

To: RDA Steering Committee
From: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary
Subject: Jurisdictions, Governments, and Courts in RDA

The text below sets out the decisions taken by the RDA Steering Committee during its meeting in May 2023.

The original proposal, RSC/PlacesWG/1, is available [on the RSC website](#) and with a stable URI [in the institutional repository](#). The discussion at the May Meeting is recorded as Item 380 in [RSC/Minutes/373-392](#) (and with stable URI [in the repository](#)).

RSC/PlacesWG/1 consisted of 7 recommendations. Following [formal responses](#) from the RSC and the wider RDA community, the Working Group withdrew proposals 4-7. As at May 2023, it stated the intention to return to the RSC at later meetings with (a) proposal(s) covering current recommendations 4 and 7 and (a) discussion paper(s) covering current recommendations 5 and 6.

This Decisions Document covers the first three proposals, which were approved by the RSC.

These require changes to the CMS and the Registry which will be carried out by the RSC

Secretary and Technical Team Liaison Officer for the next release of the *RDA Toolkit* (currently expected July 2023).

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Recommendation 1A

[80.45.30.94](#) date of establishment. Recording an unstructured description. Condition

Option 1.

Marked-up version:

CONDITION

A corporate body is a joint administration by two or more governments who claim ~~jurisdiction~~
governance over the same place.

Clean version:

A corporate body is a joint administration by two or more governments who claim governance
over the same place.

Recommendation 1B

[29.25.77.90](#) date of termination. Recording an unstructured description. Condition Option

1.

Marked-up version:

CONDITION

A corporate body is a joint administration by two or more governments who claim ~~jurisdiction~~ governance over the same place.

Clean version:

CONDITION

A corporate body is a joint administration by two or more governments who claim governance over the same place.

Recommendation 1C

<http://rdaregistry.info/Elements/a/P50022> field of activity of corporate body. Definition and scope.

Marked-up version:

A field of endeavor, area of competence, or responsibility, ~~jurisdiction, etc.~~, in which a corporate body is engaged.

Clean version:

A field of endeavor, area of competence, or responsibility in which a corporate body is engaged.

Recommendation 1D

[99.54.02.64](#) preferred name of corporate body. Different names or forms of name for the same corporate body. Conventional name. Governments. Condition Option 1.

Marked-up version:

CONDITION

A corporate body is a government.

A corporate body has an official name and a name of a place over which it exercises ~~jurisdiction~~
governance.

A value of Corporate Body: [name of corporate body](#) is an official name of a government that is
not in common use.

CONDITION OPTION

Record a value of Place: [name of place](#) of a jurisdiction.

Clean version:

CONDITION

A corporate body is a government.

A corporate body has an official name and a name of a place over which it exercises
governance.

A value of Corporate Body: [name of corporate body](#) is an official name of a government that is
not in common use.

CONDITION OPTION Record a value of Place: [name of place](#) of a jurisdiction

Recommendation 1E

[89.21.32.83](#) preferred name of corporate body. Different names or forms of name for the same corporate body. Conventional name. Governments. Condition Option 2.

Marked-up version:

CONDITION

A corporate body is a government.

A corporate body has an official name and a name of a place over which it exercises ~~jurisdiction~~
governance.

A value of Corporate Body: [name of corporate body](#) is an official name of a government that is
in common use.

CONDITION OPTION

Record an official name.

Clean version:

CONDITION

A corporate body is a government.

A corporate body has an official name and a name of a place over which it exercises
governance.

A value of Corporate Body: [name of corporate body](#) is an official name of a government that is
in common use.

CONDITION OPTION

Record an official name.

Recommendation 1F

[57.17.14.45](#) preferred name of place. Recording an unstructured description. Different names for the same place. Two or more names appear in sources. Condition Option 1.

Marked-up version:

CONDITION

Two or more names of place appear in sources of information.

CONDITION OPTION

Record a ~~preferred name of place from~~ (in this order of preference):

1. the form of the name found in a gazetteer or another *source of information* in a language preferred by the agent who creates the metadata
2. the form of the name found in a gazetteer or another *source of information* issued in the jurisdiction in which the place is located in the official language or languages of ~~that jurisdiction~~ of the government of the jurisdiction.

Clean version:

CONDITION

Two or more names of place appear in sources of information.

CONDITION OPTION

Record (in this order of preference):

1. the form of the name found in a gazetteer or another source of information in a language preferred by the agent who creates the metadata
2. the form of the name found in a gazetteer or another source of information issued in the jurisdiction in which the place is located in the official language or languages of the government of the jurisdiction.

Recommendation 1G

35.63.21.94 preferred name of place. Recording an unstructured description. Different names for the same place. Language. Condition Option 1.

Marked-up version:

CONDITION

A name of place is in two or more languages.

CONDITION OPTION Record (in this order of preference):

1. the form of the name in a language preferred by the agent who creates the metadata, if there is one in general use.
2. the form of the name in the official language of the government of the jurisdiction in which the place is located.

Clean version:

CONDITION

A name of place is in two or more languages.

CONDITION OPTION Record (in this order of preference):

1. the form of the name in a language preferred by the agent who creates the metadata, if there is one in general use.
2. the form of the name in the official language of the government of the jurisdiction in which the place is located.

Recommendation 1H

[55.61.78.32](#) preferred name of place. Recording an unstructured description. Different names for the same place. Language. Condition Option 3.

Marked-up version:

CONDITION

A value of a name is in a language that is preferred by an agent who creates the metadata.

A name of place is the name of a government ~~that has~~ of the jurisdiction ~~over the place of the~~ jurisdiction.

CONDITION OPTION

Record that form of name.

Clean version:

CONDITION

A value of a name is in a language that is preferred by an agent who creates the metadata.

A name of place is the name of a government of the jurisdiction.

CONDITION OPTION

Record that form of name.

Recommendation 1J

Note: There is no Recommendation 1I in RSC/PlacesWG/2023/1 and so RSC/PlacesWG/2023/1/Decisions follows the same heading numbering.

08.16.70.41 preferred name of place. Recording an unstructured description. Different names for the same place. Language. Condition Option 4.

Marked-up version:

CONDITION

No form of a name of place that is in general use is in a language preferred by the agent creating the data.

A government of a jurisdiction has one official language.

CONDITION OPTION

Record the form of name in the official language of the government of the jurisdiction in which the place is located.

Clean version:

CONDITION

No form of a name of place that is in general use is in a language preferred by the agent creating the data.

A government of a jurisdiction has one official language.

CONDITION OPTION

Record the form of name in the official language of the government of the jurisdiction in which the place is located.

Recommendation 1K

[29.75.87.88](#) preferred name of place. Recording an unstructured description. Different names for the same place. Language. Condition Option 5.

Marked-up version:

CONDITION

No form of a name of place that is in general use is in a language preferred by the agent creating the data.

A government of a jurisdiction has two or more official languages.

CONDITION OPTION

Record the form of name that appears most frequently in sources in a language preferred by the agent who creates the data.

Clean version:

CONDITION

No form of a name of place that is in general use is in a language preferred by the agent creating the data.

A government of a jurisdiction has two or more official languages.

CONDITION OPTION

Record the form of name that appears most frequently in sources in a language preferred by the agent who creates the data.

Recommendation 2

Add a glossary term and definition for the concept ‘court’ as follows:

court: A corporate body that has legal authority to adjudicate disputes and administer justice.

A court may include a tribunal, a court of first instance, a court of last resort, a court of limited jurisdiction, appellate, civil, constitutional, criminal, district, juvenile, international, military, or religious courts.

Recommendation 3A

Note: RSC/PlacesWG/2023/1 does not enunciate A and B, but simply has a “2023 Recommendation3”. For the sake of clarity and specificity, RSC/PlacesWG/2023/1/Decisions uses “Recommendation 3A” and “Recommendation 3B”.

<http://rdaregistry.info/Elements/w/P10017> **Change the element name for Work: enacting jurisdiction to Work: enacting government.**

Marked-up version:

enacting ~~jurisdiction~~ government

Definition and Scope

A corporate body who is a government enacting a work that is a law, regulation, constitution, court rule, or other legislation.

Clean version:

enacting government

Definition and Scope

A corporate body who is a government enacting a work that is a law, regulation, constitution, court rule, or other legislation.

Recommendation 3B

<http://rdaregistry.info/Elements/a/P50068> **Change the element name for Corporate Body:**

enacting jurisdiction of to Corporate Body: enacting government of.

Marked-up version:

enacting ~~jurisdiction~~ government of

Definition and Scope

A work that is a law, regulation, constitution, court rule, or other legislation enacted by a corporate body who is a government.

Clean version:

enacting government of

Definition and Scope

A work that is a law, regulation, constitution, court rule, or other legislation enacted by a corporate body who is a government.