



# 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)

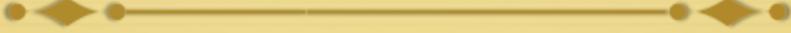
✦ *Economic implications*

✦ Examples:

✦ Literacies and capacity building.

✦ Media development research

# Research Areas/Training



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