

Model Arab League 2009-2010: Provisional Regional MAL Agenda

Please note: there are **separate agendas for the Regional and National Models. Two of the three topics used from the Regional MAL agenda will carry over to the National MAL, and two new topics will be added to the National MAL agenda as well.**

Joint Defense Council

1. Examining law enforcement issues and cooperation in training activities among national police forces to preserve order and protect public safety
2. Reviewing and strengthening the Geneva Conventions (1949) and their Additional Protocols (1977) with special regard given to the treatment of prisoners of war and the protection of civilians in occupied territories
3. Responding to insurgent violence that threatens the territorial integrity and the maintenance of order in member states

Council on Palestinian Affairs

1. Establishing means for ensuring the fair distribution of humanitarian aid to the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip and West Bank, including food, money, medical resources and workers
2. Fostering dialogue and reconciliation between the Palestinian Authority and other Palestinian factions with the goal of strengthening the Palestinian state and legitimizing domestic political processes
3. Developing an Arab League response mechanism to incursions into Palestinian territory, violations of Palestinian human rights, and destruction of Palestinian lives and property

Council of Arab Social Affairs Ministers

1. Mitigating the social and economic effects of substance abuse on family structures, public order, and national development
2. Addressing challenges facing political activists and civil society organizations in the Arab world, including the status of minorities
3. Guaranteeing access to basic and continuing education for all people, especially girls, women, and other vulnerable populations

Council on Political Affairs

1. Developing Arab League election observation procedures
2. Strengthening the relationship between the Arab League and international institutions including, but not limited to, the United Nations, the African Union, and the Organization of the Islamic Conference
3. Deepening diplomatic relations between member states with special regard for states weakened by conflict and/or internal strife

Council of Arab Environmental Affairs Ministers

1. Addressing alternative energy development opportunities for member states in a changing energy market and a post-hydro carbon world
2. Protecting the natural environment on land and under the sea while promoting economic development and simultaneously preserving Arab cultural and historical heritage
3. Assessing waste treatment procedures and recycling efforts that are critical to sustainable development and public health in order to mitigate the effects of industrial and economic growth

Council of Arab Economic Affairs Ministers*

1. Encouraging Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) while maintaining national sovereignty
2. Assessing the role of Islamic Finance and informal financial mechanisms in regional economic structures and development
3. Strengthening and rebuilding local economies and small business, especially after conflicts and natural disasters

Special Committee on Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons*

1. Examining consequences of the emigration of vital human capital on member states including possible strategies for encouraging their repatriation and/or investment in their homelands
2. Addressing existing protection gaps and considering measures to ensure that vulnerable populations in forced or voluntary migrations, including asylum seekers, internally displaced persons, refugees, returnees, and stateless persons, are protected according to international law and standards
3. Developing League standards for accurate reporting, documentation, and record-keeping of refugee and IDP (internally displaced persons) populations

*Only at select regional models