



Challenge 3:

Research contexts – priorities, training and impact

A Perspective From the Arabic Gulf and the Levant

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Context

- ✧ Some figures (Arab World = 22 States)
 - ✧ Internet penetration is between 36 to 40%
 - ✧ About 413 million Internet users
 - ✧ 71 million social networking technologies users.
- ✧ Research prompted by political role/democratic/revolutionary potential
 - ✧ *Western NGOs*
 - ✧ *Arab-based NGOs*
 - ✧ *Local governments - Inter-Arab State Agencies*

Research Interests



Arabian Gulf (Saudi Arabia, Qatar, UAE, Oman, Kuwait and Bahrain)

✦ *Economic and culturally oriented*

✦ Examples:

✦ Literacies and capacity building.

✦ Developing cultural safeguards

The Levant (Lebanon, Syria, Palestinian Territories and Jordan)

✦ *Economic implications*

✦ Examples:

✦ Literacies and capacity building.

✦ Media development research

Research Areas/Training



- ✧ Access & the digital divide
- ✧ Content & Value
- ✧ Literacy & Pedagogy
- ✧ Legal