

Provisional - Country Focus MENA Scholarship Programme (MSP)

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The Mena Scholarship Programme is part of the [Shiraka](#) programme. Please note that all activities have to contribute to the Shiraka programme goals, within the priority themes determined for each country in this country focus document.

Country	This Embassy would like to use the MSP to support the following themes of the (Multi) Annual Strategic Plan	This Embassy would like to use the MSP to support the following strategic partners or organisations	Remarks
Algeria	Safety and security, Youth entrepreneurship, Journalism, Human rights, Local governance, (Renewable) energy, (maritime) infrastructure, Water Management, Environment, waste management, agriculture/dairy and food processing, small and medium enterprise development	Ministries of: Energy, water resources and environment, Transport, Agriculture and Rural development and Fisheries, Interior, Industry, Health; Chambers of commerce; Universities and research institutes; NGO's.	Algeria is putting efforts in investing in the human resources that will be central to its quest for a diversified economy, food security and a lower dependence on natural resources representing 98% of its revenues.
Egypt	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rule of Law and Democratization 2. Journalism 3. Economic development especially in logistics (Land and Maritime sector), Renewable energy, Entrepreneurship 4. Coastal zone protection and Management 5. Prospects for refugees and migration cooperation. 	<p>Partners for 1 & 2: civil society, media outlets, public sector).</p> <p>Partners 3: Private sector and civil society</p> <p>Partners 4: Public and private sector</p> <p>Partners 5: Civil society</p>	Not applicable

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Iraq	Agriculture, Water, Entrepreneurship/ business, Civil engineering, architecture in view of reconstruction	Available for all related organizations.	Iraq has huge potential for agriculture, especially dairy and horticulture. Salination of the rivers is a problem that needs to be addressed as well as setting up decentralized support structures.
Iran	Rule of Law & Human Rights, Peace, Security & Stability, Water	Available for all related organizations.	Other fields of interest: smart cities, urbanization, design, cultural diplomacy.
Jordan	Human Rights Youth Empowerment Local Economic Development Good Governance	Available for all related organizations.	Not applicable.
Lebanon	Youth Empowerment, Security Sector Reform and Prevention of Radicalization and Migration, Education (curriculum reform; lifelong education; innovation in teaching, etc), Sustainable Economic Development, Protection, Security Sector Reform.	Available for all related organizations.	Not applicable.
Libya	International legal order/rule of law Human rights Peace, Security, stability and migration Gender and women empowerment Media and freedom of expression Water management	Available for all related organizations.	Not applicable.

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Morocco	Economic development & entrepreneurship, Youth Empowerment, Prevention of Radicalization and Migration, Water (transport, logistics & port development), Renewable Energy	Available for all related organizations.	Not applicable.
Syria	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	MSP is not currently open to professionals applying from Syria. Applicants with the Syrian nationality may apply if they are residing and working in one of the other MSP countries listed.
Tunisia	Sustainable Local Economic Development; Water management & Environment (including waste treatment), Rural innovation, Sustainable tourism management, Local governance, Women entrepreneurship; Land Management and Informal Settlement Regularisation; Food Security	Ministries, particularly Ministries of Agriculture, Investment and international cooperation, Local affairs, Tourism and Environment; Small and medium enterprises (SMEs); organizations, trade and labour unions); Universities/Education Institutes, semi-government/public enterprise, cooperatives	Since 2016, the Netherlands Embassy in Tunis has developed and initiated a new approach with the aim to focus on the North Western region of Tunisia (four governorates: El Kef, Siliana, Beja and Jendouba -the region is one of the most deprived in the country, but with real untapped potential). The short and midterm objectives are: To make the difference, to be even more effective, to maximize synergies between all the multiple NL programmes and support instruments. To do so the Embassy will try as much as possible to redirect all the projects, activities and support programmes (central and delegated) to the focus region. In this regard and in order to serve the bilateral cooperation policy of the Embassy, we would like to give the priority to applicants from the above mentioned governorates.