Getting Beyond Beta:
Next Steps in Finalizing the New Toolkit

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Stabilizing the Text

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Stabilize the English Text

- *When:* April 2019
- *Who:* RSC, who will review/approve all elements
- *Why:* Enables policy statement creators, translators, and writers of supplementary resources to get to work, using a reliable text
- After the English text is stable, updates/releases to the Toolkit will be more formal than during the past few years

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Stabilize the English Text

- ## What content may change after this occurs?
  - Correction of errors
  - Edits to improve consistency
  - Additional conditions/options within an existing element
  - Creation of new elements

- ## What may not change?
  - Anything requiring substantial rewording, especially if it would affect the translations

- ## When do these restrictions cease?
  - After the new Toolkit is no longer "beta"

Other Implications of Winding Down 3R

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Continue to Implement Governance Changes

- Clearly identify roles of RSC Working Groups, RSC Regional Groups, and RSC itself
- Develop new internal communication procedures
- Develop new procedures and time frames for proposals, including both major and minor changes
- Recruit for new Examples Editor

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RSC Working Groups

- Charged to share format or subject expertise and to participate in RDA development and revision

- Expect to discharge most of the existing RSC Working Groups after the English text is stabilized
  - RSC to reassess the needs for specialized working groups in the 2nd quarter

- Most Working Groups will
  - Be "task and finish" groups, with no more than a 2-year life span
  - Have specific tasks and time frames assigned
  - Have international membership with representation from at least two regions

- Two standing working groups
  - RSC Technical Working Group
  - RSC Translations Working Group

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Role of RSC Regional Groups

- Currently EURIG, NARDAC, and ORDAC
  - Anticipate the development of a Latin American group during 2019
- Share expertise to support RDA development, enhancement, and refinement
  - Including topics that are too general, or too short-term for a specialized working group
- Each regional group determines how to accomplish tasks and how to share its work

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Role of RSC

- Becoming more of an executive body
- Will make final decisions, based on input from working groups and from regions
- Members
  - Contribute to RSC activities, decision-making, etc.
  - Volunteer their regions to work on a particular topic
  - Recommend members for RSC Working Groups
  - Share information about RSC meetings and decisions with the regional groups

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RSC Communication Procedures

- Moving away from making major decisions only on an annual basis
  - Goal to make/implement decisions on at least a quarterly basis
  - Will continue monthly virtual meetings through March and will assess their ongoing need after that
  - Will continue annual face-to-face meetings
    - But will look to shorten their duration to under a week
- Utilizing collaborative workspaces for decision making
  - Less reliance on email

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New Procedures for Proposals

- Yet to be developed
  - A priority after the English text is stabilized
- Will need to support the quarterly decision-making goal
- Must allow for community feedback
  - To be managed by the regional groups, who will vet responses and send their recommendations on to the RSC
- Decisions must be made public

Post 3R Work

Future RDA Development Includes...

- Extent of Manifestation
- Extent of Expression
- Refinement of Collective Agent

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Questions?

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