

RSC Action Plan 2024-2026

Note

This Action Plan updates [RSC/Chair/2023/12](#), which covered the period 2023-2025. Following a vote on 29 January 2024, it was decided to organise the plan according to task. (Previous plans were organised by year).

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
- 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. Offer support to communities interested in developing discussion papers and proposals (2024-2026)

- b. With the RDA Board, support the community on the approach to the start of the countdown clock in May 2026 (2025-2026)
- c. Continue review of Community Resources area and communicate decisions to users (2024-2025)
- d. Monitor use of Community Resources area and establish processes for this to become a standing task (2026)
- e. Together with the RDA Board, review community implementations of RDA (2024-2026)
- f. First the Technical Working Group, then the RSC:
 - Begin BIBFRAME mapping (2024)
 - Review the concept of performance aggregates (amalgamation instructions) (2024-2025)
- g. Continue to monitor use of soft deprecated elements (2024-2026)
- h. Monitor application profiles under development by community members (2024-2026)
- i. Further the development of RDA concepts (in line with the IFLA LRM) (2024-2026)
- j. Further develop Nomen and Timespan instructions (2024-2026)
- k. Toolkit development goals that impact the RSC:
 - Consolidate the RSC website with other related Drupal sites, including development of space for regional committees and better sharing of content (2024-2025)
 - Development of mapping tool (2024-2025)
 - Implement Community Resources access for both CMS users and non-CMS users (2024)
 - Development of RDA templates (2024-2025)

2 Increase the adoption of RDA

- a. Continue to support regional groups (2024-2026)
- b. Investigate an affiliate RSC membership status for regions not yet represented on the RSC, with an eye toward moving those regions to full membership status (2024-2025)
- c. Begin outreach to archival (or other) communities in collaboration with RDA Board, as appropriate (2024-2025)
- d. Explore interest amongst library management in the future of cataloguing (2024-2025)
- e. Continue outreach and orientation to LIS education and training activities (2024-2026)

3 Provide relevant governance

- a. Recruit or re-appoint individuals to the following RSC positions:

- Technical Team Liaison Officer, Translations Team Liaison Officer (2024)
 - Secretary, Wider Community Engagement Officer, Education and Orientation Officer (2025)
 - RDA Examples Editor (2026)
- b. Recruit for RSC Chair-Elect (2025)
- c. Reappoint Task and Finish Working Groups as required
- Extent Working Group; Religions in RDA Working Group (2024)
- d. Consider the demand for further Task and Finish Working Groups (2024-2026)
- e. Contribute to the Joint RDA Board and RSC Working Group on Artificial Intelligence (2024-2026)
- Recruit RSC members (2024)
- f. Continue to review existing protocols and assigned liaisons with other information standards groups (2024-2026)
- Publish RSC/Chair/2023/3 – Protocol with IFLA Committee on Standards as soon as it is ratified by IFLA’s Governing Body (2024)
 - Update [RSC/Chair/13 - Protocol between the RSC and the ISSN International Centre](#) in consultation with the ISSN International Centre (2024-2025)
 - 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 (2025; or sooner if practicable)

4 Support the ALA Librarian and Archivist in archiving RSC materials

- a. Provide the USB sticks (thumb drives) from previous RSC Secretaries when requested by the ALA Librarian and Archivist (2024-2025)
- b. Continue to upload documents in the collections already created:
- Agendas
 - Annual Reports
 - Chair Documents
 - Minutes
 - Operations and Policy Documents
 - Papers and Reports
- (Note: there is also a collection for Meeting Outcomes, which refers to documents created in the past to cover the period between meetings and the publication of Minutes). (2024-2026)
- c. Upload documents to the other collections requested as soon as the ALA Librarian and Archivist makes them available to us:
- Fast Track proposals
 - News and announcements
 - Photographs

- Presentations
- RDA Toolkit
- RSC members

(Note: email from RSC Secretary to ALA Librarian and Archivist on 30 May 2023 requested the creation of these categories) (2024-2026)