

# 2013-2014 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. Proposing initiatives to combat the threat of domestic and international militancy and sectarian conflict to regional security
2. Exploring the impact of climate change and environmental stresses on Arab security, with particular attention given to access to natural resources and food security
3. Addressing external threats to Arab security including but not limited to nuclear capabilities, digital and other types of espionage, and foreign involvement in regional conflict
4. Discussing the principles and management of military intervention by regional and global actors in member states

## Council on Palestinian Affairs

1. Recognizing and mitigating the impact of the Syrian civil war on displaced Palestinian refugees, guaranteeing the eventual rehabilitation of damaged refugee camps in Syria, and ensuring the safe return of refugees upon resolution of the conflict
2. Addressing the quality of health among the residents of the occupied Palestinian territories and ensuring that stakeholders work to provide adequate access to health care as a basic human right
3. Reviewing and revising the Casablanca Protocol (1965), with special attention given to access to employment and educational opportunities, and freedom of movement, for Palestinians
4. Developing Arab League strategies to plan for the potential success of peace negotiations, including short-term actions to promote positive outcomes as well as long-term planning for multiple contingencies

## Council on Political Affairs

1. Establishing conditions, standards, and guidelines for multi-party negotiations to end the conflict in Syria

2. Discussing methods to advocate for the political and social rights of Arabs living outside of member states, with special emphasis on addressing anti-Arab and anti-Islamic laws and policies
3. Considering agreements for the movement of skilled and unskilled labor between member states in order to decrease unemployment, spur economic growth, and enhance inter-Arab cooperation
4. Formulating long-term Arab League contingency plans to address the potential effects of change in regional political structures

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

1. Examining the socio-economic effects of climate change, especially regarding food and water security
2. Analyzing how migration due to civil unrest has affected employment, education, housing, and access to health and human services in the Arab world
3. Addressing measures to protect and preserve national treasures and further develop Arab art and culture in times of both peace and war
4. Expanding efforts to reduce region-wide sectarian tension and violence by creating opportunities for inter-religious and inter-ethnic dialogue and exchange

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

1. Examining methods of creating a more environmentally-friendly industrial sector, with emphasis on the use and development of alternative energy resources
2. Assessing the impact of environmental degradation in current conflict zones on agricultural industries and considering possible remedies
3. Evaluating the potential environmental repercussions of plans to manipulate the flow and distribution of water, such as building dams, canals, and large-scale aquifer projects
4. Discussing the creation of an Arab League mechanism to designate and protect areas of invaluable natural and ecological significance to the heritage of the region

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

1. Discussing the effects of national-level subsidies on international commodity markets within the Arab League

2. Developing a budget for, and assessing the potential economic benefits of, League-wide projects in energy and transportation infrastructure
3. Determining League policies regarding economic sanctions placed upon member states
4. Examining ways to more efficiently utilize the constructive potential of large, predominantly underemployed Arab youth demographics in many member states

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

1. Addressing the effects of regime change on regional stability and diplomatic relations, with special attention paid to the situation in Syria
2. Assessing the role of the League in issues relating to migration, including but not limited to providing for refugees, forging agreements on work permits and visas, and the emigration of skilled workers to other regions
3. Formulating a League-wide agreement on standards regarding treatment, extradition, and asylum for deposed Arab leaders
4. Addressing challenges to regional security stemming from climate change and environmental stresses such as diminishing water resources, rising food prices and food insecurity, and population displacement

### **Special Committee on Arab Human Rights**

1. Creating a framework for supporting and advocating for children and women affected by abuse and harassment within the Middle East and North Africa
2. Reviewing and amending the Arab Charter on Human Rights (1994, 2004) with a goal toward League-wide ratification and reconciling conflicts with the Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam
3. Considering the applicability to League member states of the World Health Organization's right to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, including the right to healthy living conditions and available, accessible, affordable and quality health services
4. Examining best practices to securing the economic rights of all Arabs, such as safe working conditions and adequate housing, considering the region's particular characteristics