

RSC/ExtentWG/2025/2/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 SC/ExtentWG/2025/2, Manifestation: extent of unitary structure

### **Recommendation 2.1 Create the RDA Unitary Structure Vocabulary**

Approve.

I approve the creation of the RDA Unitary Structure vocabulary encoding scheme, migrating relevant terms from RDA Carrier Extent Unit and retiring that vocabulary afterward. This aligns unitary structure terms with carrier-based description, enhances semantic clarity and reduces redundancy. The proposal aligns with post-3R RDA modeling.

Recommendation 2.2: Adopt the following list of recommended terms for RDA Unitary Structure derived from the current RDA Carrier Extent Unit vocabulary encoding scheme.

I approve the adoption of the recommended terms for RDA Unitary Structure except for **Recommendation 2.2.21: study print, which I think can be treated under print.**

This is not an exhaustive list, and I agree that non-exhaustiveness is a feature, not a flaw. Additional terms can be introduced through normal RDA governance as practices evolve.

Recommendation 2.2.1: activity card - approve.

Recommendation 2.2.2: coin - approve.

Recommendation 2.2.3: collage - approve.

Recommendation 2.2.4: diorama - approve.

Recommendation 2.2.5: drawing - approve.

Recommendation 2.2.6 flash card - approve.

Recommendation 2.2.7: folded sheet - approve.

Recommendation 2.2.8: game - approve.

Recommendation 2.2.9: globe - approve.

Recommendation 2.2.10: jigsaw puzzle - approve.

Recommendation 2.2.11: medal - approve.

Recommendation 2.2.12: mock-up - approve.

Recommendation 2.2.13: model - approve.

Recommendation 2.2.14: painting - approve.

Recommendation 2.2.15: photograph - approve.

Recommendation 2.2.16: postcard - approve.

Recommendation 2.2.17: poster - approve.

Recommendation 2.2.18: print - approve.

Recommendation 2.2.19: sculpture - approve.

Recommendation 2.2.20: specimen - approve.

**Recommendation 2.2.21: study print – reject as I think this is covered in 2.2.18:**

**print.** Please clarify whether *study print* represents a distinct unitary structure or merely a subtype of *print*. If no structural distinction is intended, consider treating *study print* as a scope note, qualifier, or example under *print* rather than as a separate term.

Recommendation 2.2.22: toy - approve.

Recommendation 2.2.23: wall chart - approve.

Recommendation 2.3 – exhibit

Approve: The term exhibit is appropriately treated as a unitary structure for collection manifestations and aligns well with museum and heritage cataloguing practice.

Recommendation 2.4 – atlas

Approve.

Atlas functions as a work-level genre rather than a unit of unitary structure, and its removal from the extent vocabulary improves conceptual clarity.

Recommendation 2.5.1 – sketchbook

Approve: Sketchbook is a recognised physical form distinct from containers and its inclusion is consistent with current cataloguing practice.