

2016-2017 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. Examining the progress made in combating illicit trafficking of small arms in the region, and preventing the proliferation of such weapons among extremist groups
2. Identifying risks posed to member states from cyberwarfare, and formulating means to enhance cybersecurity capacity to preserve League-wide interests and resources
3. Reviewing the capabilities of League members to combat extremists in the Arab world, including the League's ability to contribute to joint operations in the region
4. Exploring options to prevent the weaponization of water access and militarization of water infrastructure by non-state actors

Council on Palestinian Affairs

1. Reviewing current education systems within Palestine and proposing reforms including but not limited to revisions in standardized testing, curriculum standardization, and the promotion of scholarship opportunities
2. Developing initiatives to increase international awareness of Palestinian statehood with an emphasis on addressing human rights concerns before international bodies
3. Reassessing the 2002 Arab Peace Initiative with particular regard to Clauses 2 and 3 and analyzing the impact of regional regime changes on the peace plan's implementation
4. Evaluating access to healthcare in the Gaza Strip and proposing reforms in areas such as hospital infrastructure, third party health clinics, and treatment opportunities in other member states

Council on Political Affairs

1. Examining and promoting the protection of religious minorities within member states through integration in political processes and implementation of institutional safeguards
2. Analyzing and responding to international pressure on Arab states to 'liberalize,' particularly in the spheres of expression and law
3. Discussing the impact of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action between the P5+1 and Iran and addressing the implications for Arab League defense measures, economic practices, and political discourse
4. Evaluating the League's role in diplomatically resolving regional conflicts, with particular consideration for the ongoing war in Syria

Council of Arab Social Affairs Ministers

1. Revisiting the 2004 Arab Charter on Human Rights, with considerations made for revisions and increased support from League members
2. Assessing the impact that religious leaders have on radicalization and employing the religious community to counteract recruitment by and popularity of extremist groups
3. Discussing ways in which the League can promote women's involvement in society, including political and civic integration
4. Examining the feasibility of member states implementing social safety nets for their citizens while considering fiscal solutions for the unemployed, disabled, and retired

Council of Arab Environmental Affairs Ministers

1. Discussing the environmental repercussions of economic progress on the ecosystems of coastal regions and proposing methods to minimize damages, especially in regards to overfishing, agrochemical eutrophication, and oil spills
2. Creating League-wide initiatives to analyze, publicize, and minimize the impact of air, noise, and light pollution in urban areas of member states
3. Promoting green building and sustainable business practices through the creation of an appropriate legal framework, economic incentives, and the dissemination of the necessary technologies and expertise
4. Exploring alternative and sustainable water resources in lieu of nonrenewable groundwater currently utilized in arid zones in order to meet agricultural and developmental demands

Council of Arab Economic Affairs Ministers

1. Examining the economic ramifications of and formulating a response to an increased Iranian market share resulting from Iran's accession to the 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action
2. Evaluating the economic impact of inequality and exclusion of women in certain sectors of Arab economies and establishing methods to mitigate said impacts
3. Facilitating the success of small businesses in member states through improvements in financial inclusion and legal requirements
4. Addressing the benefits and challenging trends associated with migrant workers in the Arab world, particularly regarding citizen unemployment and remittances

Summit of Arab Heads of State

1. Considering a League-wide protocol for the monitoring of elections and establishing a framework to implement initiatives including but not limited to election standards and preventing electoral fraud
2. Evaluating the progress made towards the Arab Common Market initiative with a goal of meeting the proposed date of implementation in 2020

3. Discussing means by which League members can improve and employ counterinsurgency (COIN) strategies and tactics to combat militant non-state actors
4. Assessing the prevalence of detrimental practices in government bureaucracies, such as extortion and corruption, and devising League-wide methods to combat them

Special Council on Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons

TBD after June 30th