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Rec 4: ALS education and engagement

Situation:

- Different backgrounds within the ICANN communities: end user, governmental, business , technical, fellows
- Lack of knowledge in almost every community especially for newcomers
- Takes too long to understand ICANN processes, themes, history
- Waste of time before you are able to contribute and to comment

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Recommendation:

- Cross community training programme on ICANN issues

- Implemented in the schedule in every ICANN meeting (1-3 Days)

- Obligation for incoming ALAC, GAC...representatives and fellows **BEFORE** their term starts (one meeting in advance)

- Faculty within the ICANN community (registrars, board member, staff, ALAC, GAC)

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How to proceed?:

1. Develop the existing approach of beginners session (like DNSSEC or new gTLDs for beginners)

2. Start in San Francisco with a one day programme

3. Learn from the experience

4. Improve and establish

5. Extend up to 3 days

6. Think about implementing other education programmes during the year (DiploFoundation, ISSIG…)

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Themes to be in the programme:

- History and function of ICANN

- Structure of ICANN

- Nominating and decision making processes

- Bylaws

- Currently ongoing discussions (cross community)

- Overarching Emerging issues

- Overview of working groups within SO and AC

- Communication tools and how to use