

2011 - 2012 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 concerns of member states experiencing internal unrest and exploring options to avoid compromising collective Arab security
2. Establishing standards for Arab League authorization of multilateral international action, such as protecting civilians, in order to facilitate more deliberated decisions
3. Exchanging best practices amongst militaries in order to reduce collateral damage and increase efficiency through improvements in such areas as hardware, infrastructure, weapons development, training, and technology
4. Examining the impact of foreign military influence in the region in order to assure compliance with the principles of international law and the Arab League Charter

Council on Palestinian Affairs

1. Examining the ongoing situation in the Gaza Strip with regard to economic stagnation, border controls, security, and education
2. Addressing the changing role of Palestine within the United Nations and other international organizations
3. Fulfilling Arab League member state commitments to the development of Palestinian infrastructure and economy in light of the economic crisis
4. Developing alternatives to bilateral negotiations with Israel to advance the goal of Palestinian statehood

Council of Social Affairs Ministers

1. Advancing the progress of member states in reaching the Millennium Development Goal to Achieve Universal Primary Education
2. Reviewing and promoting the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its Protocols (2000), with special reference to the prevention of trafficking in persons and firearms, and involvement in organized crime
3. Analyzing policies and determining 'best practices' for providing services to widows, orphans, and the elderly who lack the support of traditional family structures
4. Evaluating the status of persons with physical, hearing, vision, and ambulatory impairments, and promoting ease of physical accessibility to public places and facilities as well as economic and educational opportunities

Council on Political Affairs

1. Addressing the effects of foreign political interference on civil institutions and considering an official Arab League policy on foreign involvement in, monetary or seconded personnel contributions to, and/or other engagement with Arab civil society
2. Redefining the role and capacity of the institution of the Arab League in light of changing geopolitical landscapes
3. Developing stronger diplomatic and political ties with non-member African nations in order to facilitate cooperation on transnational issues of mutual concern and interest
4. Considering youth participation in civic and political processes in member states

Council of Environmental Affairs Ministers

1. Considering methods to increase conservation of wildlife, habitat, and biodiversity structures and systems across the Arab world with special reference to the protection of endangered species
2. Exploring ways to minimize the effects of regional water scarcity through improved storage facilities, systematic contingency planning, and more effective dissemination of knowledge and understanding of water's ultimate opportunity cost
3. Addressing the environmental impacts of waste, including but not limited to biological, industrial, medical, and e-waste, and formulating a comprehensive strategy with specific consideration given to improved collection, transportation and storage efforts
4. Combating the environmental impacts of eutrophication, as well as its relation to an increase in fertilizers, river run-off and sewage discharges in marine environments across the Arab world

Council of Economic Affairs Ministers

1. Encouraging strategic planning of League-wide telecommunication infrastructure standards in order to facilitate economic development
2. Re-examining the effectiveness of the 1981 Agreement on Facilitating and Developing Intra-Arab Trade with a view to accommodating the signatories' significantly altered economic situations and needs since the Agreement's adoption
3. Determining the economic practices that led to increased regional exposure to market volatility in agricultural commodity prices and developing an appropriate action plan to better prepare the Arab League members for prevailing as well as fluctuating global economic conditions
4. Promoting economic strategies to combat illicit trade, particularly regarding the illegal trafficking of drugs, human beings and weapons

Special Summit of Arab Heads of State

1. Protecting critical trade routes and expanding trade capacity by improving land, sea, and air links between member states
2. Preserving Arab cultural traditions while promoting economic diversification, industrialization, and social development
3. Determining the viability of increased participation of non-member states in Arab League activities, and revisiting Arab participation in multilateral organizations as a means of improving diplomatic, economic, and security relations
4. Addressing cross-border population shifts resulting from political, economic or social hardship
5. Discussing the present and future prospects of the member states' youth in light of ongoing shifts in demographics and geopolitical dynamics