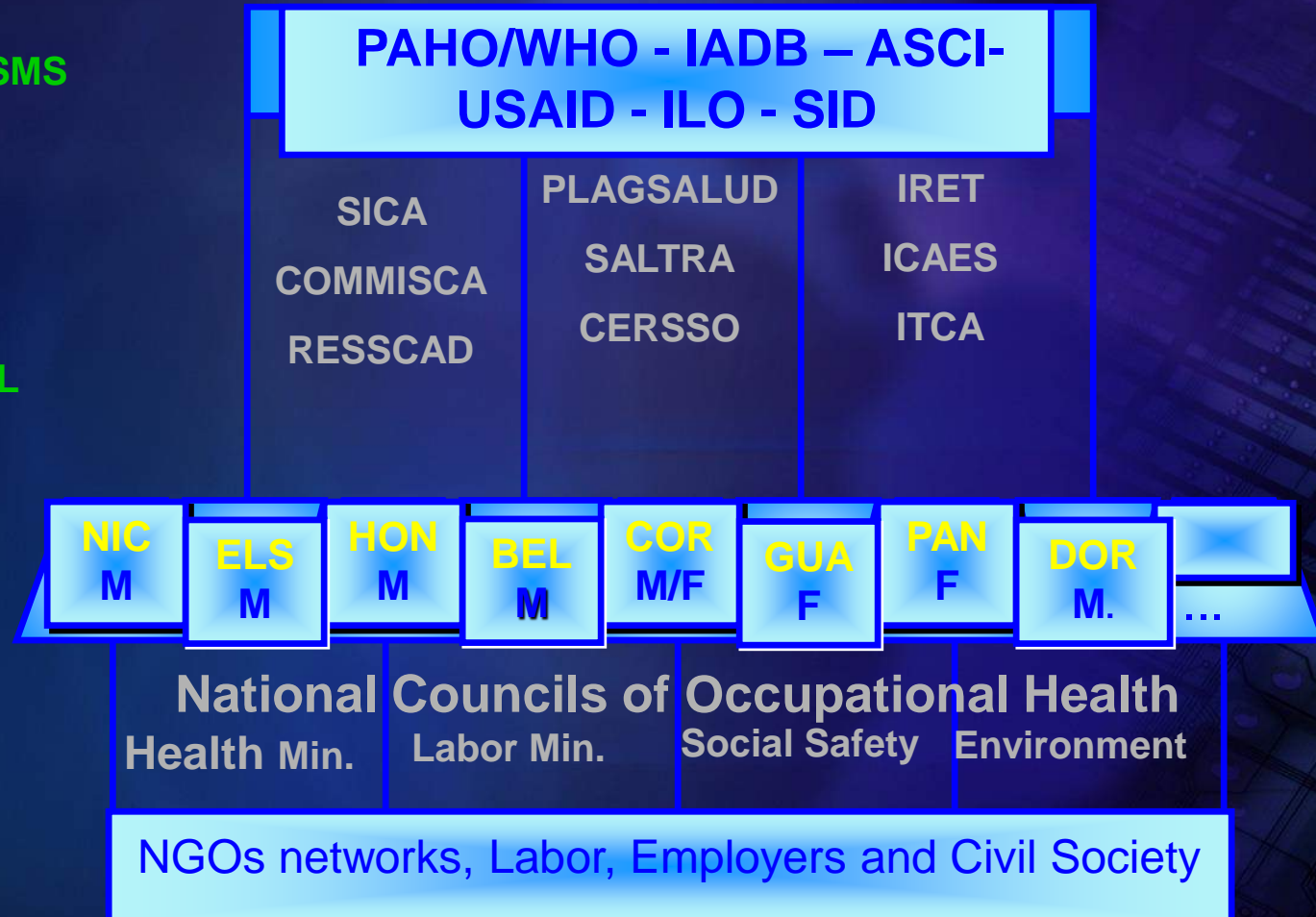
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INTEGRATION MECHANISMS

INTERSECTORAL
INTERINSTITUTIONAL
COORDINATION

PROGRAMATIC
ACTION

PARTICIPATIVE
PLANNING



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Health and Occupational Safety Committee



Healthy Work Environments and their interconnectivity with Collaborating Centers PAHO/WHO and universities

Collaborating Areas

- Research
- Training
- Information
- Raising Awareness

Healthy Work Environment Initiative

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Main achievements in Central America:

- **Replicable y adjustable to national, subregional and intersectoral level**
- **To help in elaborating occupational health national plans**
- **To reduce occupational and environmental risks**
- **Preventive interventions with a high investment return (cost-benefit)**



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Healthy Work Environment Initiative

Main achievements in Central America:

- **Formation and strengthening of OSH Committees in workplaces**
- **Monitoring, evaluating and promoting health and safety in workplaces by workers and employers**
- **Establishment of workers' health networks at different levels**
- **Integration of the alliance PAHO-CERSSO/FUNDACERSSO-US DOL**



Alliance PAHO-CERSSO/FUNDACERSSO-US DOL

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Healthy Work Environment Initiative

Future Actions

- **Strengthening and expansion of HWE initiative to other economic sectors and other Subregions (horizontal cooperation)**
- **Strengthening of the alliance including other actors: IRET, SALTRA, NSC, EAHSW and other PAHO/WHO collaborating centers.**
- **Consolidation and institutionalization of local, national and international networks.**
- **Institutionalization of PAHO-FUNDACERSSO-ILO's tools in one toolbox.**
- **Strengthening of National Occupational Health Councils in their advocacy to include effective health and safety measures in their national policies and legislation.**



Hispanic Forum Sponsors



Hispanic Forum

❖ Including the following topics:

- Occupational Safety and Health
- Inequities
- Environmental Justice
- Border Health
- Migrant Workers
- Transportation Safety
- Agricultural Sector
- Construction Sector
- Informal Sector
- Assembly sector
- vulnerable populations at work



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Promoviendo Viviendas,
Lugares de Trabajo,
y Comunidades Seguros
y Saludables en los
Estados Unidos y en
Latinoamerica

Documentos a Discutir

Foro Hispano sobre un Ambiente Seguro y Saludable
18 - 19 de Octubre, 2000
Hotel Rosen Plaza
Orlando, Florida



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Interagency alliance PAHO-OAS/IACM

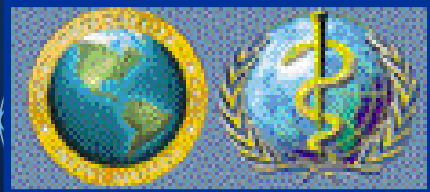
III Summit of the Americas 2001



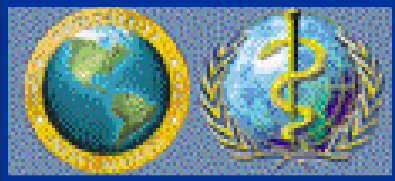
Declaration and Plan of Action (OAS, ILO, PAHO, IADB, WB, CEPAL)

XII - XIII –XIV Inter American Conference of Ministers of Labor

- Incorporation of Occupational Health and Safety concept as one of the main dimensions of Decent Work
- Portfolio of consolidated programs in OSH
- Agreement with EAHSW



Interagency Alliance PAHO-OAS/IACM



- Formalization of the partnership between health and Labour (PAHO-OAS/CIMT) and expansion to the sectors education and of environment on behalf of the health and safety of the workers of the Region.
- Preparation of an intersectoral hemispheric proposal, in order to be included in the IV Summit of the Americas

Report of the XIII Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labor Strategic Alliance Health & Labour Sector



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IV Summit of the Americas, Mar del Plata, Argentina

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“Creating Jobs to Fight Poverty and Strengthen Democratic Governance”

Mar del Plata Declaration

33. We will promote integrated frameworks of public environmental, employment, health, and social security policies to protect the health and safety of all workers and foster a culture of prevention and control of occupational hazards in the Hemisphere

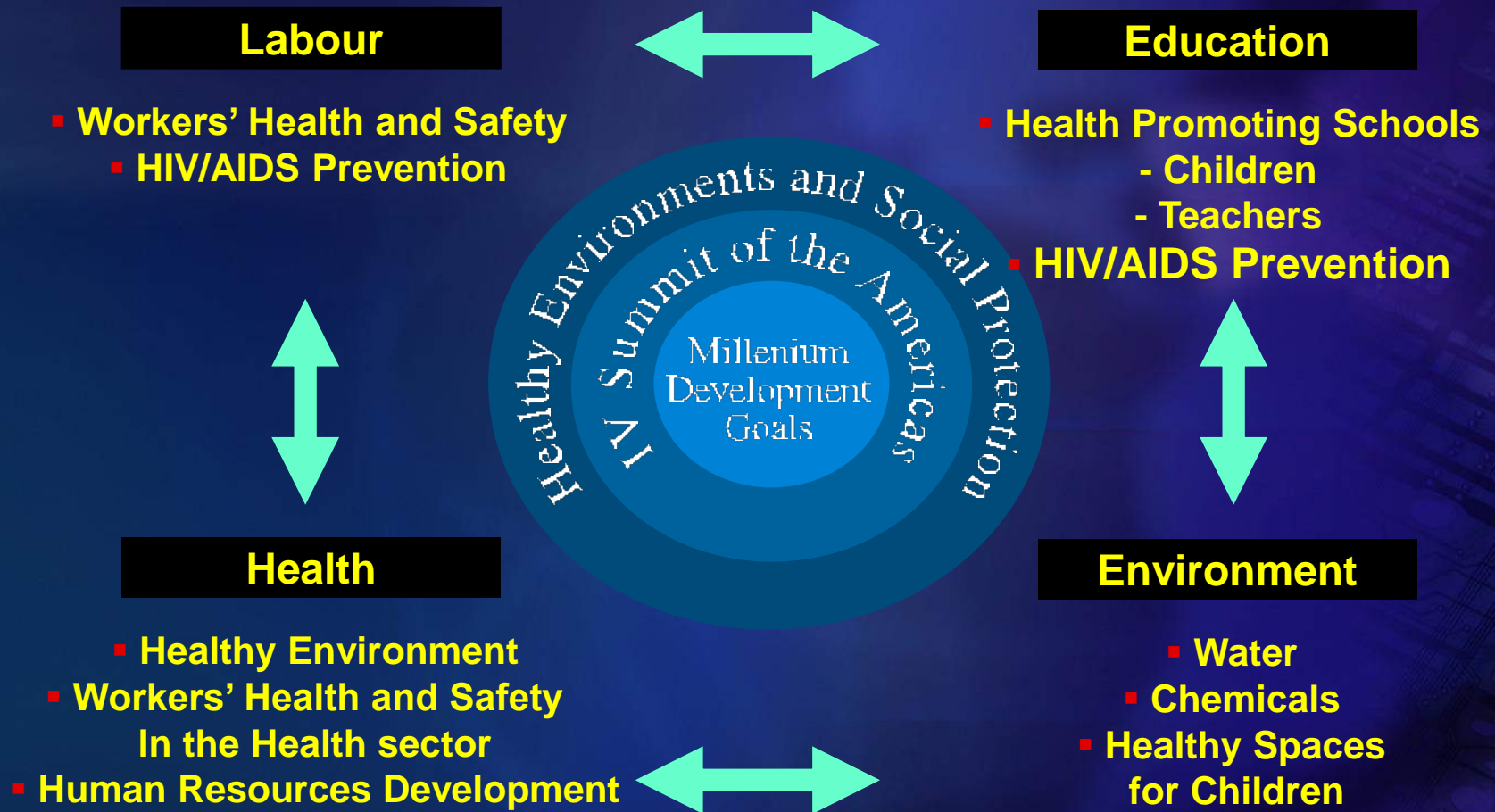
Mar del Plata Plan of Action

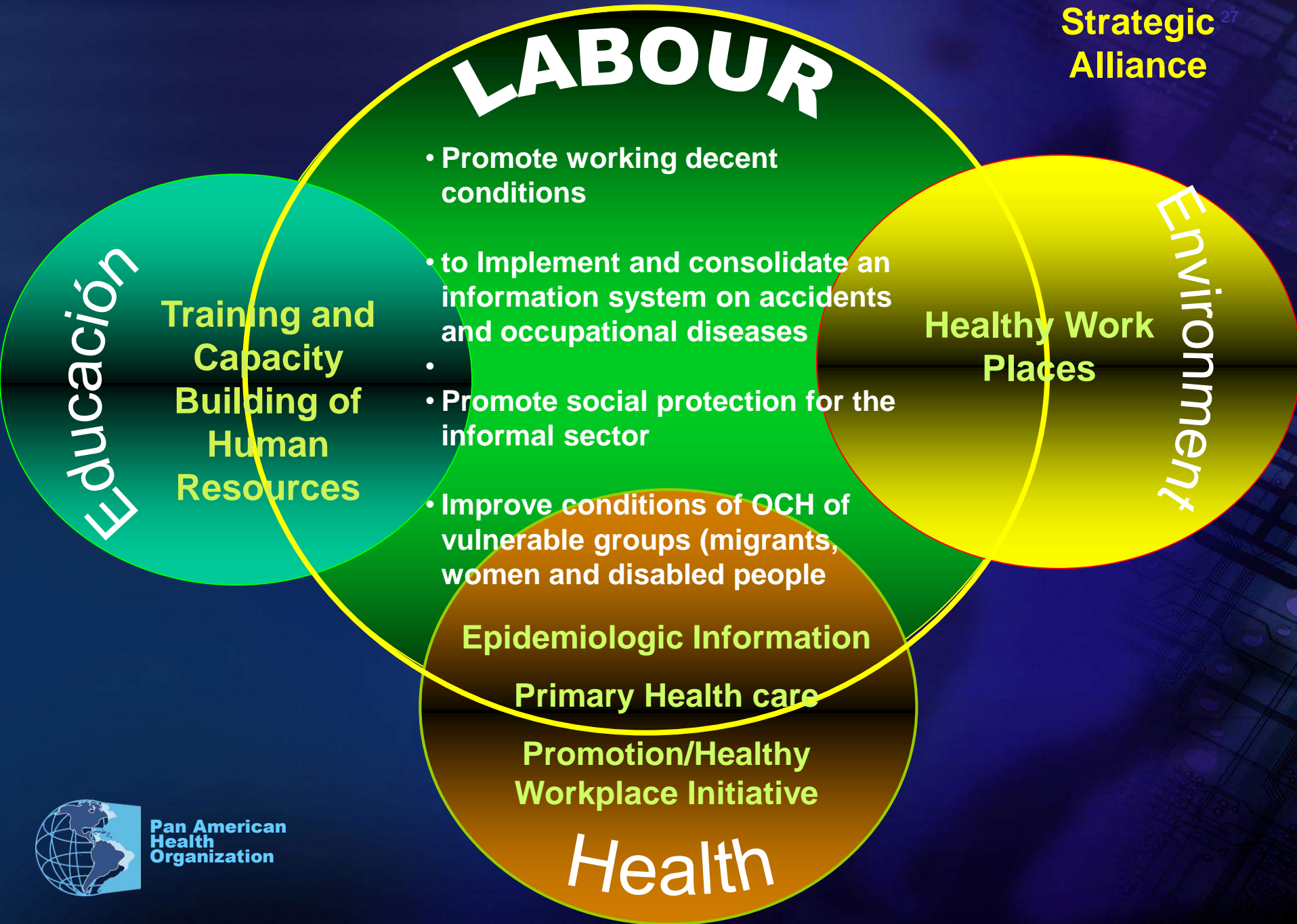
16. To promote occupational health and safety conditions and facilitate healthy work environments for all workers, and, to that end, ensure effective labor inspection systems. For this purpose, it is essential to foster strategic alliances between the labor, health, environment and education sectors.

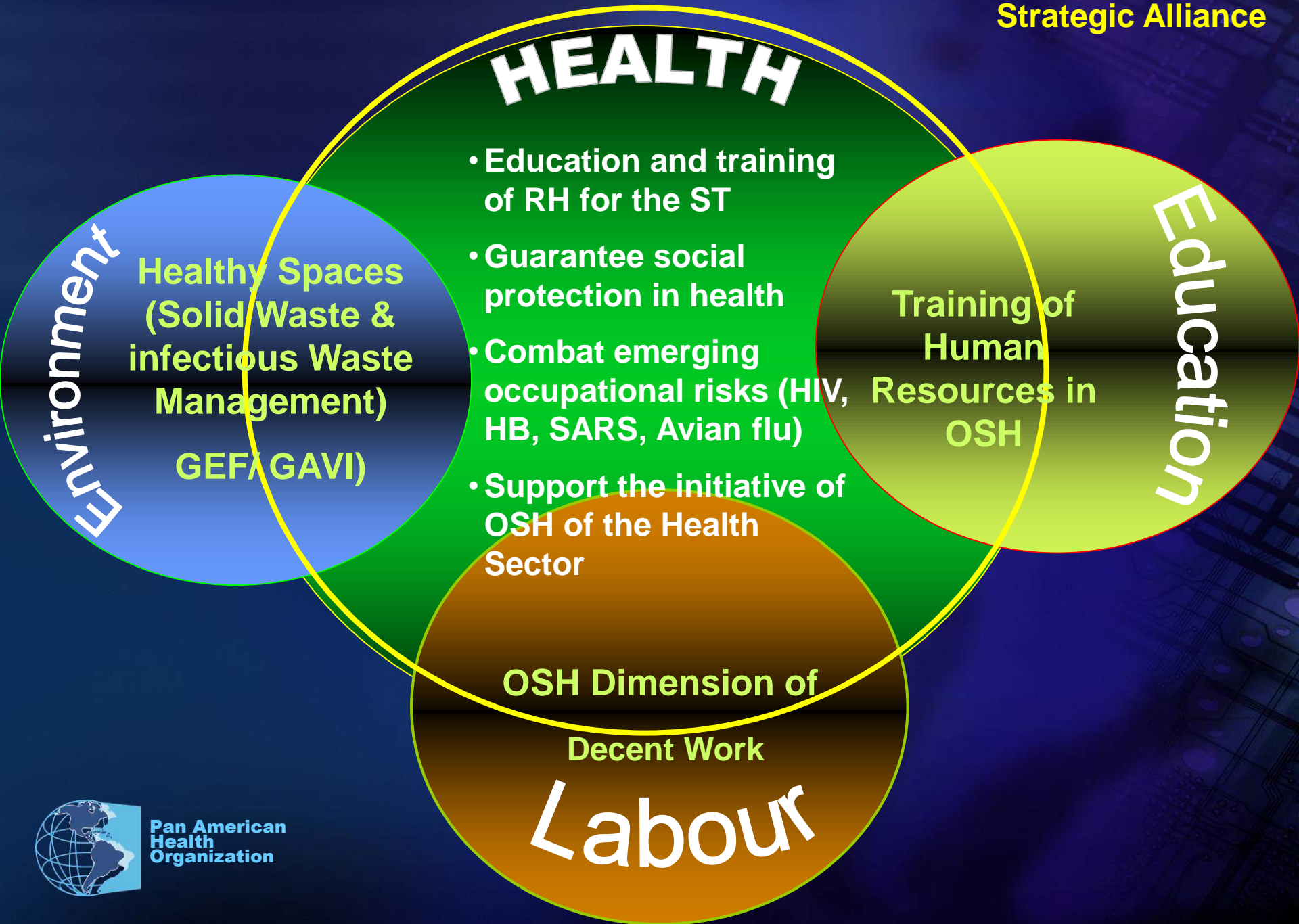


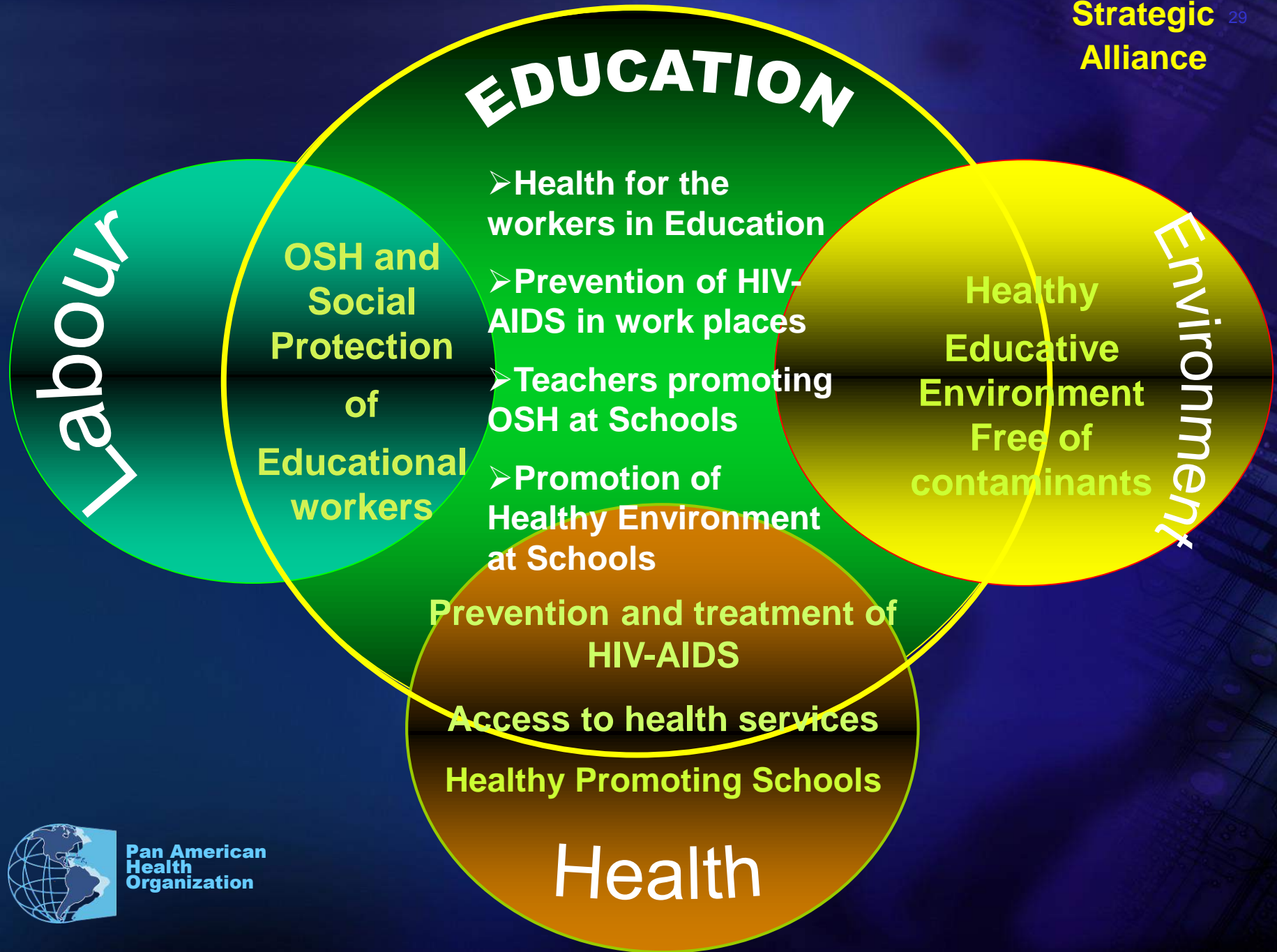
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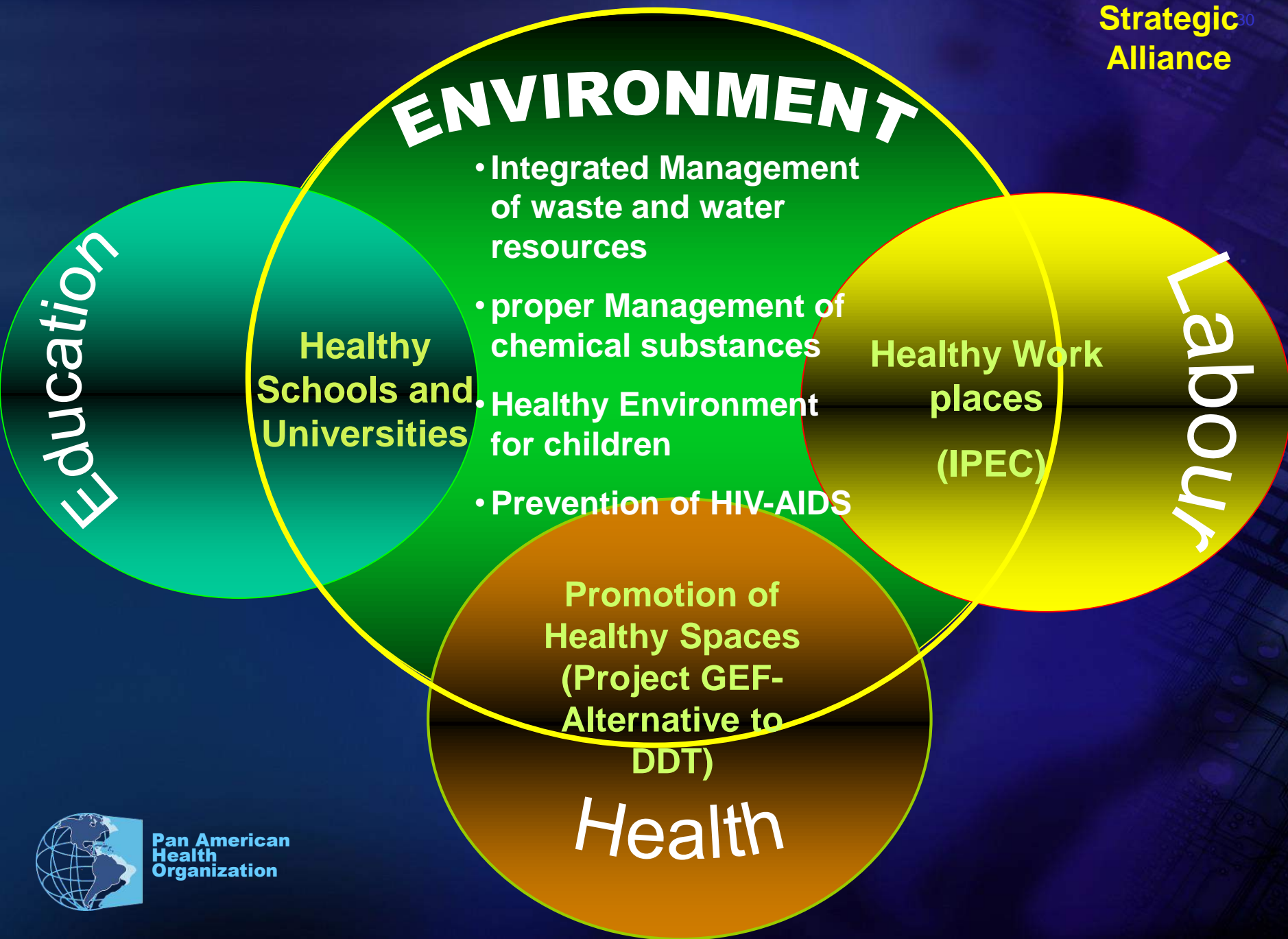
Intersectoral Strategic Alliance











PAHO/WHO Collaborating Centers

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Workers' Health



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