

RDA Council Meeting

17 July 2025 UTC 11:30-13:00

Meeting Chair: Lee Wilson

Attendees:

1. Juan Bicarregui
2. Marcus Closen (RA/B)
3. Sara Garavelli
4. Joyce Gosata Maphanyane
5. Rosie Hicks
6. Wolfram Horstmann
7. Amy Nurnberger
8. Lee Wilson
9. Mingfang Wu (TAB)
10. Hilary Hanahoe (RDA Foundation Secretary General)
11. Bridget Walker (RDA Foundation (notes))

Apologies: Patricia Munoz Palma, Mikiko Tanifuji, OA/B Co-chair

[Conflict of Interest, Agenda approval and actions following meeting of 6 March 2024](#)

Discussion:

Conflict of interest expressed by Juan Bicarregui regarding AOB item on RDA Plenary 27 as STFC is hosting the conference, and Hilary Hanahoe regarding Legal Entities in RDA item as she is a Trustee of the RDA AISBL Association.

All actions complete with revised and reformatted Governance Document to be published in Zenodo and all Council members to look at the RDA Risk Registry with discussion to take place at October 2025 Council meeting.

[RDA Foundation Financial Status Update – Juan Bicarregui, Hilary Hanahoe](#)

Discussion:

Following circulation of the RDA Foundation's financial report for quarter 2 2025, Forecasts quarter 3, end 2025, and 2026-2028, Council were presented with an update on the financial situation together with an analysis of 2026 Organisational Membership fees and potential impact of changing financial climates.

[Legal Entities in RDA– Hilary Hanahoe](#)

Discussion:

With reference to the existing legal entities, RDA Foundation, RDA Association AISBL, RDA Austria and RDA Germany, together with a further formal construct, RDA US, Council discussed the necessity for an official RDA policy on RDA legal entities.

Decision:

Guidelines and recommendation on connections between the RDA Foundation and any potential legal entity to be drafted and, following Council approval, be included in the Governance Document and the Regional Partnership framework. The latter is to be revisited to determine if it is still appropriate and to include a section on clarification of the difference with organisational membership.

[Proposed Working Group – Hilary Hanahoe](#)

Discussion:

Council was presented with a proposal for a working group idea, to be led by the RDA community, on the generation of guidelines and recommendations for global data and repository recovery and sustainability.

Decision:

Options on a discussion stream on “global resilience” involving appropriate people from the RDA community to be defined together with identifying a group of core global RDA members willing and able to start an exchange and work together on the proposed working group.

[AOB](#)

Next Council meeting: after IDW 2025, 17 October 04:00 – 9:00 UTC.

RDA Plenary 27 update: Dates confirmed for 6-8 October 2025, London, UK hosted by STFC