

ARAB LEAGUE

The Arab League, officially known as the **League of Arab States**, was formed in Cairo on 22 March 1945 in order to provide a political forum for the Arab nations.

The League is organised into a council, special committees, and a permanent secretariat. The council is made up of all the member states, each having one vote. Unanimous council decisions are binding on all members, majority decisions only on those that have accepted them. The secretary-general, appointed by a two-thirds majority of the council, is in charge of the administration and financial offices, called the secretariat.

The secretariat headquarters were located in Cairo until Egypt was suspended (1979-89) because of its peace treaty with Israel, when the headquarters moved to Tunis (1979-1990). Shortly after Egypt's reinstatement the league's headquarters was moved back to Cairo (1990).

Members :	Joined
Algeria	16/08/62
Bahrain	11/09/71
Comoros	29/11/93
Djibouti	04/09/77
Egypt ⁽¹⁾	22/03/45 (Founder)
Eritrea	Pending
Iraq	22/03/45 (Founder)
Jordan	22/03/45 (Founder)
Kuwait	20/07/61
Lebanon	22/03/45 (Founder)
Libya	28/03/53
Mauritania	26/11/73
Morocco	01/10/58
Oman	29/09/71
Palestine ⁽²⁾	09/09/76
Qatar	11/09/71
Saudi Arabia	22/03/45 (Founder)
Somalia	14/02/74
Sudan	19/01/56
Syria	22/03/45 (Founder) - Suspended November 2011
Tunisia	01/10/58
United Arab Emirates	06/12/71
Yemen ⁽³⁾	05/05/45 (Founder) (Aden) & 1967(Sana)

(1) Suspended from 1979 to 1989

(2) Represented by the Palestine Liberation Organisation

(3) United 1990