

RDA Interest Group Draft Charter

Name of Proposed Interest Group: GO FAIR Liaison Interest Group

Introduction (A brief articulation of what issues the IG will address, how this IG is aligned with the RDA mission, and how this IG would be a value-added contribution to the RDA community):
GO FAIR stands for Global Open FAIR and aims at bringing together interested stakeholders to define and realize a practical and concrete approach for implementing the FAIR principles. GO FAIR is organized in terms of Implementation Networks (INs) that are groups of stakeholders that decide to collaborate to define, design and/or implement elements that can contribute to a global platform for data, services and computing capacity interoperability. The GO FAIR Liaison Interest Group (GFLIG) aims at serving as a bridge between the various GO FAIR INs and RDA's Interest and Work Groups, e.g., those focusing on data and metadata foundations, schemas, standards and interoperability approaches. This IG will foster greater adoption of RDA outputs, as well as decrease reinventions of work that already exists under the RDA umbrella. In turn, this IG will bring domain agnostic and domain specific use cases and pain points for RDA members to consider and to inspire additional discussion or capabilities in RDA outputs.

User scenario(s) or use case(s) the IG wishes to address (what triggered the desire for this IG in the first place):

- *RDA Interest and Working Groups produce a number of RDA outputs or guidelines and recommended approaches to deal with several data-related issues. These outputs could and should be tested in implementation efforts by, among others, GO FAIR INs (INs). For instance, GO FAIR INs that require metadata approaches to describe proper data citation benefit from adopting and testing the recommendations from the RDA's Data Citation WG.*
- *In their activities, GO FAIR INs often identify issues for where there are no recommended approaches yet. These issues will be brought to the RDA community's attention by this proposed GO FAIR Liaison Interest Group during RDA's plenary sessions and scheduled IG calls. Some of these identified issues brought by the GO FAIR INs can raise the interest from the RDA community and be tackled in existing RDA Working Groups or may motivate the formation of new RDA Working Groups.*

Objectives (A specific set of focus areas for discussion, including use cases that pointed to the need for the IG in the first place. Articulate how this group is different from other current activities inside or outside of RDA.):

- *Many groups are discussing the FAIR principles and factoring the concepts into workplans. Behind the philosophy of FAIR are several practical implementation issues to discovered, tried, and refined. GFLIG does not intend to own FAIR, but rather to be a*

locus for communicating and elevating best practices that are sometimes domain agnostic and often domain-dependent.

- *GFLIG will bring outputs and recommendations produced by RDA IGs and WGs into the GO FAIR INs for testing and adoption;*
- *GFLIG will establish frequent communication and collaboration with RDA FAIR-related IGs and WGs;*
- *GFLIG will bring the results and feedback from the testing and adoption of RDA outputs by GO FAIR INs back to their related RDA IGs and WGs;*
- *GFLIG will bring data-related issues identified by GO FAIR INs for which proper recommendations are missing to the attention of the RDA community aiming to raise enough interest so motivated RDA members could tackle them, possibly by spinning off new RDA IGs, WGs or task forces.*
- *Create RDA WGs to tackle some already identified issues.*

Participation (*Address which communities will be involved, what skills or knowledge should they have, and how will you engage these communities. Also address how this group proposes to coordinate its activity with relevant related groups.*):

Both GO FAIR and RDA are initiatives that congregate a diversity of communities from different knowledge domains. In the context of RDA, the commonality is the interest in evolving the current practices in research data. For GO FAIR, this commonality is the desire to contribute to an improvement in findability, accessibility, interoperability and reusability of data, services and computing capacity. Therefore, the proposed GO FAIR Liaison IG is open to individuals from all communities interested in sharing these goals with contributions ranging from technical definitions of metadata content and semantics to data policy templates.

After the approval of the IG, we plan to invite members and representatives of GO FAIR INs as well as interested members of related RDA WGs and/or IGs to serve as co-chairs of this IG. In this way we expect to create a balance between GO FAIR and RDA representation in the proposed IG's coordination. Comprehensive representation from both groups is unlikely in other settings, and is why this RDA IG is needed.

Outcomes (*Discuss what the IG intends to accomplish. Include examples of WG topics or supporting IG-level outputs that might lead to WGs later on.*):

As previously mentioned, this proposed IG aims at serving as a bridge between activities and interests in RDA and GO FAIR. Therefore, the expected outcomes are:

- *Although there is already some overlapping between member of GO FAIR INs and RDA IGs and WGs, the proposed GFLIG expects to promote a closer collaboration between the communities from these two initiatives;*
- *RDA outputs/recommendations tested and validated in GO FAIR Implementation Networks;*
- *New RDA WGs focusing on issues identified by GO FAIR Implementation Networks;*
- *New RDA recommendations based on issues identified by GO FAIR Implementation Networks;*

Mechanism (Describe how often your group will meet and how will you maintain momentum between Plenaries.):

The proposed GFLIG plans to organise working sessions during RDA plenaries as well as during the annual GO FAIR IN conference, when representatives of all INs meet, and during the periodic meetings of individuals INs. Periodic telecons and a mailing list will keep the IG engaged between plenaries and GO FAIR events.

The GO FAIR International Support and Coordination Office and the GO FAIR Regional Offices keep constant communication with the GO FAIR Implementation Networks. The data-related issues identified by these INs will be discussed with the RDA communities during the planned bi-monthly GO FAIR Liaison IG calls and during the RDA Plenaries. Similarly, the RDA recommendations will be brought to the GO FAIR INs attention during the many calls, meetings and conferences organized by GO FAIR. Moreover, there are many RDA members that participate in GO FAIR INs. We will invite them to become members of this proposed GO FAIR IG making the connection between RDA and GO FAIR closer and more direct.

Timeline (Describe draft milestones and goals for the first 12 months):

- Establish the IG;
- Coordinate the first F2F meeting (hopefully at P16);
- Increase the number of participants of the IG;
- Engage with related RDA IGs and WGs to start the collaboration and communication;
- Establish the first cases of GO FAIR INs testing and adopting RDA recommendations;
- Bring the first GO FAIR-identified issues to the RDA community;

Potential Group Members (Include proposed chairs/initial leadership and all members who have expressed interest):

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