Future Projections: RSC Action Plan 2023-2025

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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
    o The 2020-2022 Strategic Plan for RDA will remain in effect until the new one is finalized
    o There will be no substantive change in direction
  ▪ Focus on the existing strategic goals
    o Develop RDA as a responsive and dynamic standard
      • Principles-based standard; clear maintenance program; communicate changes
    o Increase the adoption of RDA
      • Outreach to unrepresented regions; improve the applicability of RDA for languages, specialized resources, etc.
    o 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
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