

RSC/ExamplesEditor/2026/2/WCEO
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To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee
CC: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary
From: Getaneh Alemu, WCEO
Subject: Formal response to the Proposal to revise the guidance chapter section
Introduction to RDA: Examples

Rationale

The proposal provides a clear explanation of the formatting and punctuation conventions used in RDA examples, helping cataloguers understand when ISBD or AACR2 is being used and when another string encoding scheme is specified, without introducing any new cataloguing requirements.

**Recommendation 1: Add a new paragraph in the guidance chapter section
Introduction to RDA: Examples to clarify how and when string encoding
schemes are used in examples in the RDA Toolkit.**

Approve.