

Global Research Council Responsible Research Assessment Working Group

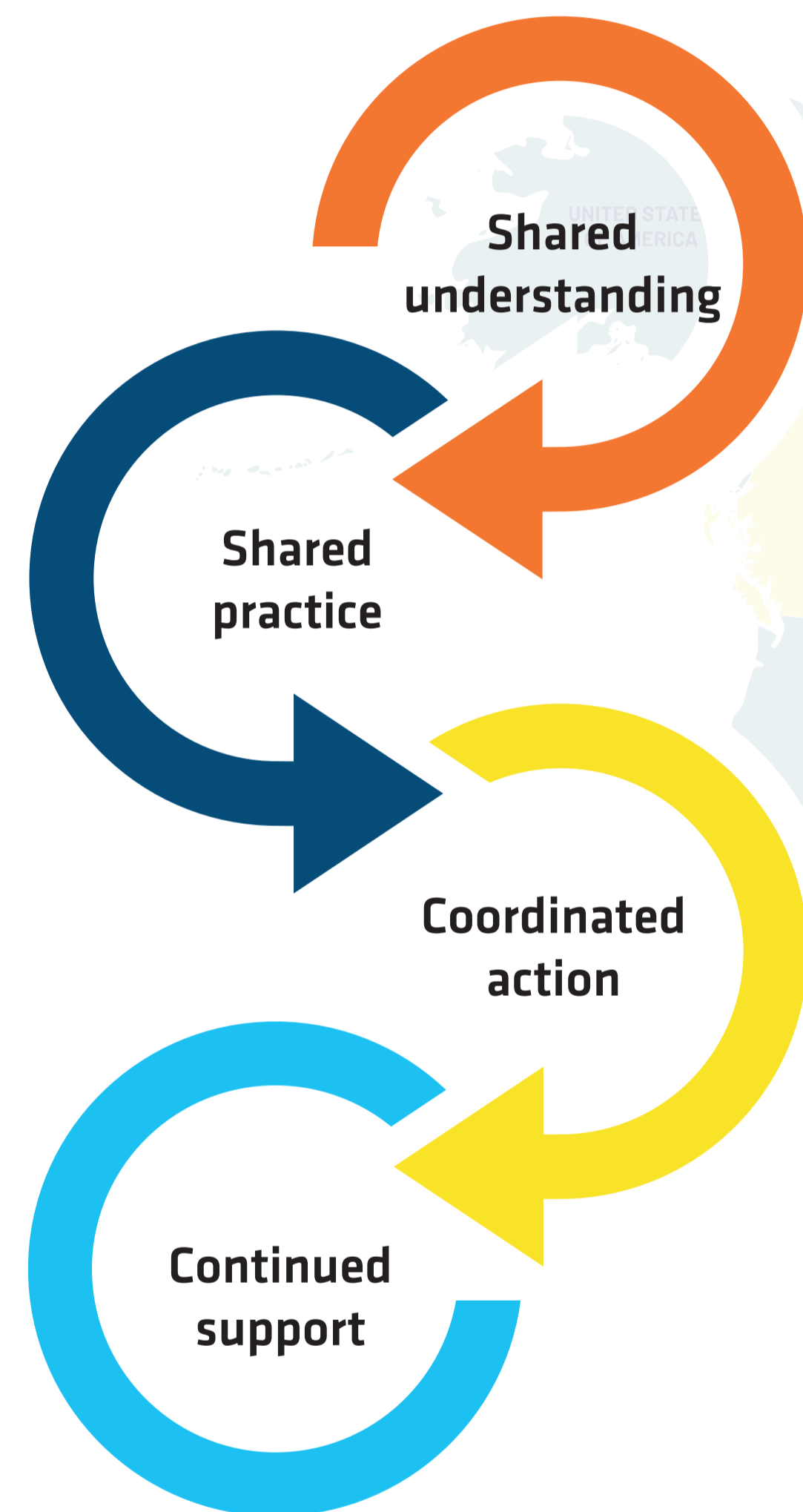
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Working Group Vision

Our vision is that GRC participant organisations and the organisations they fund embed approaches to assessment that incentivise and reward the diverse attributes of research excellence in support of a better, healthier research culture that supports rigorous research undertaken to the highest standards.

Working Group Aim

Our aim is to help position the GRC as a leading voice on the promotion and implementation of RRA in the international research and innovation system to help build a diverse and inclusive research culture. Through the GRC we will jointly support the adoption of RRA globally by developing a collective understanding of RRA, learning through collaboration, as well as sharing guidance and best practice.

Dimensions of Responsible Research Assessment

Guiding Principles

- [1] **Responsible commitment to and promotion of research integrity and the responsible conduct of research.**
Establish and promote policies and frameworks that support responsible research and research integrity.
- [2] **Responsible approaches to incentivizing open research.**
Encourage researchers to openly share their outputs.
- [3] **Responsible commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion in research.**
Commit to advance commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion in research.
- [4] **Responsible responses to the effects of global challenges and emergencies on research.**
Develop strategies to reduce negative effects of global challenges and emergencies on research.

Governance & Strategy

- [5] **Responsible administration and monitoring of research assessment processes.**
Establish well-supported and sustainable organizational framework to explore, analyze, develop, implement, monitor, and evaluate responsible research assessment practices.
- [6] **Responsible approaches to research assessment reform.**
Reform should follow a responsible and robust research methodology.
- [7] **Responsible use of influence on institutional policies and practices.**
Exercise influence responsibly in collaboration with interested parties, in line with RRA principles and recognizing institutional autonomy and academic freedom.

Processes and Methodology

- [8] **Responsible use and dissemination of research assessment criteria.**
Use and disseminate criteria to acknowledge, enable and promote a diversity of research roles, activities, innovation, outputs and outcomes, adapting them contextually.
- [9] **Responsible assessment of research contributions and achievements.**
Allow researchers to clearly communicate the significance, quality and impact of their contributions, including the adoption of a structured narrative CV and due considerations for career stage, interruptions and other contextual factors.
- [10] **Responsible approaches to impact assessment.**
Value research that produces high-quality impacts, recognizing contextually relevant factors and a diversity of forms of impact, while minimizing any risk of harm.
- [11] **Responsible approaches to reviewer and panel recruitment and training.**
Approaches should be considerate of multiple factors to reduce bias and ensure support of the advancement of a more equitable, diverse and inclusive research environment.

What we have delivered

- The full report of the Dimensions of RRA can be downloaded from our website, please scan QR code to access our website.
- We have worked towards a shared understanding and goal for RRA within GRC participant organisations. The **Dimensions of RRA** can be downloaded here [insert hyperlink or QR].
- We have launched a **2024 survey on RRA** of GRC participant organisations in collaboration with the Research on Research Institute. This will help us to understand the current state of play and reflect on changes in RRA from 2020 (when the last survey was conducted). Your organisation will be invited to participate in the survey which will close in August 2024.

What we will do next

- Analyse and produce a **working paper** on the results of the 2024 GRC RRA survey.
- Share **case studies** in line with the Dimensions of RRA to:
 - Share how funders have implemented and embedded RRA.
 - Extend the knowledge base where gaps and barriers persist.
- Develop a **self-assessment tool** and supporting **roadmap** for funders

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