RSC Action Plan 2025-2027

Note

This Action Plan updates RSC/Chair/2024/1, which covered the period 2024-2026.

Standing Tasks (completed 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
- Offer support to communities interested in developing discussion papers and proposals
- 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
- Archive materials to the RSC space on ALAIR

Tasks with projected completion dates:

1 **Develop RDA as a responsive and dynamic standard**
   a. With the RDA Board, support the community on the approach to the start of the countdown clock on 11 May 2026 (2025-2026)
   b. Monitor use of Community Resources area and establish processes for this to become a standing task (2026)

    c. Outreach to Toolkit users (both CMS and non-CMS) to make use of the Community Resources section of the Toolkit (2025-2026)

    d. Together with the RDA Board, review community implementations of RDA (2025-2027)

    e. First the Technical Working Group, then the RSC:
- Complete BIBFRAME mapping (2025)
- Review the concept of performance aggregates (amalgamation instructions) (2025-2026)

    f. Continue to monitor use of soft deprecated elements (2025-2026)

    g. Continue to monitor application profiles under development by community members (2025-2027)

    h. Further the development of RDA concepts (in line with the IFLA LRM) (2025-2027)

2 Increase the adoption of RDA

    a. Continue to support regional groups (2025-2027)

    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 (2025-2027)

    c. Continue with outreach to archival (or other) communities in collaboration with RDA Board, as appropriate (2025-2027)

    d. Explore interest amongst library management in the future of cataloguing (2025-2027)

    e. Continue outreach and orientation to LIS education and training activities (2025-2027)

3 Provide relevant governance

    a. Recruit or re-appoint individuals to the following RSC positions:
- Secretary, Wider Community Engagement Officer, RDA Examples Editor (2025)
- Technical Team Liaison Officer, Education and Orientation Officer (2026)

    b. Recruit for RSC Chair-Elect (2025)

    c. Reappoint Task and Finish Working Groups as required

    d. Consider the demand for further Task and Finish Working Groups (2025-2027)

    e. Continue to contribute to the Joint RDA Board and RSC Working Group on Artificial Intelligence (formed in 2024, with current Terms of Reference through 2026)

    f. Continue to review existing protocols and assigned liaisons with other information standards groups (2025-2027)

- Update [RSC/Chair/13 - Protocol between the RSC and the ISSN International Centre](#) in consultation with the ISSN International Centre (2025)
- Update [RSC/Chair/15 - Protocol between the RSC and the Library of Congress Network Development and MARC Standards Office](#) in consultation with the Library of Congress (2025)
- Draft the protocol with ShareVDE (2025)