

## Summary

This research purposes to display the role of the national library about applying the new international cataloging standard "resource description and access" in Egypt. So it deals with the theoretical frame of the new standard, and recognizes its properties, components, and principles. Then, the study tackles the functions of Egyptian national library and its role in the standard applying. It also observes the international experiences of the national libraries about the standard implementation. In addition, it seeks to recognize the lessons learned by these experiences, to avoid the considered problems which faced them, and to determine the available strategic alternatives for Egyptian library to apply the standard. The study follows the case study approach and the inter-analysis method of SWOT to analyze the Egyptian national library capabilities about applying the standard. However, the research achieves the following:

- 1- The new standard of cataloging appeared as a setting of Anglo- American cataloging rules AACR2; and that because of occurred malfunction of this rules. In April 2009, the new standard rough has been completely published, responding to user requirements, cost effectiveness, elasticity, consistency, and blending of bibliographic data and authority data. The new standard bases on two fundamental piers: FRBR Family, and the international cataloging principles statement.
- 2- In any country, the national libraries must play a major role in applying the new standard. They also must do many procedures as; policies preparation terms interviews, and automatic system control according to the new modifications of the standard, in addition to training tools preparation. The national libraries must, also, take some strategic important decisions as; determination of the implementation beginning time and its direction, and the method of records display in its own index. Moreover, they must contact with automatic system suppliers by necessary modifications procedure, and that to be able to contain the dictated modifications of the standard. 3-following the new standard not an difficult thing but will take more time.so we should plan carefully, learn from the tries of other national libraries and contribute in cooperative programs. the library should study this very well.
- 4-the necessity to follow the strategic alternative resulting from the four-wheel environmental alanaysis to the library. Which is the second strategic alternative (development and improving) to help the Egyptian national library in overcoming elements of weakness in the internal environment and benefit from the chances of the external environment to apply and implement the new global indexing standard (RDA).

5-necessity of compose internal committee to facilitate implementing the new standard, set up a new page on the Egyptian national library sit to document its tries.

6-necessity to take practical steps such compose a national cooperative steering committee, arabization the standard and its tools, set file retained file for names, OCLC membership, finally contribute in global retained default file.

7- The importance of cooperation between research library and the Egyptian national library especially in what regades to set steering committee to implement the standard, arabization the standard and its tools, set the Egyptian retaining file for the names. and cooperate with departments of the library and the information in the Egyptian university to improve the indexing.

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## **Abstract**

This research purposes to exhibit the role of the national library for applying the new international cataloging standard "Resource Description and Access" in Egypt, and to show the national libraries experiences about the applying of the standard, the study also seeks to analyze the capabilities of the national library to apply this standard, and to determine the strategic alternatives in the way of applying this standard in the Egyptian National Library supposing some procedures which can contribute in such implementation. However, this research follows the case study approach and the inter-analysis method of SWOT; for analyzing the Egyptian National Library capabilities about the new standard application.

### **The key words**

**Resource Description and Access (RDA)**

Egyptian National Library

**Strengths-Weakness-Opportunities-Threats (SWOT)**

**Functional Requirement for Bibliographic Records (FRBR)**