





## **AWRAD's Fund for Community Development**

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The Arab World for Research & Development (AWRAD) launched its new initiative (AWRAD's Fund for Community Development). The launching ceremony took place on Tuesday 20 July 2010, under the auspices of the President of the Palestinian National Authority - Mahmoud Abbas. Dr. Abdullah al-Efranaji spoke on behalf of the President, and reiterated the commitment of the President and the PNA to cultural development that leads to emancipation, freedom and justice. The Minister of Culture, HE Seham Bargouthi was also present with a keynote speech, and with great support for the AWRAD's initiative. Dr. Nader Said, the Founder and president of AWRAD, elaborated on the mission and objectives of the Fund, as it focuses on the production and dissemination of humanistic and progressive literature (books). Over one hundred intellectuals, writers, political leaders, ministers, youth and media personalities attended and signed up to become members in the AWRAD initiative. The ceremony was an occasion to sign the first three books produced by AWRAD's Fund: *Class Transformation in the West Bank and Gaza* (Ghazi Sourani), *Circles of Conviction in the Hamas Discourse* (Dr. Walid Shurafa) and *Scent of Life* (Ziad Izzat Said). AWRAD's Fund for Community Development is a non-profit initiative reflecting AWRAD's social responsibility role to serve its community.