

# 2012 - 2013 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 the current state of cyber-security and its implications for regional defense and economic interests
2. Addressing Arab League and member state involvement with multilateral organizations, including the United Nations, NATO and the African Union, regarding defense and military concerns
3. Considering mechanisms to regulate the flow of military goods into conflict zones and areas outside the control of member state governments
4. Formulating collective agreements regarding the use of controversial new military and intelligence technology by regional and international actors, with special consideration given to unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) technology

## Council on Palestinian Affairs

1. Revisiting the 2002 Arab Peace Initiative with special attention given to Clause 2.2 to determine the League's position on what constitutes a "just solution" as well as to the Arab Spring's impact on the peace plan's implementation
2. Discussing means to secure Palestinian access to natural and agricultural resources and developing means of harnessing those resources to rebuild the Palestinian economy
3. Examining mental and psychological health concerns among Palestinian refugees in order to develop methods of detection, prevention, and treatment
4. Supporting political unity between Palestinian factions and parties in order to promote effective statecraft

## **Council of Social Affairs Ministers**

1. Formulating a comprehensive Arab League policy to address the reduction and removal of non-discriminate weapons ordnance as well as developing strategies to assist affected member states and individual victims
2. Discussing media policy in member states regarding press freedom, shifts in digital, print, and new media, as well as the role of state-sponsored outlets
3. Examining common public health issues affecting member states with special regard for population growth and the threat of trans-border infectious diseases
4. Considering stability measures and the protection of human rights in post-conflict states

## **Council on Political Affairs**

1. Reexamining Article 8 of the Arab League Charter in light of recent developments, events, and actions in order to best protect collective Arab security
2. Assessing the impact of the Arab Spring on Arab League and member states' relationships and agreements with the international community
3. Encouraging and assisting in border demarcation, control, and crossings between member states to enhance security and reduce disputes
4. Exploring questions of treatment, due process, detention, asylum, and extradition of political prisoners in and between member states in light of ongoing conflicts

## **Council of Environmental Affairs Ministers**

1. Developing sustainable fishing policies and trade regulations in order to protect fish populations and ecosystems and to promote regional food security
2. Addressing the environmental risks of overland and maritime transportation of hydrocarbons
3. Utilizing public-private partnerships in the areas of infrastructure, regional awareness and educational campaigns, development, and natural resource extraction with the goal of greater environmental protection
4. Developing comprehensive Arab League policies regarding animal welfare and animal living conditions and addressing the role of Arab countries as destinations or transit points for the illegal trafficking of animals

## **Council of Economic Affairs Ministers**

1. Addressing regional economic challenges that have resulted from ongoing conflicts and recent changes in government by examining ways to spur confidence and growth
2. Implementing key components of the Strategy for Sustainable Arab Agricultural Development with a special focus on food security and self-sufficiency in the region (<http://www.aoad.org/strategy/straenglish.pdf>)
3. Addressing water tariff reform in the Arab world in an attempt to stabilize water prices and ensure cost efficiency for producers, suppliers, distributors and consumers
4. Reviewing the stability of the Arab banking sector and financial markets in order to mitigate the potential effects of bank failures and foreign currency crises

## **Special Committee on Arab League Reform**

1. Forming recommendations for the annual Arab League budget and determining member state contributions in accordance with Article 13 of the Arab League Charter
2. Determining the League's role concerning member states experiencing unrest and evaluating methods for conflict resolution such as observer missions, sanctions, humanitarian aid, and other types of assistance
3. Strengthening League efforts to enhance Arab unity and evaluating potential areas of greater cultural, economic, and political integration with special attention given to the exploration of a common Arab currency
4. Reviewing and amending the Arab League Charter regarding membership, council structure, and voting, keeping in mind the goal of advancing the League's influence in the international community