

## Country focus document - MENA Scholarship Programme (MSP)

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Algeria	(Renewable) energy, (maritime) infrastructure, Water Management, Environment, waste management, agriculture/dairy and food processing, small and medium enterprise development, Safety and security, Youth entrepreneurship, Journalism , Human rights, Local governance	Not applicable	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	Rule of law, Journalism, Democratization, Economic development, especially in the areas of Water management, Agriculture, Maritime sector (port development and logistics) and (renewable) Energy	Not applicable	Available for all related organizations in public and private sectors (with the focus on SME's).	Not applicable
Iraq	Agriculture, Water, Entrepreneurship / business, Civil engineering; architecture in view of reconstruction.	Not applicable	Available for all related organizations in public and private sectors.	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 Management, Agriculture	Not applicable	Available for all related organizations in public and private sectors.	Other fields of interest: smart cities, urbanization, design, cultural diplomacy

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Jordan	Agriculture, Food Safety, Human rights, Water, Medical	Not applicable	Available for all related organizations in public and private sectors.	Not applicable
Lebanon	Sustainable Local Economic Development (Ecotourism, etc); Women entrepreneurship; Small and Medium Enterprise Development; 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 in public and private sectors.	Not applicable
Libya	Rule of Law, Media, Water Management, Agriculture, Private Sector Investment, Local Governance, Human rights, Women empowerment, Entrepreneurship and Journalism	Not applicable	The Embassy's NGO network, University's of Tripoli and Benghazi, Ministry of Water, Ministry of Agriculture	We would like the MSP to be complementary to the other activities that are funded from the Shiraka budget. these include working with civil society in the area of rule of law and media, but also economic cooperation in the field of agriculture and water management.
Morocco	Water (transport, logistics & port development), Renewable Energy , Economic development & entrepreneurship, Youth Empowerment, Prevention of Radicalization and Migration.	Agriculture (Agro Food, Dairy and Horticulture) and Market access.	Available for all related organizations in public and private sectors.	Not applicable
Syria	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	MSP is not currently open to applicants applying from Syria. Applicants with the Syrian nationality may however apply if they are residing and working in one of the other selected MSP countries.

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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	Social and solidarity economy (SSE) / Circular Economy; Private sector development with focus and Public Private partnership in shaping a new business climate; Public finance reform, start-ups	TN Ministries, particularly Ministries of Agriculture, Investment and international cooperation, Local affairs, Tourism and Environment; Small and medium enterprises (SMEs); organizations (including the Farmers association UTAP, trade and labour unions); Universities/Education Institutes, semi-government/public enterprise, cooperatives	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To make the difference</li> <li>• To be even more effective</li> <li>• To maximize synergies between all the multiple NL programmes and support instruments</li> </ul> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>