The Current State, Challenges and Perspectives

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.TJ – Yesterday and Today

• 1997 – .TJ ccTLD was established and delegated to Tajikistan

• 1998-2002 – management over .TJ moved to TJ Network Services of Fresno, California USA

• 2002-2003 – redelegation process for returning management over .TJ to Tajikistan

• 2004-until now – .TJ ccTLD is managed by ITC after successfully done redelegation process
.TJ – Yesterday and Today

• January 2004: the first domains registered: babilon.tj, babilon-m.tj and babilon-t.tj.
• Despite its age, currently.TJ is home to slightly over 6,800 domains.
Main Causes for the Small Number of Registrations

• Socio-economic hardships of transition
• Civil war
• Poverty and migration of the local residents to Russia and other IS countries
• The effect of a double land-locked territory
• Policy inconsistencies
• Lack of international exposure
Registrations Market in .TJ

• Despite all the challenges, the market is there
• Over 75% domains registered by the three largest registrars.
• Get.tj is the leader.
• CompuWorld Ltd is the second biggest registrar but focuses on foreign customers
• The local market falls behind.
Registered domain (by registrars)
.TJ . So....

• Only 40% of domains in .tj belongs to the citizens of Tajikistan;

• The rest belongs to various international companies and cyber squatters, who have not lost hope to recoup once bought domains
Registrations (by Countries)

- Tajikistan: 40.1%
- Russia: 34.5%
- USA: 19.2%
- Others: 6.2%
Registrations (by Years)
IDN (Alphabet)

• Tajik language is Farsi origin language but has Cyrillic writing and 6 additional letters, so called extended Cyrillic character set. During Soviet period Tajik alphabet included 39 letters.

• Cyrillic АБВГДЕЁЖЗИЙКЛМНОПРСТУФХЦЧШЩЪЫЬЭЮЯ

• Tajik ҒӢҚЎҲҶ

• After some reform in recent years 4 characters were discarded from alphabet. Here they are: ЦЩЫЬ

• In spite of that by means of IDN it is preferable to use all 39 letters because it allows registering both Russian and Tajik names within one character set without any limitation and it doesn't cause any ambiguity between the languages.
Future steps

- IPv6 Internet protocol deploying
- DNSSEC implementations
- Full IDN ccTLD
Any immediate ideas to share?
Thank you!

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