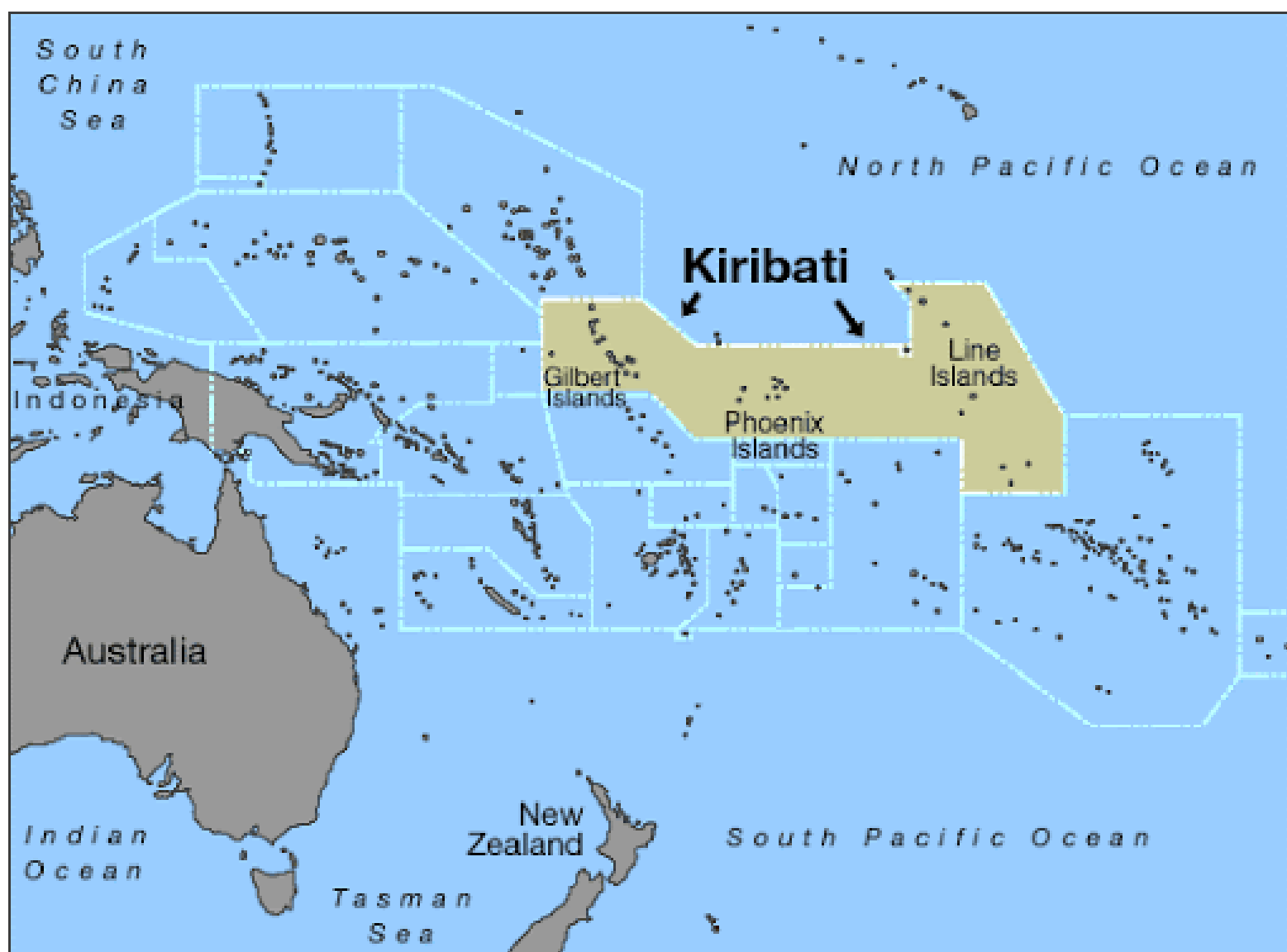




Kiribati's Unique Perspective on Human Trafficking, Refugees, and Immigration



- Small island, large ocean developing state facing both inward and outward migration pressures.
- The term "refugee" carries connotations of voluntary movement, seeking better opportunities or escaping persecution.
- We are not choosing to leave our island; we are forced to evolve and adapt to a crisis we did not create.



UNTOC & Countering transnational organised crime in Kiribati

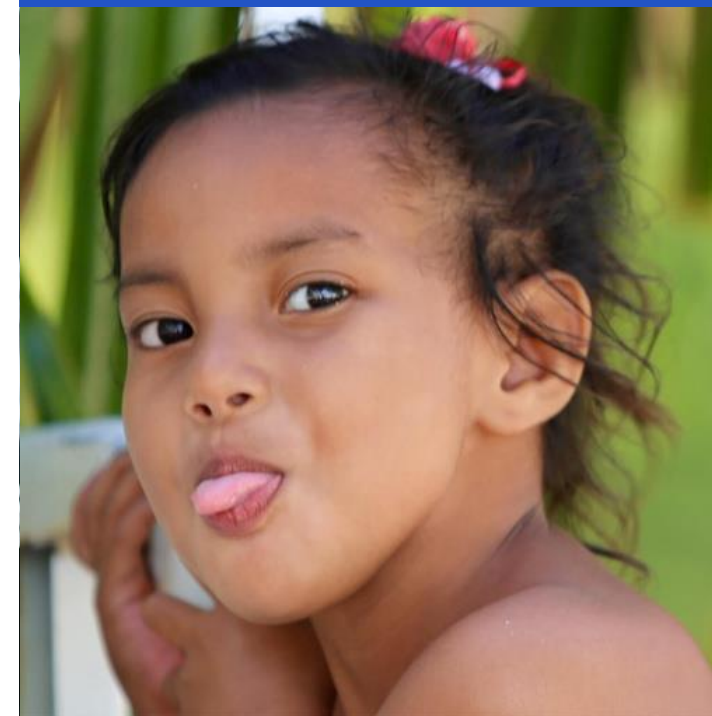
UNTOC was adopted by resolution on 15 November 2000 at the fifty-fifth session of the United Nations General Assembly. Kiribati became a State party to the Convention on 15th September 2005.

Even though Kiribati is considered free from human trafficking as no cases have been reported to the police to date, it is a serious concern having girls being subjected to commercial sexual exploitation, particularly on foreign vessels.



Sexual Exploitation

Commercial sexual exploitation: girls are forced into prostitution in bars and on fishing vessels



Child Labour

Children are subjected to hazardous work, including street vending



Challenges Faced :

The predicament and a multi-stakeholder approach involving governments, the private sector, civil society, and those with lived experience. Our humanity underpins the dichotomy of Kiribati's situation.

Climate Change

Inward Migration

Outward Migration

Displacement

Exploitation

Limited Resources





Opportunities



Human Rights Focus

Human rights-based approach to migration management that prioritises the protection and dignity of all individuals, regardless of their migration status.

Cooperation

Strengthen regional cooperation in the Pacific to address migration challenges collectively, including harmonised legal frameworks.

Pathways

Safe and legal pathways for labour migration from Kiribati, reducing reliance on irregular migration and vulnerability to exploitation.

Support

Increased international assistance to build capacity to manage migration flows, combat human trafficking, and provide support.

Climate Action

Climate change, the root cause of displacement and migration pressures in Kiribati



Kam Rabwa!

Kiribati is committed to the Commonwealth Charter's principles of universal human rights.

- Ensure that the movement of people within the Commonwealth is free from exploitation.
- We champion policies and legislation that protect the rights of refugees, migrants, and victims of trafficking and exploitation.

