

Future Projections: RSC Action Plan 2023-2025

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Resource Description & Access

RSC Action Plan

- A three-year rolling plan, required by the [2018 RDA Agreement](#)
 - “Annually, the RDA Steering Committee shall submit for approval to the RDA Board of Delegates an updated three-year rolling plan, including a development programme, based on expertise and user consultation”
- Based on the Strategic Plan for RDA
 - Latest version is 2020-2022 (<http://www.rda-rsc.org/strategicplan20-22>)
 - RDA Board has started discussing the next three-year plan
 - RSC will participate in finalizing the plan
 - Anticipate new strategic plan by early 2023
- Recent RDA Action Plans available
 - [2020-2022](#)
 - [2021-2023](#)
 - [2022-2024](#)

But if the Strategic Plan ends in 2022...

- How to build an RSC Action Plan in this situation?
 - RDA Board agreement during the initial discussion of the next Strategic Plan
 - The 2020-2022 Strategic Plan for RDA will remain in effect until the new one is finalized
 - There will be no substantive change in direction
 - Focus on the existing strategic goals
 - Develop RDA as a responsive and dynamic standard
 - Principles-based standard; clear maintenance program; communicate changes
 - Increase the adoption of RDA
 - Outreach to unrepresented regions; improve the applicability of RDA for languages, specialized resources, etc.
 - Provide relevant governance
 - Develop and subsequently review policies and procedures

Structure of the RSC Action Plan

- Standing tasks, done every year
 - Act as reminders of ongoing work, for the RSC, its working groups, and RDA users
 - By definition, these will never be “done”
- Year 1 tasks
 - Anticipated actions for the 12-month period
 - Includes uncompleted actions from the previous year
 - May include multi-year tasks, but broken down by year (e.g., year 1 = begin; year 2 = continue; year 3 = complete)
- Year 2 and Year 3 tasks
 - Less specific; fewer entries
 - More uncertainty as to timing



Comparison: 2022 Tasks

- 2020-2022 Plan

- Review status of countdown clock and community implementations of RDA
- Further develop Nomen and Timespan instructions
- Receive and act on final recommendations of Application Profiles Working Group
- Receive and act on recommendations of other task-and-finish Working Groups
- Be alert to developments with ISSN and ISBN standards and impact on harmonizing with RDA
- Continue BIBFRAME mapping
- Begin outreach to archival (or other) communities in collaboration with RDA Board, as appropriate
- Establish new Working Groups: Archives

- Reality: Nov. 2022

- Task remains, now scheduled for 2024
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- Interim report received; no final report; Working Group discharged April 2022
- Effectively a standing task
- Moved to 2023, expanded to include other international standards (e.g., IFLA ICP, MulDiCat)
- “Begin BIBFRAME mapping” now a 2023 task
- Task remains, now scheduled for 2024
- Task remains, now scheduled for 2025

Tasks Actually Completed in 2022

- Appointed or reappointed: RSC Secretary-Elect, Education and Outreach Officer, Translations Team Liaison Officer
- Thanked and disbanded Application Profiles Working Group
- Received and discussed progress reports from all 4 task-and-finish Working Groups, providing feedback as needed
- Developed general principles for the Community Resources area
- Discussed placement and potential integration of Application Profiles in RDA Toolkit
- Improved communication with RDA users by
 - Posting more announcements on [RSC website](#)
 - Creating a new “[Additions and changes to website](#)” page
 - Holding public sessions during RSC meetings when discussion papers or proposals are discussed
 - Distributing public minutes after every RSC meeting

Sneak Peek at 2023-2025 Action Plan



Standing Tasks

- 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 content management system)
- Continue guidance chapter development
- Be responsive to user feedback

Standing Tasks

- Review membership and tasks of all RSC Working Groups, adjusting as needed
- Interact with Working Groups, monitoring 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.)

Anticipated Tasks for 2023

- **Develop RDA as a responsive and dynamic standard**
 - Offer support to communities interested in developing discussion papers and proposals
 - Contribute to the development of the Strategic Plan for RDA 2023-2025
 - Continue review of Community resources area and communicate decisions to users
 - Provide support for training for those transitioning to the official Toolkit
 - Address placement, potential integration, and functionality of application profiles within the Toolkit
 - Prepare new guidance chapter on collection level description
 - Begin BIBFRAME mapping
 - Review the concept of performance aggregates (amalgamation instructions)
 - Begin planning for removal of soft deprecated elements
 - Be alert to developments with IFLA ICP review, IFLA MulDiCat, ISSN, ISBD, and Records in contexts-International Council on Archives (RiC-IAD) for their impact on RDA

Anticipated Tasks for 2023

- **Increase the adoption of RDA**
 - Continue to support regional groups
 - Investigate an affiliate RSC membership status for regions not yet represented on the RSC
 - Provide orientation and support for RSC Representative from Latin America and the Caribbean when appointed
- **Provide relevant governance**
 - Recruit or reappoint individuals holding the following RSC positions
 - RDA Examples Editor
 - Wider Community Engagement Officer
 - Review existing protocols and assigned liaisons with other information standards groups (see <http://rda-rsc.org/RSCprotocols>)
 - Consider new alignment(s) with IFLA

Anticipated Tasks for 2024

- Together with the RDA Board, review the status of countdown clock and community implementations of RDA
- Continue review of Community resources area and communicate decisions to users
- Continue BIBFRAME mapping
- Continue planning for removal of soft deprecated elements
- Further the development of the Collective Agent entity by creating a working group
- Re-establish the Music Working Group
- Further develop Nomen and Timespan instructions
- Begin outreach to archival (or other) communities in collaboration with RDA Board, as appropriate
- Recruit or reappoint RDA Technical Team Liaison Officer, Translations Team Liaison Officer

Anticipated Tasks for 2025

- If needed, review status of countdown clock and community implementations of RDA together with the RDA Board
- Begin executing plan for removal of soft deprecated elements
- Continue outreach to archival (or other) communities in collaboration with RDA Board, as appropriate
- Establish new Archives Working Group
- Recruit or reappoint individuals holding the following RSC positions
 - RDA Examples Editor
 - Wider Community Engagement Officer
- Recruit for RSC Chair-Elect

Final Versions Coming “Soon”



- RDA Strategic Plan, 2023-2025
 - Anticipated in the 1st quarter of 2023
- RSC Action Plan, 2023-2025
 - Anticipated in January 2023
- Watch for announcements on RSC-related sites



For More Information

RDA Resources

- RDA Steering Committee website: <http://www.rda-rsc.org/>
 - News and announcements: <http://rda-rsc.org/news>
 - RSC documents: <http://www.rda-rsc.org/documents>
 - The Action Plan will be a “Chair” document
 - Presentations by year: <http://www.rda-rsc.org/rscpresentations>
- Official RDA Toolkit: <https://access.rdatoolkit.org>
- RDA Toolkit website: <https://www.rdatoolkit.org>
- RDA YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/RDAToolkitVideo>
- Strategic Plan for RDA
 - Should be linked on the RDA Board’s page: <http://rda-rsc.org/rdaboard>

Questions?

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