



TAB Meets Chairs Community Feedback Summary

RDA's 25th Plenary Meeting

RDA Technical Advisory Board (TAB)

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This document was generated with AI-assistance (Anthropic's Claude Sonnet 4.5) to summarise the RDA Technical Advisory Board's main takeaways from the 'TAB meets Chairs' community feedback sessions which took place in-person and virtually in October 2025. Based on the discussions, TAB has identified key responsibilities and priority actions to strengthen RDA group coordination, support, and community engagement.

1. TAB Direct Responsibilities: Group Coordination & Cross-Fertilisation

TAB commits to strengthening RDA group liaison engagement and fostering inter-group collaboration by:

- **Enhancing TAB Liaison Communication**

TAB aims to establish closer and more regular communication between TAB liaisons and their groups to ensure awareness of group activities, identify inactive groups and those requiring support, and understand barriers to plenary participation.

- **Creating Post-Plenary Mapping Reports**

TAB will create post-plenary reports ([see P25 report](#)) using group connection analysis to identify potential joint sessions for future plenaries and highlight overlaps and synergies that could lead to [Birds-of-a-Feather sessions](#) both during and outside of plenaries.

2. TAB and Secretariat: Collaborative Actions

TAB will work jointly with the [RDA Secretariat](#) to promote:

- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Group Leadership**

The RDA will continue to encourage and support diversity and inclusion among co-chairs and promote representation from different career stages (including early career researchers). It was suggested that

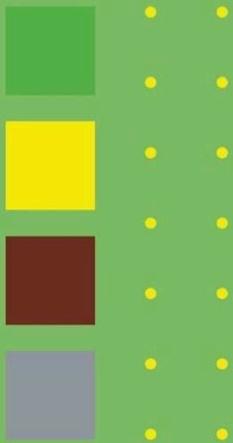
developing a one-page document outlining co-chair responsibilities, time commitments, and organisational benefits could significantly strengthen recruitment by providing clarity and transparency to prospective candidates.

3. Community Suggestions

The following section highlights suggested actions proposed by Group Chairs for the Secretariat to consider:

- **Group Facilitation Support:** Provide logistical, administrative, and financial support for groups as standard operating practice, continuing the RDA TIGER model.
- **Cross-Fertilisation Events:** Support coordination of cross-group activities including webinars, joint plenary sessions, and speed networking between groups.
- **Hybrid Plenary Accessibility:** Aim to provide hybrid options for inclusivity, continue to ensure accessibility support for participants with disabilities, provide clear instructions for online participation tools, and encourage sessions to support group momentum and international engagement.
- **Website Training and Event Promotion:** Provide tutorials and training on RDA website and group space navigation, ensure the event tab functionality works properly for group promotion, develop a comprehensive event calendar, and enhance publicity for group meetings and activities

For questions and comments about the TAB meets Chairs meetings and related activities, please contact the RDA Secretariat (secretariat@rda-foundation.org)



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