

Identifying action items for strategic direction 4.1) Linked (open) data

Is there agreement that the PCC should identify action items related to linked data?

If the group reaches an understanding that linked data actions are important for PCC to pursue, then what actions can be accomplished?

The "Report of the PCC Task Group on the Internationalization of the Authority Files" <http://www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/scs/IAFReport.pdf> [PDF: 70 KB; 12p.] has a recommendation regarding linked data (see below) Are there additional actions related to linked data that PCC can accomplish?

Excerpt from the task group report:

RECOMMENDATION 4: PCC should form a task group to identify and recommend appropriate changes to NACO practices that unnecessarily limit the utility of LCNAF data for reuse in a linked-data environment.

As internationalization and modernization (in the form of RDA and support for Linked Data) are embraced, questions arise about whether NACO practices as presently written and implemented will need to be adjusted. OCLC Research has identified unfortunate, unexpected consequences to some practices and problems with NACO normalization rules, and other parties have or no doubt will identify other issues.

The Task Group recommends that PCC establish an expert group to identify and recommend appropriate changes to NACO practices that unnecessarily limit the utility of LCNAF as data suitable for reuse in a linked-data environment.