

2015-2016 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. Reviewing progress and defining benchmarks for the unified Arab force specified by the 26th Summit of the League of Arab States
2. Countering threats and security challenges posed by militant non-state actors, with special attention paid to groups of a transnational nature
3. Proposing policies to address security threats related to refugees and refugee camps in order to assist those displaced by conflict and instability
4. Reviewing the Middle East Nuclear Weapon Free Zone to determine a League-wide nuclear policy and a response to developments in the regional nuclear landscape

Council on Palestinian Affairs

1. Discussing means to redevelop and secure agricultural land as well as access to natural resources within Palestinian territories
2. Exploring a role for the League in encouraging routine discussion amongst Palestinian factions and a coordinated approach for facilitating state affairs
3. Devising methods to improve access to power, electricity, and water utilities in occupied Palestinian territories, bearing in mind restrictions on imported materials
4. Addressing legal issues and developing concrete proposals related to the identity and citizenship status of Palestinians living in East Jerusalem

Council on Political Affairs

1. Developing League-wide strategies to deter outside influence and to maintain political sovereignty and self-determination in light of regional developments
2. Considering the effects of sectarianism and gender participation on the political systems of Arab states
3. Defining conditions and parameters on which future League-sponsored negotiations with insurgent groups in the region might be based
4. Exploring the effects and repercussions of changing geopolitical realities with regard to regional neighbors and developing protocols to mitigate potential risks

Council of Arab Social Affairs Ministers

1. Addressing literacy amongst Arab populations, with special emphasis on those in areas of conflict
2. Combating cross-border criminal activities with negative societal impacts including but not limited to human trafficking and drug smuggling
3. Considering the environments and conditions which increase the risk of radicalization by and recruitment for extremist groups, and establishing tactics to prevent or counter them
4. Examining disparities in access to healthcare in order to protect against and prevent epidemics and outbreaks

Council of Arab Environmental Affairs Ministers

1. Exploring private and public support for new technologies to reduce carbon emissions such as efficiency standards, carbon-capture, renewables, and new fuels
2. Evaluating methods for sustainable agricultural development, particularly in post-conflict areas, to reverse soil erosion, salt intrusion, overuse of fertilizers and pesticides, etc.
3. Developing strategies to promote economic opportunities in sectors with a low impact on the environment such as technology, education, and services
4. Discussing the protection of native endangered and threatened animals and plants within the region and the implementation of conservation measures

Council of Arab Economic Affairs Ministers

1. Addressing the implications of changes to sanctions regimes in the region, including any possible dangers to and areas of benefit for member states
2. Devising a League-wide strategy to combat the generation and transference of funding for militant and criminal organizations,
3. Investing in the knowledge economy, growing and sustaining the strength of information-based sectors, and laying the foundation for a future transition to a more diverse economy
4. Evaluating the economic effects of refugee populations within member states and developing economic provisions for displaced people

Summit of Arab Heads of State

1. Encouraging League-wide economic diversification, emphasizing cooperation that capitalizes on complementary comparative advantages
2. Confronting the self-proclaimed Islamic State and its affiliates through military, ideological, financial, and political means
3. Exploring effective strategies for employing humanitarian assistance to refugees and others displaced by regional conflict
4. Discussing challenges to the existing regional order, with special consideration given to the breakdown of borders and emergence of new states

Special Council on Religion and Extremism

1. Countering the use of propaganda by extremist groups, paying particular attention to web-based media and the use of the internet as a means to spread extremist ideology
2. Exploring the ideological roots of extremist groups in the region and their connection to sectarianism, political vacuums, and the lack of social services
3. Assessing the role of religious minorities in the region and their place in the economy, society, politics and government processes
4. Identifying paths to radicalization, particularly for Arab youth, and the most effective methods for de-radicalization, rehabilitation, and reintegration into society both economically and societally