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President of Guyana Dr Irfaan Ali on Monday urged the Caribbean private sector to help find a solution to the problems facing transportation in the region.

“I will consider it a severely missed opportunity by the regional private sector if they cannot form a consortium and use this opportunity that Africa Ex-Im Bank is offering to end our regional transport system failure,” Ali told the opening of the two-day second AfriCaribbean Trade and Investment Forum (ACTIF23).

“And I speak specifically about our maritime transport infrastructure,” he said at the forum, being held under the theme “**Creating a Shared Prosperous Future**”.

“We can plant and grow as much as we want. We can do our processing, manufacturing, industrial development, we can re-engineer the supply chain, but we have to move things, we have to move things throughout the region. We must find the solution,” **Ali said.**

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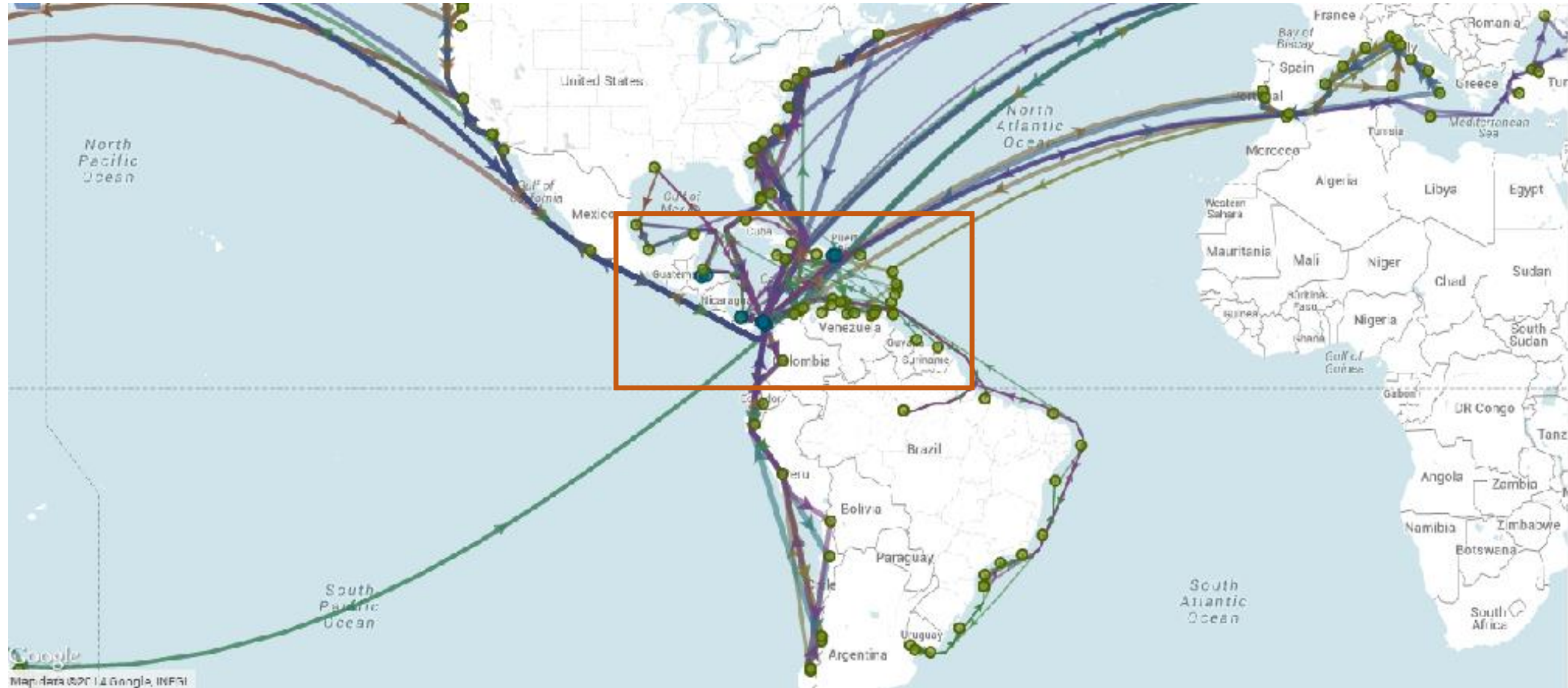
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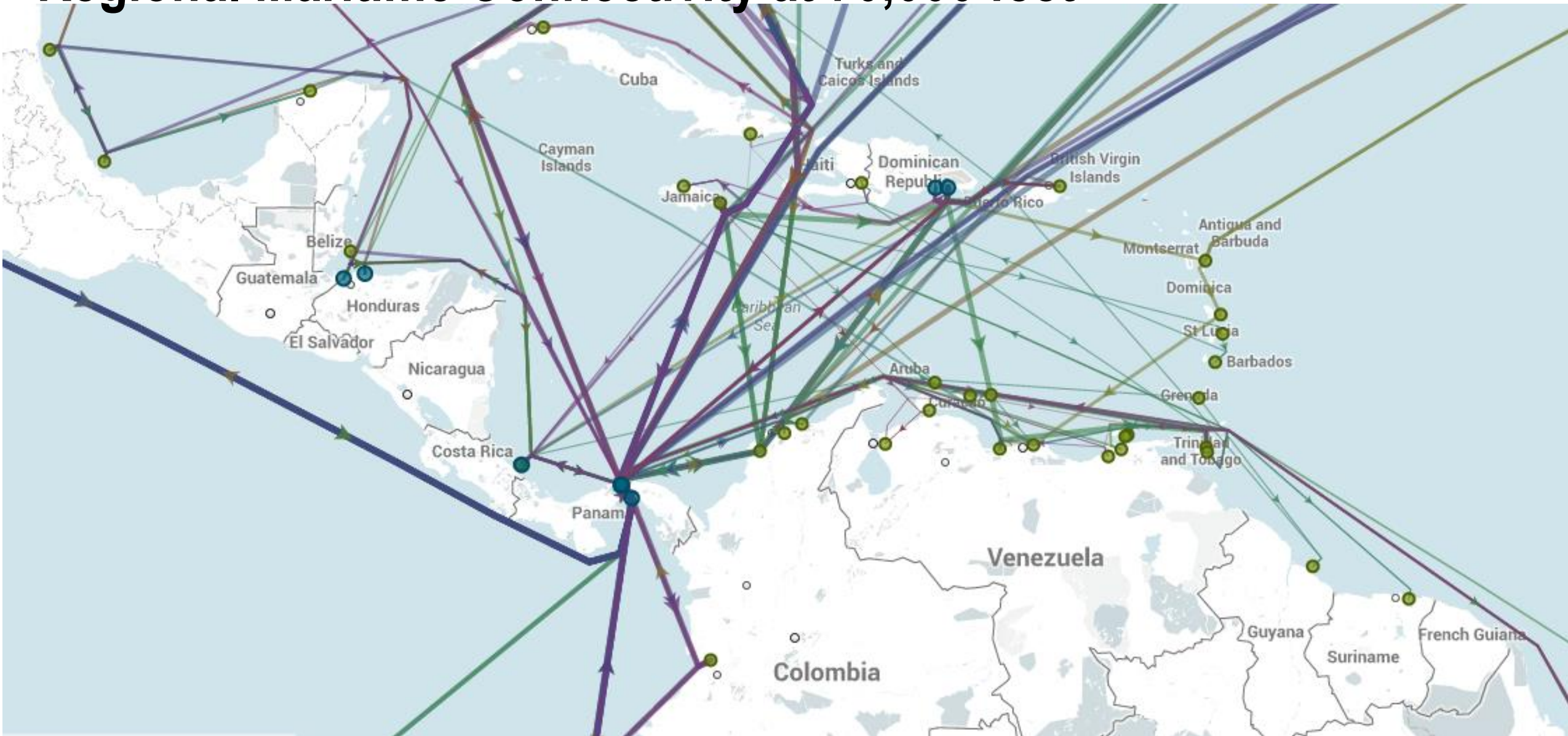
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Regional Maritime Connectivity at 200,000 feet



Liner Services

Regional Maritime Connectivity at 70,000 feet

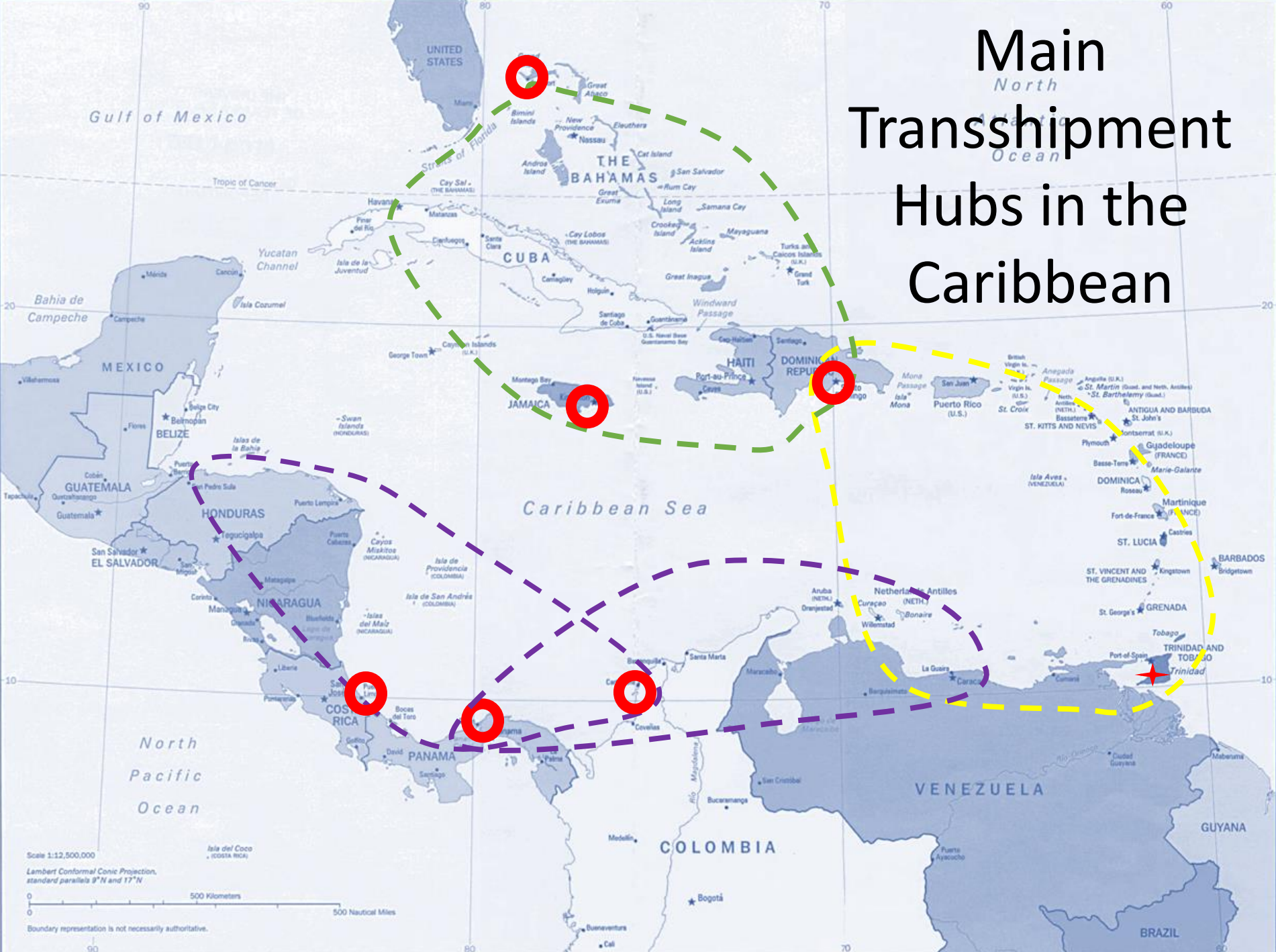


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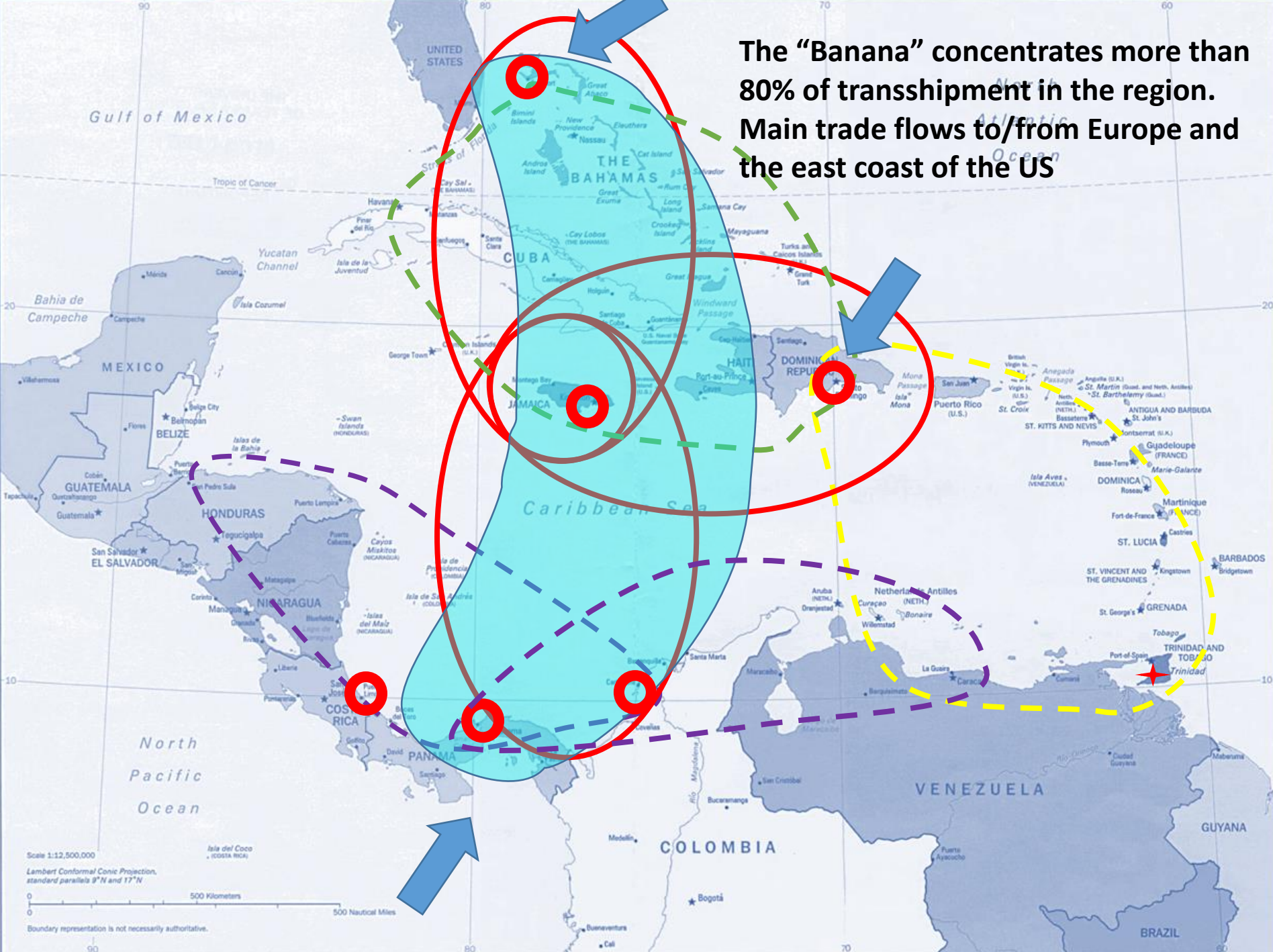
Transport: A function of Geography, Population, and Economies of Scale



Main Transshipment Hubs in the Caribbean



The "Banana" concentrates more than 80% of transshipment in the region. Main trade flows to/from Europe and the east coast of the US



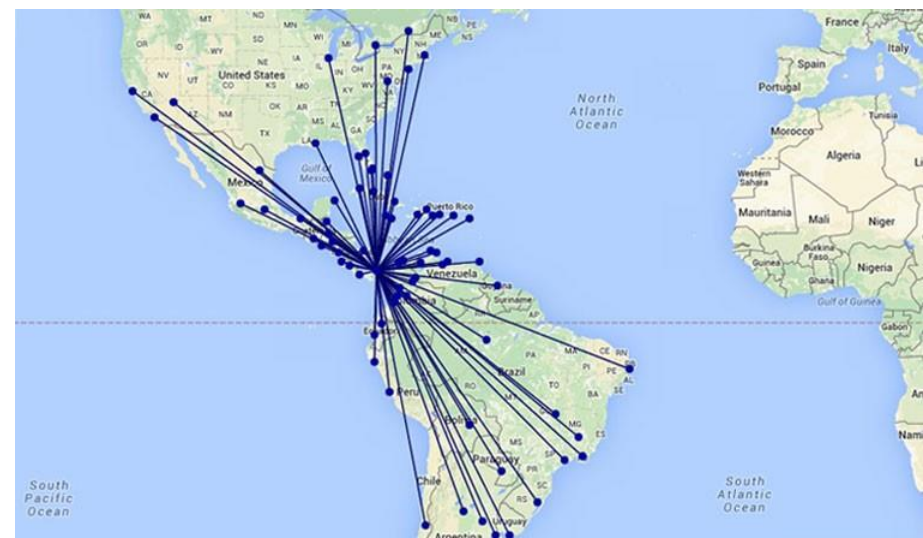
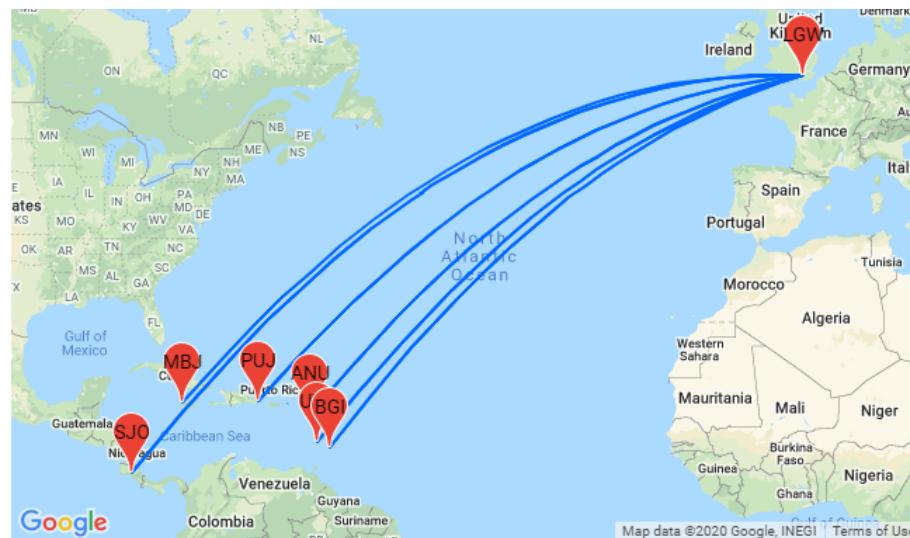
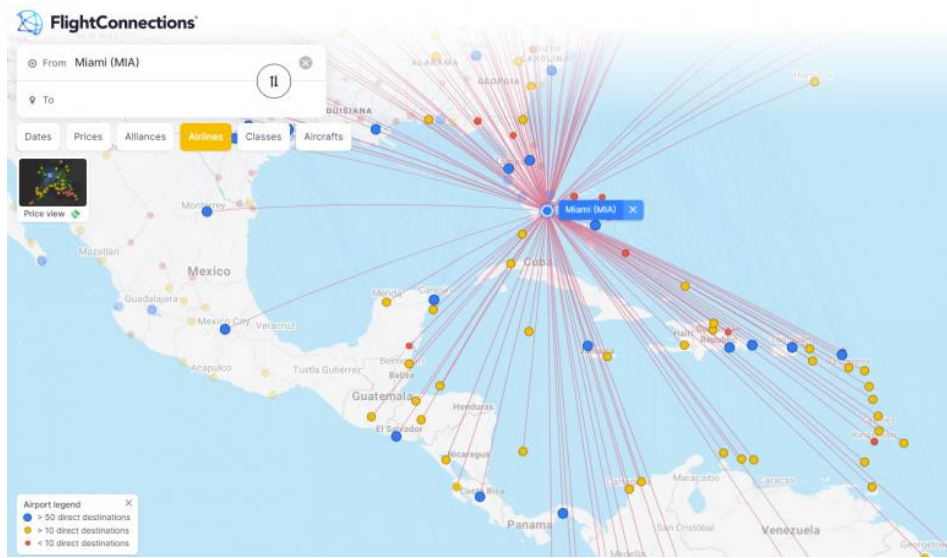
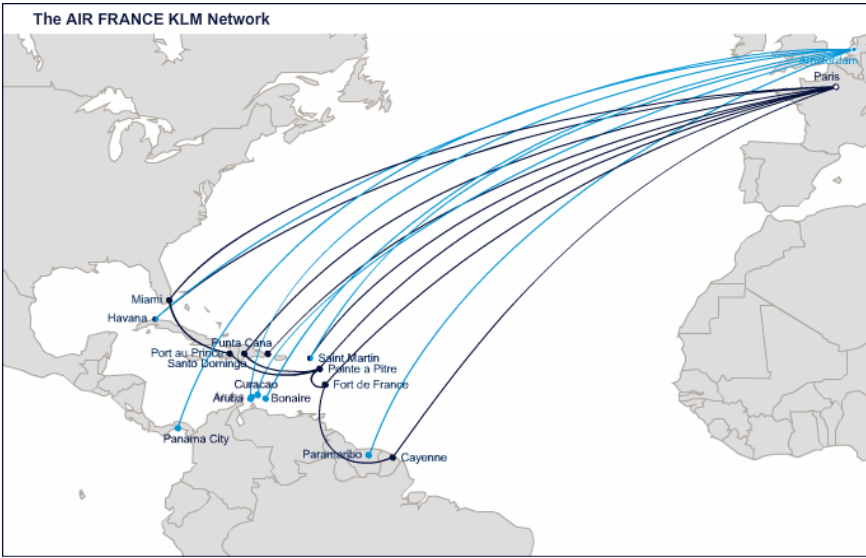


Traditional shipping routes originate in Miami or Europe to drop cargo in the region, returning empty



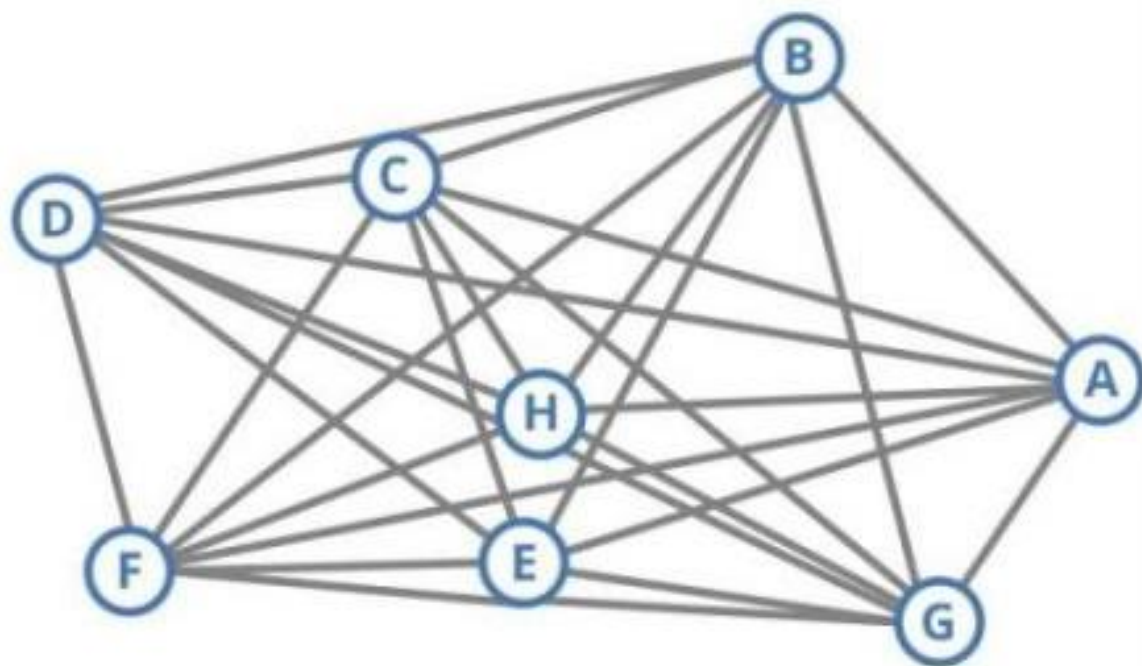
Need to create incentives to reverse the flows to be able to have intra-regional trade.
The market will not provide this.

Airline Connectivity: a Similar situation. Long-hauls to connect some, but not all.

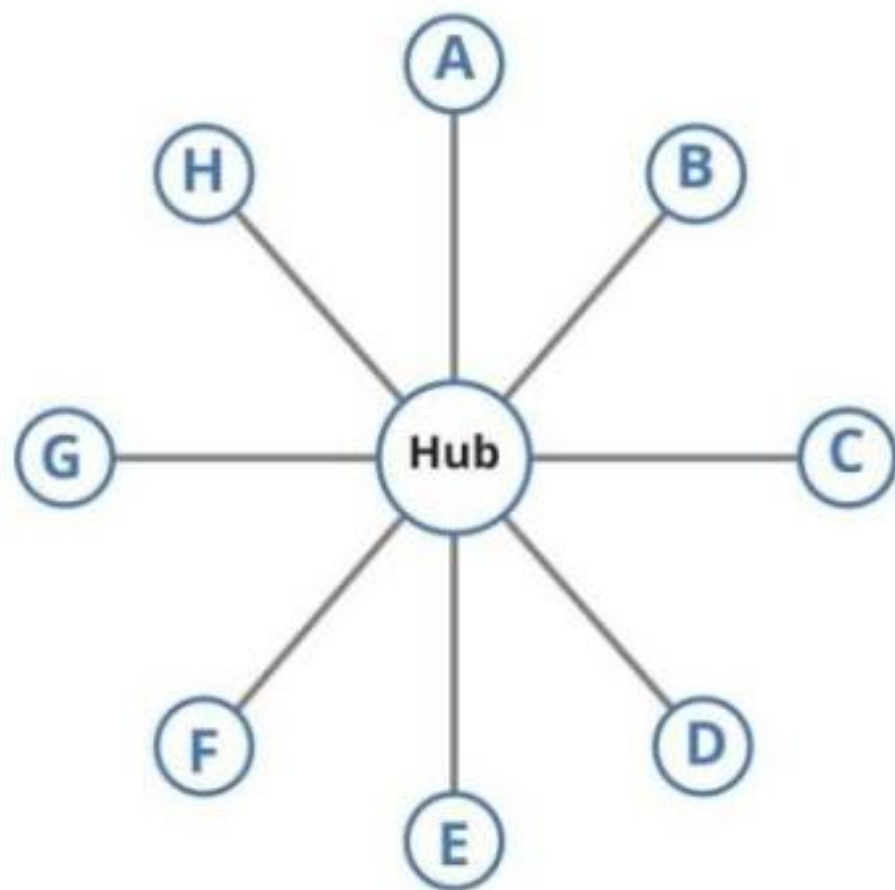


Point-to-Point VS Hub and Spoke Distribution Model

Point-to-Point



Hub and Spoke



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THE BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE

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**The Question is:
“in a region like the
Greater Caribbean, are
infrastructure projects
alone the solution?”**

A map of the Caribbean region, showing the Gulf of Mexico to the north, the North Atlantic Ocean to the northeast, and the North Pacific Ocean to the southwest. The map includes the United States, Mexico, Central America (Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama), the Caribbean Sea, and South America (Venezuela, Colombia, Guyana, Brazil). Numerous islands and territories are labeled, including the Bahamas, Jamaica, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, and the West Indies. The map also shows the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn. A scale bar at the bottom left indicates 500 Kilometers and 500 Nautical Miles. The map is titled "Lambert Conformal Conic Projection, standard parallels 9°N and 17°N".

The issue of connectivity cannot be addressed with infrastructure projects alone.

“Build it and they will come” without a regional master plan can result in several “White Elephants” in the región.



We need to put the horse in front of the cart. Master Planning for the Region, develop transport services in parallel with infrastructure and digital connectivity.

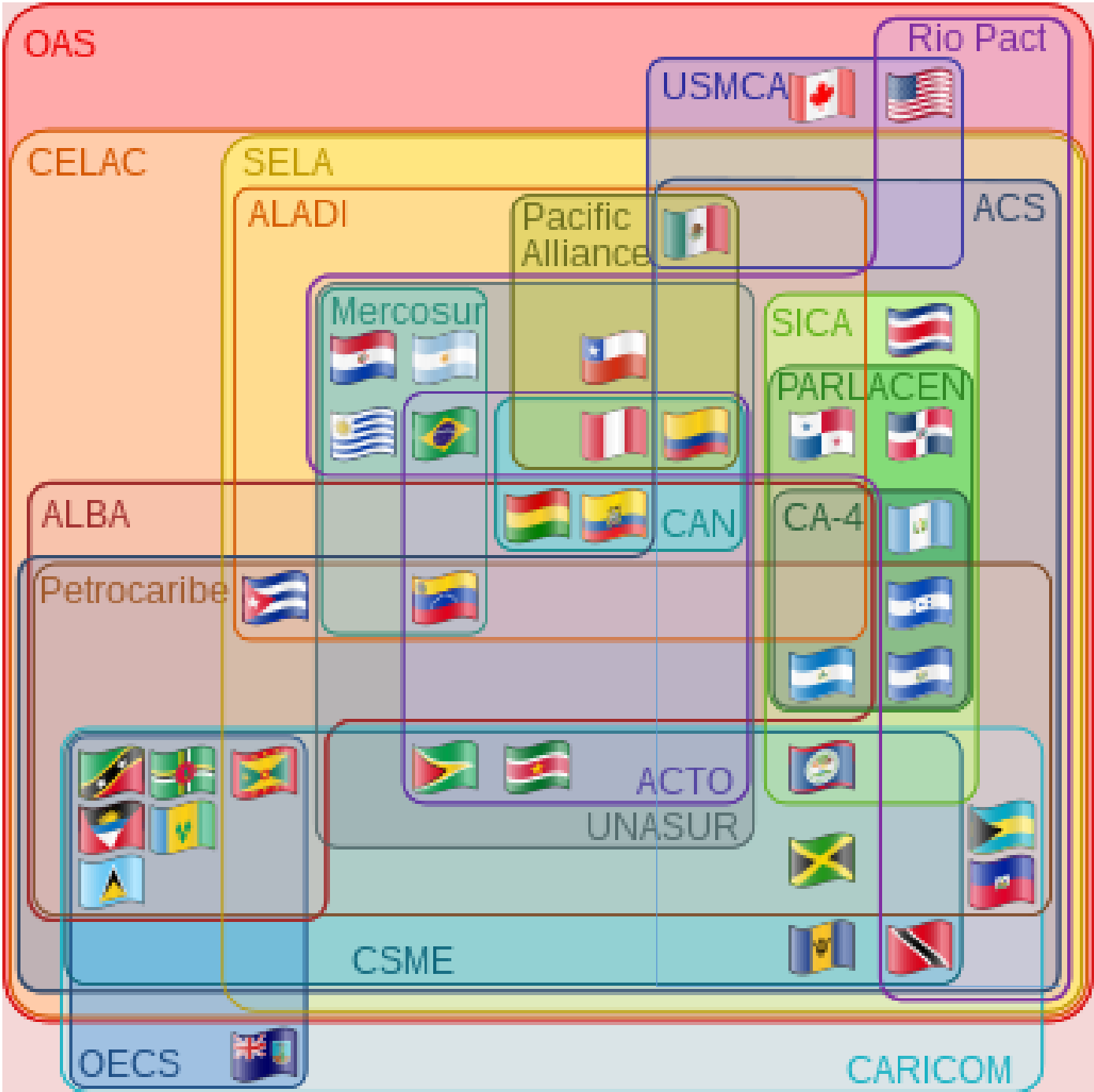
Multilateral organisations, such as the ACS and SELA were created for this.

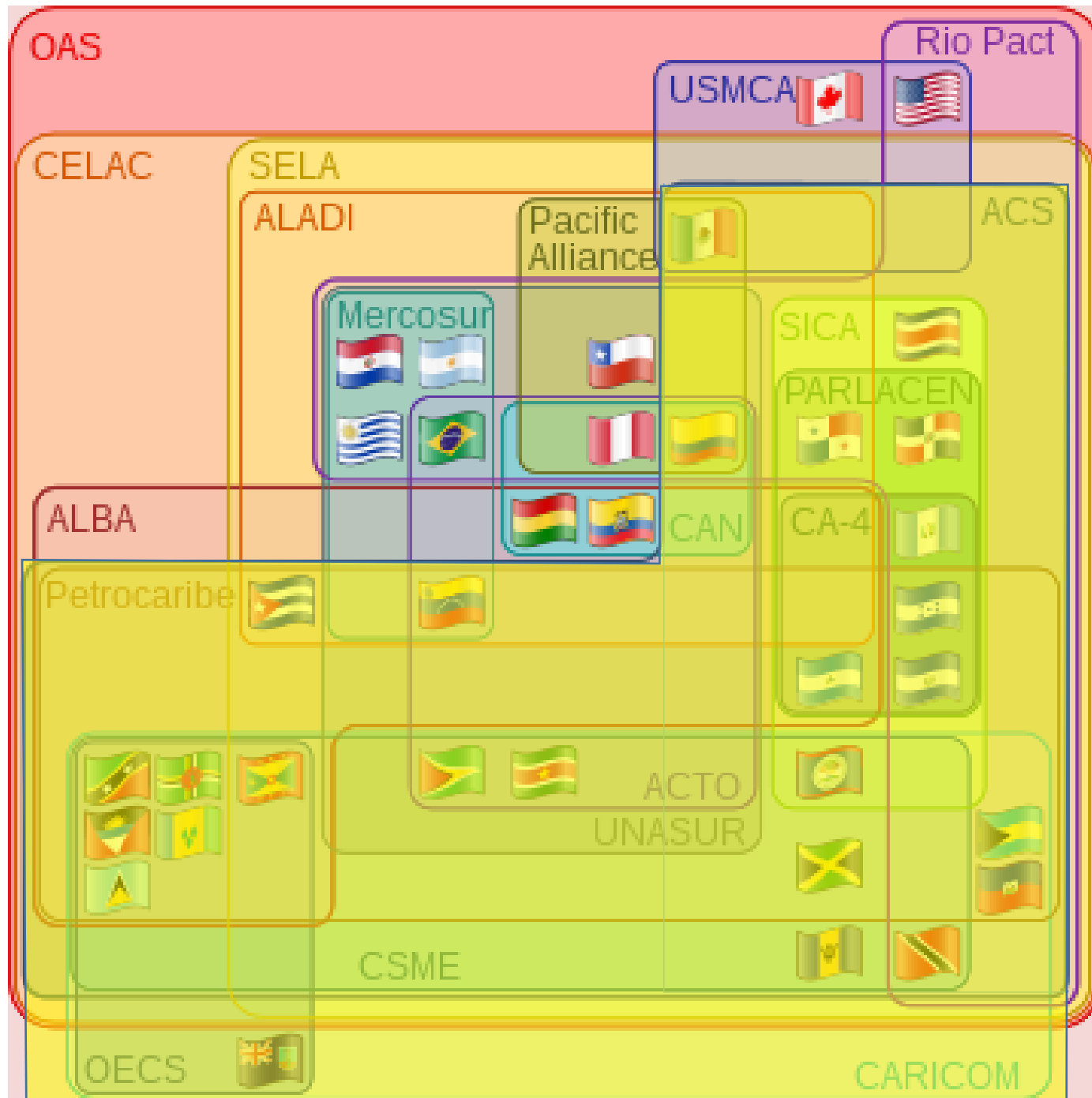
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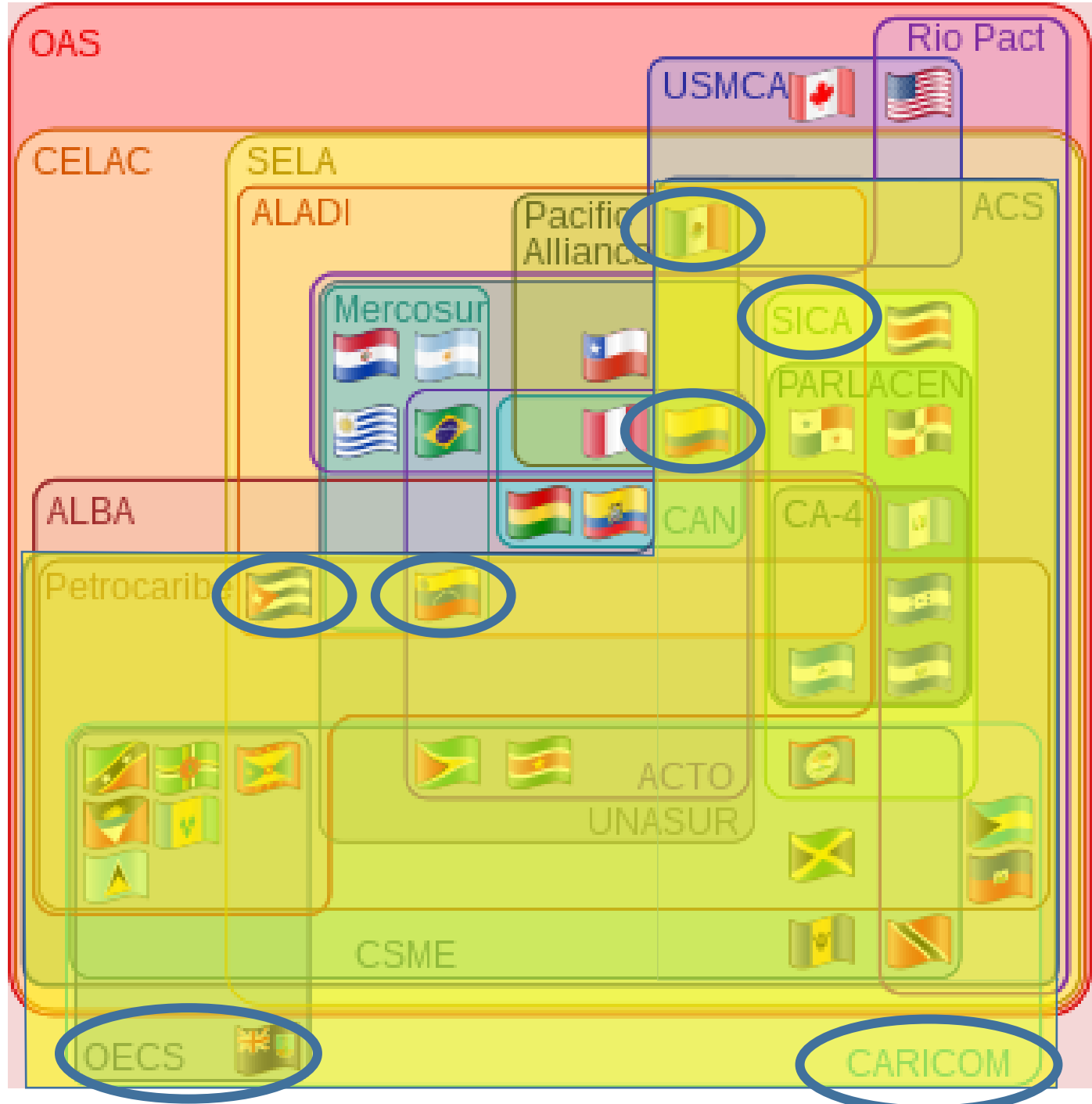
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Regional Multilateral/INTER GOVERNMENTAL Organizations





Regional Multilateral Organizations





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WORKING PAPER

**Responding to the challenges of integration for the development
of Latin America and the Caribbean.**

Proposals from regional and subregional integration mechanisms



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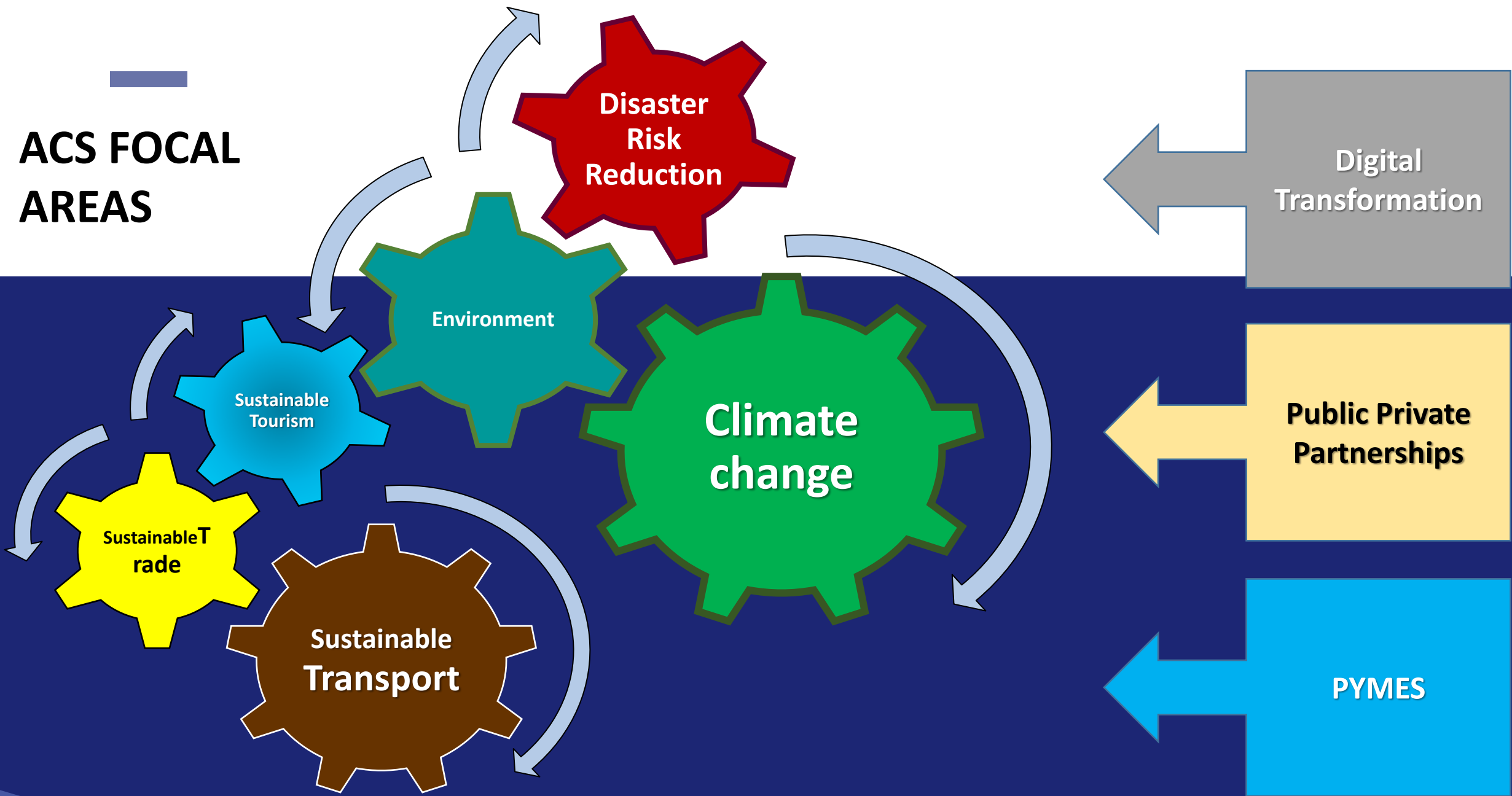
In the context of the VII Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), the Secretaries of the following regional and integration organisations met in the city of Buenos Aires, Argentina, as observers: the Latin American and Caribbean Economic System (SELA), the Association of Caribbean States (ACS), the Central American Integration System (SICA), the Andean Community (CAN), the Latin American Integration Association (ALADI), the Community of Caribbean States (CARICOM), the Presidency pro tempore of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America – Peoples' Trade Treaty (ALBA-TCP), and the Presidency pro tempore of the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR) continuing with the works carried out during the Forum "Responding to challenges of integration for the development of Latin America and the Caribbean. Proposals from regional and subregional integration mechanisms," held on 16 December 2022 in Buenos Aires. They agreed to strengthen strategic partnerships that allow them to move forward and contribute to the construction of a programme that responds with concrete actions to the needs of Latin America and the Caribbean.

In this regard, they also agreed to join their efforts in defining common areas that lead to regional strategies, identifying cooperation mechanisms and strengthening their links, in order to consolidate partnerships in favour of Latin America and the Caribbean, within the framework of the mandates of their respective memberships.

CIRCULAR + OCEAN ECONOMIES = SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE GREATER CARIBBEAN REGION



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**THANK YOU VERY MUCH
MUCHAS GRACIAS
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