

The Council Operations and Coordination Subcommittee (see <https://www.rd-alliance.org/about-rda/governance/rda-council/rda-council...>) has developed this document and is now asking the RDA community for comments on this document. Please comment by the 31st of January 2017.

Transparency & Openness in RDA: Request for Comments

Purpose:

To improve adherence *of the RDA organisation* to the RDA guiding principle of openness. As a first step, *the Operations and Coordination Subcommittee* proposes a change to access to information on the RDA website. *This document describes this change.*

Context:

One of the RDA principles is openness. However, information about RDA activities is currently not available to all members. Depending on the role one plays in the organisation, the group to which one belongs and the area one is viewing, different RDA members can see very different things.

This has multiple flow-on effects:

- acts as a barrier to collaboration and dissemination of RDA results,
- prevents the maximum community involvement,
- constrains our ability to maximise the value of our available resources, e.g. volunteer activities,
- impairs trust,
- slows the organization down, and
- makes the organization less efficient.

Proposal:

- All information on the RDA web should be publicly readable by default.
- An authorization will still be required for editing contents.
- Information which is private will be simply kept off the web site and communicated on other channels.