RDA Council Virtual Strategy Meeting
Wednesday 24th June – Friday 26th June 2020

Meeting Chairs:
Ingrid Dillo (Wednesday 24th, Friday 25th) and Mark Leggott (Thursday 25th)

Attendees:
1. Kevin Ashley
2. Jill Benn
3. Sandra Collins
4. Ingrid Dillo
5. Joyce Gosata Maphanyane
6. Jason Haga
7. Robert Hanisch
8. Edit Herczog
9. Rebecca Koskela
10. Mark Leggott
11. Claudia Medeiros
12. Isabelle Perseil
13. Andrew Treloar
14. Hilary Hanahoe (RDA Foundation SG)
15. Bridget Walker RDA Foundation EA (notes)

Wednesday 24th June

Welcome and Overview – Ingrid Dillo

Discussion:
Ingrid introduced the meeting giving an overview of the strategic direction and agreement needed from Council for the next two years and the format of the meeting for the following 3 days.

Decision:
It was agreed a decision would be made on the strategic direction for the next two years and how to reach those goals in practice.

Results from the Strategic Phase 2017-2020 – Hilary Hanahoe

Discussion:
Hilary provided an overview of the last strategic phase highlighting the financial and organisational stability, regional engagement and the contribution of the Secretariat

towards professionalisation of the RDA. Council discussed the challenge of engaging industry and the private sector.

Aggregated SWOT Analysis – Edit Herczog

Discussion:
Edit presented RDA's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats according to Council members' responses received prior to the meeting.

Overview of Questions and Discussion – Ingrid Dillo

Discussion:
Ingrid presented an overview of the responses to four questions put to Council members prior to the meeting:
1. What do you see as the unique selling points/assets of RDA, given that the context in which RDA sits has evolved over the past 2-3 years?
2. How can we make better use of our Unique Selling Points?
3. How could we build upon some of these to ensure the consolidation and sustainability of RDA over the next few years?
4. What would in your opinion be the 3-4 strategic goals/areas that RDA should focus on for the coming years?

Discussion on the Mission, Vision, Core Values and USPs – Ingrid Dillo

Discussion:
Council members discussed how to move forward with the vision and mission of RDA with focus on the USPs and core values, in preparation for the Council breakout sessions on Friday 26th June.

Decision:
It was decided that consideration would be given to the use of certain wording in strategic texts to avoid confusion and to include the word *reuse* which is required in addition to *data sharing*.

Discussion on the Challenges and Prioritisation of Strategic Goals – Mark Leggott

Discussion:
Council members collectively worked on a document focusing on and establishing the strategic priorities/goals.

Decision:

Members agreed to structure the priorities/goals around people, products and processes (platform) and to further discussions on these 3 areas in 3 groups in breakout sessions on Friday 26th providing content in a given template to identify milestones, priorities and deliverables.

Thursday 25th June

Review of Actions from 7th May 2020 – Hilary Hanahoe

Discussion:
Hilary highlighted any outstanding actions or those to be moved to later dates.

Decision:
Actions accepted and updated where necessary.

Update on RDA US – Mark Leggott & Bob Hanisch

Discussion:
Following RDA US meeting 24th June 2020 Mark and Bob provided Council with an update on changes within RDA US together with funding situation for RDA Global.

Decision:
It was decided that a draft policy should be drawn up for Council to subsequently discuss.

Data Together Activities – Mark Leggott

Discussion:
Mark provided and update on the use of the finalised Data Together document and Council discussed past, ongoing and future collaborations and activities.

Decision:
It was decided that the partners should be contacted and a call proposed for September 2020.

Communities of Practice Task Force Update – Hilary Hanahoe

Discussion:
Hilary provided Council with an update of the process of formally establishing Communities of Practice within RDA and the role of the task force to date together with proposed next steps and timelines.

Financial Status RDA Foundation UK (and BE) – Financial Subcommittee (FSC)

Discussion:
The FSC gave an overview of the current financial situation and forecasts of the RDA Foundation UK and discussed potential sources of income for both the UK and BE Foundation.

Virtual Plenary Meetings – Hilary Hanahoe

Discussion:
Hilary presented Council with lessons learned from previous RDA plenaries, the status of planning and future plenaries. Council was presented with four scenarios for the future of plenaries and invited to indicate their preferences following discussions on the advantages and disadvantages of virtual and physical-virtual plenaries.

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Discussion:
Bob, having attended the CODATA AGM on 25th June 2020, provided Council with an overview of discussions with particular reference to the collaboration of the Data Together document.

Friday 26th June

Breakout Sessions

Discussion:
Council members, organised into 3 groups and using breakout rooms, discussed the strategic goals for People, Products and Processes/Platform. Each group built up a template to include priorities and deliverables for the years 2021 and 2022.
Hilary, having participated in each of the 3 group discussions, reported back to Council as a whole highlighting the interconnection with the discussions.

Decision:
After a second round of breakout sessions and reporting back from Hilary and each co-chair of the 3 groups, Council agreed to provide complete templates by 31st July 2020 after which a first draft of the new RDA mission statement is to be drawn up with eventual presentation to the RDA community.