



Strategic Reform of the .IQ Policy

Transformations, Impacts, and APTLD
Support

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Background of the .IQ Policy Reform

Initial Situation: Outdated policies and inefficiencies in IQ domain registration, lifecycle, registration, and registrar accreditation.

Need for Reform: Aligning with international standards, improving registry operations, and protecting user rights.

APTLD Support for Policy Consolidation

Collaboration: APTLD provided technical assistance and policy advice through the Ad-hoc Members Working Group on Policy Advice and Assistance (IQ-TAWG).

Members: Key Supporters: Leonid Todorov, APTLD GM, and the volunteer members of IQ-TAWG, including representatives from .SU, .AM, .IN, .BH, and others.

Charter: Outline of the group's charter, adopted on 14 August 2023, focusing on delivering policy advice and technical assistance.

Key Policy Reforms Implemented

Domain Name Registration Policy: Defining registration procedures, eligibility, and the first-come-first-served basis.

Domain Name Lifecycle Policy: Outlines the management of domain names, including registration, renewal, and deletion procedures.

Pricing Policy: Establishing transparent pricing structures for domain registration and renewal.

Accreditation Practices for Registrars: Setting the standards and requirements for becoming an accredited registrar.

Impact of the Reforms

Increased Registrations: A significant 500% rise in .IQ domain registrations post-reform.

Enhanced Transparency and Security: Improved user trust by clearly understanding the process and rights

Streamlined Processes: Faster and more efficient domain registration and management processes by providing an online registration system and online payments

Challenges and Solutions

Challenges: Initial resistance to change, technical implementation issues, and the need for continuous updates.

Solutions: Continuous collaboration with APTLD, adopted new SRS sytem, regularly review policies, and capacity-building initiatives.

Future Outlook

Ongoing Revisions: Commitment to regular policy reviews and updates to ensure compliance with evolving standards and stakeholders input.

Further Collaborations: Future collaborations with international bodies to further enhance the .IQ registry.

Innovation: Exploring new opportunities for digital identity in Iraq, including expanding the domain name space.



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