

## **2014-2015 Model Arab League Agenda**

PLEASE NOTE: **not all models will have all councils.** Contact the Local Coordinator or the National Council Representative of your model to find out which councils will be represented.

### **Joint Defense Council**

1. Assessing means member states can employ to neutralize armed extremist groups that threaten the territorial integrity of members states
2. Establishing annual joint military exercises, weapons development, and research initiatives between member states to increase military-to-military ties, improve readiness, and demonstrate determination and unity
3. Exploring the effectiveness and political feasibility of utilizing Arab League military assistance to aid regional states in transition
4. Considering the possibility of water disputes evolving into war and endeavoring to preemptively solve them through diplomacy

### **Council on Palestinian Affairs**

1. Devising means to ensure the accessibility of goods including, but not limited to humanitarian aid, building materials, food, and water, considering current controls and restrictions imposed on Palestinian borders
2. Developing arrangements for repairing and rebuilding damaged and destroyed private and public infrastructure and buildings in Gaza
3. Addressing mental health concerns among Palestinians with special consideration given to rehabilitation measures
4. Evaluating the effectiveness of, and devising methods to strengthen and encourage the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement to pressure Israel to negotiate in good faith with the Palestinian Authority

### **Council on Political Affairs**

1. Exploring the effectiveness and political feasibility of utilizing Arab League state resources or other means to assist regional states in transition with economic growth and infrastructure initiatives
2. Formulating a strategy for bringing before international judicial bodies individual and state parties responsible for violations of the rules of war, with particular consideration of the 2014 conflict in Gaza
3. Incorporating women into the political processes, with the intention to provide equal and fair representation in addressing the needs of all citizens
4. Developing a protocol for supporting or establishing political legitimacy in cases where the operating government faces military, security, or other existential challenges

### **Council of Arab Social Affairs Ministers**

1. Evaluating policies directed to those outside of traditional family structures, such as, but not limited to, widows, orphans, and those with disabilities, and their specific rights to health, education, and welfare
2. Discussing the roles of refugees and foreign workers in host societies and considering increased opportunities for citizens of Arab League member states
3. Assessing the accelerating rate of globalization and its effects on Arab identity in the context of Arab cultural progression and preservation
4. Exploring actions to prevent youth involvement in conflict and war with a special focus on providing effective education systems and rehabilitating and reintegrating past victims back into society

### **Council of Arab Environmental Affairs Ministers**

1. Considering precautionary measures to avoid chronic water shortages among the Arab League member states with attention given to the causes and impacts of drought and flood incidents
2. Establishing safe and environmentally sustainable infrastructure standards in emerging industries, with special consideration given to the mining industry
3. Discussing the use of alternative energy in order to decrease dependency on oil and gas production League-wide by 2025
4. Determining effective methods to counter deforestation and desertification, particularly in order to mitigate negative consequences on arable land, wildlife populations, habitat vitality, and air quality

### **Council of Arab Economic Affairs Ministers**

1. Formulating strategies to attract foreign direct investment to the Arab world, and exploring how such investment could be utilized to enhance both domestic economies and regional cooperation
2. Addressing increases in regional socio-economic disparities with a focus on expanding middle-income opportunities in member states
3. Adapting current education systems to the needs of the labor market in order to abate youth unemployment
4. Considering the impact of conflict on member state economies with a view towards revitalizing the infrastructure of affected areas

### **Summit of Arab Heads of State**

1. Determining effective preservation and protection methods for national monuments and treasures during periods of unrest as well as recovering historical artifacts currently held in foreign lands

2. Exploring the context and role of foreign non-governmental organizations in the overall framework and policy of Arab League resolutions and establishing guidelines for their behavior to protect the individual sovereignty of Arab League members
3. Promoting transparency and reducing official misconduct between League members in order to demonstrate Arab League commitment to the international rule of law to the global community
4. Taking steps towards establishing the Arab Common Market by 2020 in order to increase integration and have free movement of labor, capital, and goods between Arab nations

### **Special Council on Arab Youth**

1. Creating opportunities for Arab youth to peacefully participate in governmental, civil society, and political processes
2. Investigating ways to encourage Arab youth to preserve their cultural heritage in the context of the 21st century
3. Introducing programs in sports diplomacy that maintain Arab youth interest and involvement in the community while teaching positive social values particularly for children in refugee camps and in conflict zones
4. Evaluating means to create employment opportunities for and limit discrimination in the workplace against young Arab women