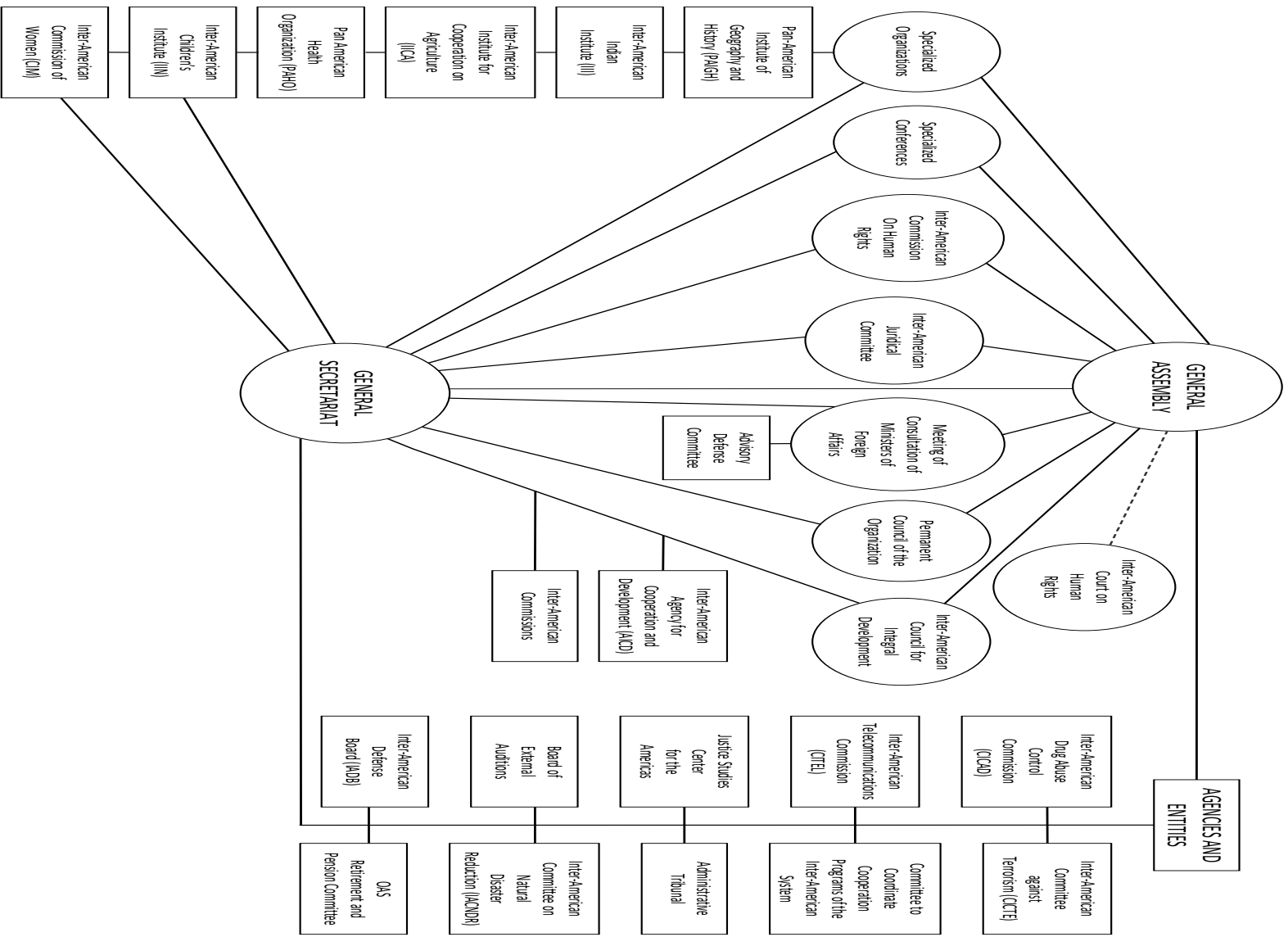


Mobilizing Political Action on NCDs within the Inter-American System

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Comparative Advantage of OAS

- Unique convening power
- Coordinator of Inter-American System
- Broad mandate – Development, Human Rights, Democracy and Security

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Progress, Partnerships and the Way Forward for the Response to
NCDs in the Americas



Objectives of the Special Session

- Advance dialogue between Member States and external donors/partners on resource mobilization for the NCD response in the hemisphere;
- Provide targeted guidance to PAHO on the specific needs of Member States in terms of their national response; and
- Advance dialogue between Member States on hemispheric priorities for the upcoming United Nations High-level Meeting on NCDs.

Key Political Outcomes

- The challenge of NCDs is not only a health problem or a PAHO issue, but a hemispheric crisis requiring an urgent, coordinated and ambitious response at all levels and across all sectors of the economy and society.
- The scale and severity of the NCDs crisis in the hemisphere demands much greater political focus, attention and action from the intergovernmental bodies of the OAS as well as the General Secretariat

Next Steps and Political Milestones

- OAS General Assembly –June 3-5, 2018, Washington D.C.
 - GA Resolution on NCD Prevention and Control
 1. A call to increase awareness in sectors outside of health, such as development, education, labor, agriculture, trade, finance, urban planning, environment and transportation, about the critical value of multi-sectoral responses to reduce the burden of NCDs.
 2. Further strengthen hemispheric cooperation and collaboration between Member States and the Agencies of the Inter-American System to intensify responses to NCDs.
 3. A call for whole-of-government, whole-of-society approaches by encouraging the integration of NCDs prevention and control into national development plans and frameworks.
 4. A call to governments to be well prepared and represented at the highest possible political level at the UNHLM

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