

RSC Action Plan 2026-2028

Note

This Action Plan updates [RSC/Chair/2025/1](#), which covered the period 2025-2027.

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 (2026) and during the period the countdown clock runs (May 2026 – May 2027)

- 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 (2026)
- d. Together with the RDA Board, review community implementations of RDA (2026-2027)
- e. First the Technical Working Group, then the RSC:
 - Complete BIBFRAME mapping (2026-7)
 - Review the concept of performance aggregates (amalgamation instructions) (2026-2027)
- f. Continue to monitor use of soft deprecated elements and make decisions on their future use (2026-2027)
- g. Continue to monitor application profiles under development by community members (2026-2027)
- h. Further the development of RDA concepts (in line with the IFLA LRM) (2026-2028)

2 Increase the adoption of RDA

- a. Continue to support regional groups (2026-2028)
- b. Continue with outreach to communities outside LIS in collaboration with RDA Board, as appropriate (2026-2028)
- c. Explore interest amongst library management in the future of cataloguing (2026-2028)
- d. Continue outreach and orientation to LIS education and training activities (2026-2028)

3 Provide relevant governance

- a. Recruit or re-appoint individuals to the following RSC positions:
 - Technical Team Liaison Officer, Translations Team Liaison Officer (2026)
 - Education and Orientation Officer, Examples Editor, Wider Community Engagement Officer (2027)
- b. Reappoint Task and Finish Working Groups as required
 - String Encoding Scheme Working Group (2026-2028)
- c. Monitor the work of Advisory Working Groups and the continued demand for them
 - Archives Working Group
 - Music Working Group
 - Religions in RDA Working Group
- d. Consider the demand for further Task and Finish Working Groups (2026-2028)
 - The Board has granted us six Task and Finish / Advisory Working Groups at any one time. This means we have potential capacity for a further two Working Groups. Working Groups usually begin as Task and

Finish Working Groups, unless the Board can see that their work requires longer than the 2 years plus one of a Task and Finish Working Group.

- e. Continue to contribute to the Joint RDA Board and RSC Working Group on Artificial Intelligence, which operates as an Advisory Working Group
- f. Continue to review existing protocols and assigned liaisons with other information standards groups (2026-2028)
 - 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 (2026)