

To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee

CC: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary

From: Honor Moody, RDA Examples Editor

Subject: Formal response to RSC/LanguagesWG/2023/1, Preferred names and official languages of corporate bodies, governments, and places in RDA

**Recommendation 1:** For Corporate body: preferred name of corporate body, amend the text to delete some conditions.

Approve.

**Recommendation 2:** For Corporate body: category of corporate body, amend the text to add a condition option.

Approve.

**Recommendation 3:** For Corporate body: category of government, amend the text to add a condition option.

Approve.

**Recommendation 4:** For Place: preferred name of place, amend the text under Language to

- a. Delete the first condition and condition option to reduce redundancy
- b. Add more conditions and condition options to make the instructions more explicit
- c. Revise the wording of some conditions options to improve consistency and clarity.
- d. Combine the last two conditions into a more general one

Approve, with comment.

In practice, the final condition option, “Record the form of name that appears most frequently in sources in a language preferred by the agent who creates the data” allows agents creating metadata to use exonyms that may be offensive to the inhabitants of a place, introducing bias into resource description.