At-Large Community Onboarding

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Summary of At-Large Community Onboarding
At-Large Community Onboarding Program

**Promoting At-Large**
- Target participants for At Large
- How each type of participant can be involved in At Large
- What should draw them to this unique and diverse community

**Understanding At-Large**
- How the community operates
- Information on community activities
- Community organisational structure

**Joining At-Large**
- Various ways to join the At-Large community through various mediums

**Engaging in At-Large**
- Active participation & involvement stage leading to further involvement such as leadership positions.
Promoting ICANN At-Large Community
If you are a person or belong to a group that follows, cares and is enthusiastic about Internet Governance issues (such as Digital Divide, Net Neutrality, Privacy and Security) as they affect end users, then your place is within the At Large Community.

**Technical Groups**
IEEE

**Consumer Groups**
Advocacy Groups

**Academia**
Students and Professors, Student unions

**Enthusiasts**
Anyone interested or affected by the Internet

**Civil Society**
ICT Associations, ISOC Chapters, YMCAs

ICANN At-Large welcomes different people from different backgrounds all with one interest, HOW THE INTERNET AFFECTS THEM.
The At-Large Community represents the interests of Internet end users in ICANN activities as they relate to the domain name system (DNS). These include policies that

- govern how people can register and use domain names,
- ensure local languages are available as domain names,
- govern your country code Top Level Domain (ccTLD) and
- govern how generic Top Level Domains (gTLDs) are made available worldwide

By being a part of the At-Large Community, you can help shape these policies being developed by ICANN's multistakeholder community that affect current and future Internet users.
The challenges to Promoting ICANN At-Large
The What? Why should I care?

- ICANN?
- DNS?
- Domain Names?
- Top Level Domains?
- country code Top Level Domains?
- generic Top Level Domains?
- IANA?
- post IANA Stewardship?

What do all of these things mean?
What are the relationships?
How are they interconnected?
Many end users, Academia, Civil Society, Consumer Groups, Enthusiasts, members of our existing At-Large Structures that are part of the ICANN At-Large Community:

- don’t have an understanding of what these terms means.
- may have misconceptions of what these terms means.

Hence

- No understanding or appreciation of the issues involved;
- The attitude ‘it does not affect me so why should I care?”
Overcoming the challenges
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We saw the need to develop a series of ordered lessons/presentations that:

- can form a toolkit for At-Large Community members in educating the wider public

- At-Large Structure (ALS) representatives can use to educate members in their organisations in getting persons in their organisation to care about ICANN issues and become more involved in the At-Large Community.

- can be available online and offline for ease of use and access.
Overcoming the challenges

We’ve worked with members of the At-Large Outreach and Engagement SC to develop a series of ordered lessons/presentations on:

1. **What is the DNS and who coordinates all of this stuff?**
   Introduce the concepts of the DNS and introduce entities like ICANN the corporation, and ICANN the community.

2. **Policy challenges/issues in the DNS**
   WHOIS, IDNs, new gTLDs, etc

3. **About the ICANN At-Large Community**
   The ICANN Community representing end users’ interests