RSC Action Plan 2023-2025

Note
This Action Plan updates RSC/Chair/2023/1, following the publication of the RDA Board’s Strategic Plan and its approval of the extension of the Education and Orientation Officer role to a permanent position (‘Report of RDA Board’, RSC/Minutes/413-443, Appendix 423)1.

The next update to the RSC Action Plan is due in January 2024. RSC Action Plan 2024-2026 should be ratified at the RSC Meeting in January 2024 and published shortly thereafter.

Standing Tasks (done every year):

- Direct RDA development to ensure continued alignment with the governing objectives:
  - Responsiveness to user needs
  - Cost efficiency
  - Flexibility
  - Continuity
  - Internationalization
- Report yearly on progress toward internationalization of the standard
- Add and adjust examples
- Provide content updates of RDA for Toolkit releases
- Continue RDA editorial cleanup (both in the Registry and the CMS)
- Continue guidance chapter development
- Be responsive to user feedback
- Review membership and tasks of all RSC Working Groups, adjusting as needed
- Interact with RSC Working Groups, monitoring their progress and providing input as needed
- Act on submitted discussion papers or proposals
- Provide expertise and support for RDA communities
- Provide outreach to new communities as opportunities arise
- Update RSC operations documents and create additional procedural documents as needed
- Refine processes (for translations, for policy statement updating, for Registry updating, etc.)
- Be alert to developments with IFLA LRM, ICP review, IFLA MulDiCat, ISSN, ISBD, and Records in contexts—International Council on Archives (RiC-IAD) for their impact on RDA

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1 The text of the Action Plan was approved at the RSC Meeting at the Executive Session on 17 October 2023, but publication was delayed until RSC/Minutes/413-443 was published and could be linked.
2023

1 Develop RDA as a responsive and dynamic standard
   a. Offer support to communities interested in developing discussion papers and proposals
   b. Contribute to the development of the Strategic Plan for RDA 2023-2025
   c. Continue review of Community Resources area and communicate decisions to users
   d. Provide support for training for those transitioning to the official Toolkit
   e. Address placement, potential integration, and functionality of application profiles within the Toolkit
   f. First the Technical Working Group, then the RSC:
      1) Prepare new guidance chapter on collection level description
      2) Begin BIBFRAME mapping
      3) Review the concept of performance aggregates (amalgamation instructions)
   g. Begin planning for removal of soft deprecated elements
   h. Undertake a review to identify inconsistent language and use of terms
   i. Toolkit development goals that impact the RSC:
      1) Consolidate the RSC website with other related Drupal sites, including development of space for regional committees and better sharing of content
      2) Development of mapping tool
      3) Implement Community Resources access for both CMS users and non-CMS users

2 Increase the adoption of RDA
   a. Continue to support regional groups
   b. Investigate an affiliate RSC membership status for regions not yet represented on the RSC, with an eye toward moving those regions to full membership status
   c. Provide orientation and support for RSC Representative from Latin America and the Caribbean when appointed

3 Provide relevant governance
   a. Recruit or re-appoint individuals to the following RSC positions: RDA Examples Editor, Wider Community Engagement Officer
   b. Review existing protocols and assigned liaisons with other information standards groups, considering new alignment(s) with IFLA

2024

1 Develop RDA as a responsive and dynamic standard
   a. Together with the RDA Board, review the status of countdown clock and community implementations of RDA
   b. Continue outreach and orientation to LIS education and training activities
c. Continue review of Community resources area and communicate decisions to users
d. Continue BIBFRAME mapping
e. Continue planning for removal of soft deprecated elements
f. Further the development of the Collective Agent entity by creating a working group
g. Re-establish the Music Working Group
h. Further develop Nomen and Timespan instructions
i. Toolkit development goals that impact the RSC:
   1) Development of RDA templates

2 Increase the adoption of RDA
   a. Begin outreach to archival (or other) communities in collaboration with RDA Board, as appropriate

3 Provide relevant governance
   a. Recruit or re-appoint individuals to the following RSC positions: Technical Team Liaison Officer, Translations Team Liaison Officer

2025

1 Develop RDA as a responsive and dynamic standard
   a. If needed, review status of countdown clock and community implementations of RDA together with the RDA Board
   b. Begin executing plan for removal of soft deprecated elements

2 Increase the adoption of RDA
   a. Continue outreach to archival (or other) communities in collaboration with RDA Board, as appropriate

3 Provide relevant governance
   a. Establish new Archives Working Group
   b. Recruit or re-appoint individuals to the following RSC positions: Secretary, RDA Examples Editor, Wider Community Engagement Officer, Education and Orientation Officer
   c. Recruit for RSC Chair-Elect