



# ENDORSEMENT FRAMEWORK PROCESS OVERVIEW

CoARA Secretariat

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# Purpose

**Establish a process to consider outputs and build consensus around tools that support the commitments**



**Provide a mechanism for community review and Steering Board review of outputs produced by CoARA WGs, NCs, CF projects, and third parties**



**Consolidate outputs endorsed by the Steering Board for CoARA members in the ARRA Toolbox**



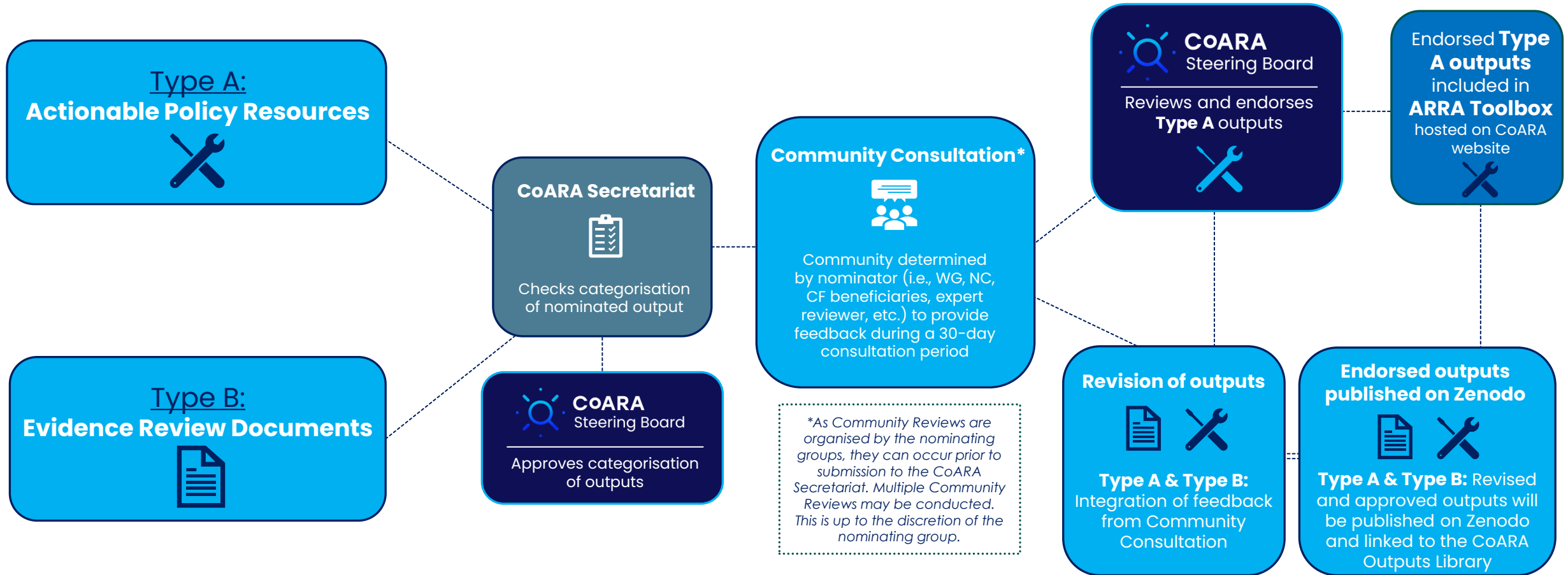
# Type A: Actionable Policy Resources

Type A description	Examples	Endorsement route
<p><b>Actionable Policy Resources</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frameworks</li> <li>• Guidelines</li> <li>• Tools and toolkits</li> <li>• Initiatives</li> <li>• Declarations</li> <li>• Games and interactive tools</li> </ul>	<p>1. CoARA community consultation organised by the Nominator Group</p>
<p>Tools, frameworks, recommendations that help the CoARA community to implement the commitments of ARRA.</p>		<p>2. Revision of outputs by Nominator Group</p>
<p>Require Community Consultation and endorsement from the CoARA Steering Board.</p>		<p>3. Review by Steering Board</p>
		<p>4. Inclusion in ARRA Toolbox</p>

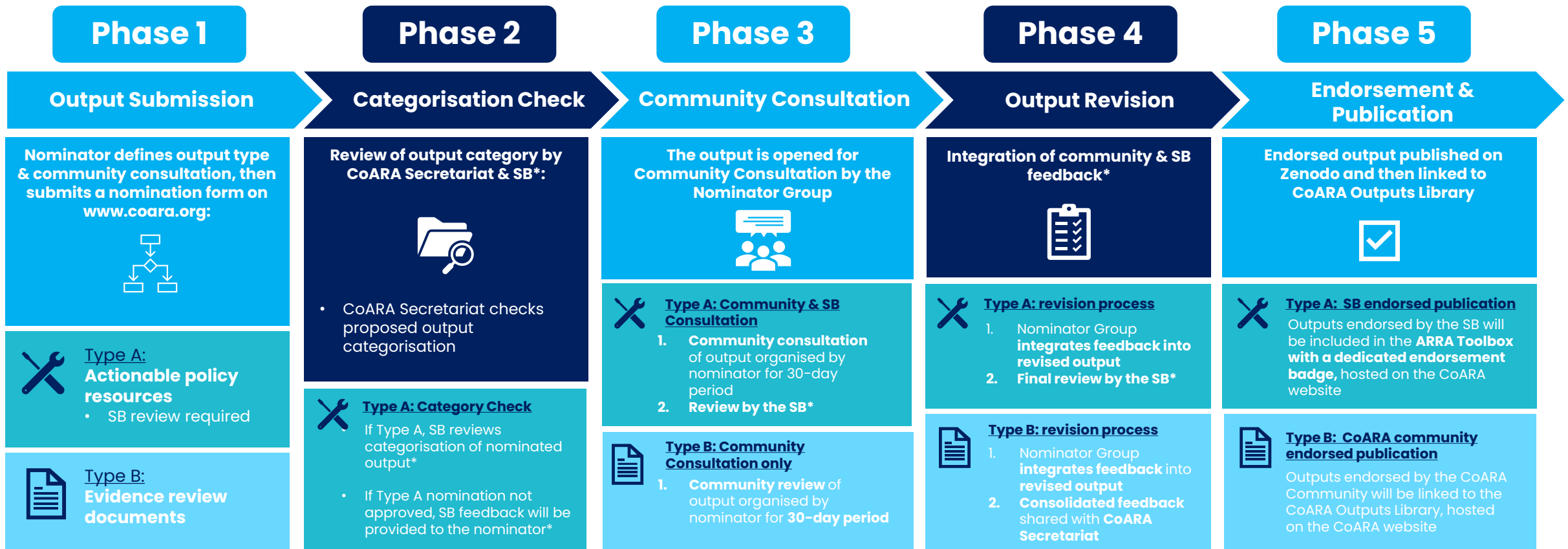
# Type B: Evidence Review Documents

Type B description	Examples	Endorsement route
<b>Evidence Review</b>		1. CoARA community consultation organised by the Nominator Group
Reflective documents that provide evidence, contextual, or auxiliary information to support RRA, but cannot be directly implemented.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reports from pilots</li><li>• Literature reviews</li><li>• Collections of good practices</li><li>• Conference reports</li><li>• Survey findings</li><li>• Workshop/focus group summaries</li></ul>	2. Revision of outputs by Nominator Group
Require Community Consultation by relevant WGs, NCs, or invited reviewers organised by Nominator Group.		3. Published on Zenodo and hosted on CoARA Outputs Library

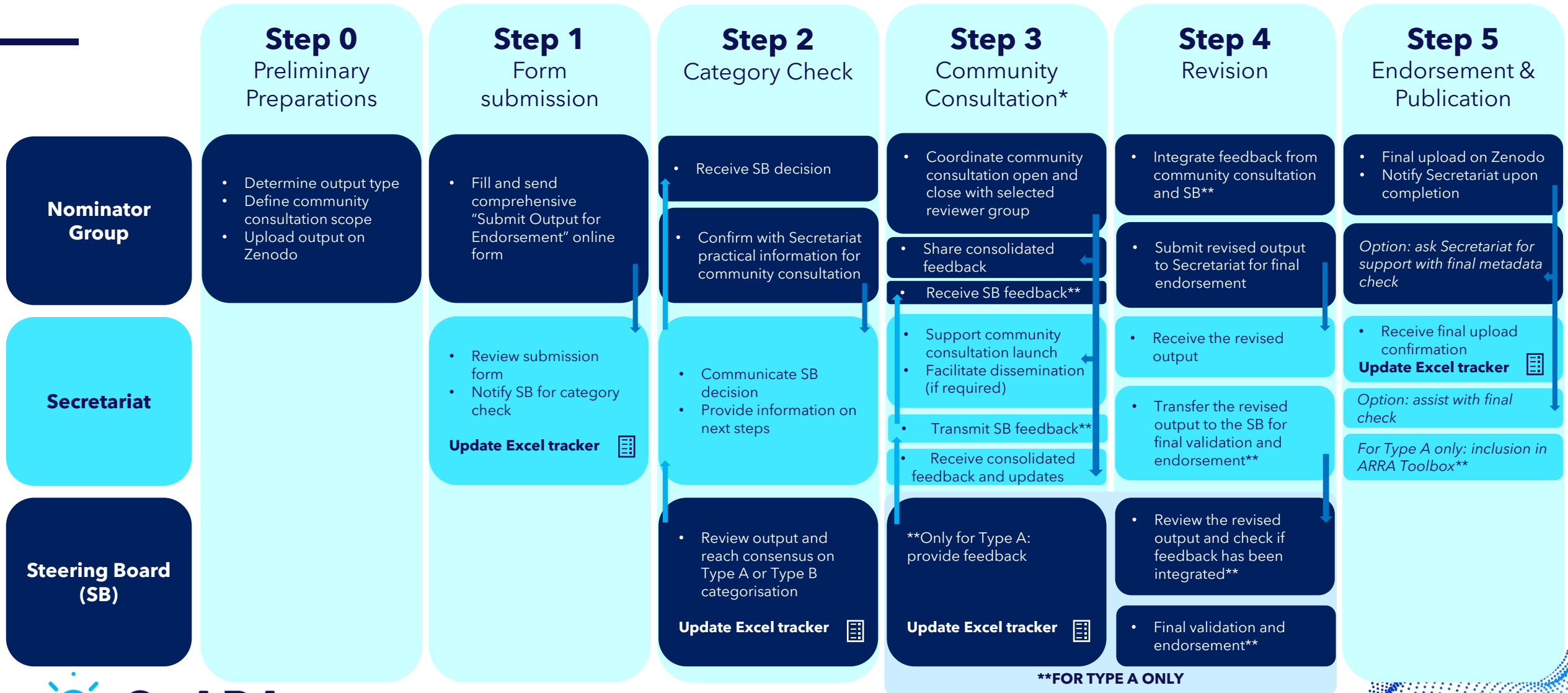
# Endorsement Routes



# Overview of the Process



# Step-by-step practical guide

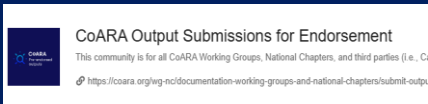


# Platform guide for Nominator Groups

## Preliminary phase Zenodo upload



- Determine **Output type** prior to submission
- Define scope of **Community Consultation**
- **Upload output to Zenodo Community:**



## Submit nomination via online form on [www.coara.org](http://www.coara.org)

## Community consultation period via webtool



- **Can be supported via [www.coara.org](http://www.coara.org)**
- Alternative platforms can be used if preferred
- Nominator Group coordinates the consultation
- *Type A: option to receive feedback from SB during Community Consultation stage*

## Revised output submitted via email



- **Integrate feedback from Community Consultation**
- **Submit revised output to Secretariat via email**
- *Type A: Final review by SB*

## Endorsed output published on Zenodo and CoARA Website



- **Endorsed output published on Zenodo**
- Metadata provided for [www.coara.org](http://www.coara.org)
- Endorsed output linked to CoARA Outputs Library (under construction)
- *Type A: featured on ARRA Toolbox*

# CoARA Library mock-up

The ARRA Toolbox and endorsed outputs will be hosted on the coara.org website, linked to the Zenodo publications, with faceted search and filter categories via the CoARA Outputs Library, currently under construction

The mock-up shows a website for the CoARA Outputs Library. At the top left is the CoARA logo (a stylized sun with rays) and the text "CoARA Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment". To the right of the logo is a navigation menu with links for "About", "News", "FAQ", "Resources", "Contact", and a search icon. Further right are two buttons: "Sign the Agreement" and "Subscribe to our Newsletter". Below the navigation menu is a secondary menu with dropdowns for "Agreement", "Action Plans", "Coalition", "Working Groups & National Chapters", and "CoARA Boost & Cascade Funding".

The main content area is titled "CoARA Outputs Library". On the left side, there is a "Search and Filter" sidebar with a search box labeled "Keywords" and a magnifying glass icon. Below the search box are three filter sections:

- Output type:** A checkbox for "ARRA Toolbox Supporting Evidence / Contextual Documents".
- Creator group:** Three checkboxes: "Working Group", "National Chapter", and "Cascade Funding Projects 3rd Party".
- Related Core Commitments\*:** Four checkboxes: "1. Diverse contributions", "2. Qualitative evaluation", "3. Avoid metric-based evaluation", and "4. Avoid use of university rankings".
- Target Audience:** Five checkboxes: "Academies, learned societies & their associations", "National / regional authorities", "RFOs", "RPOs", and "Universities & their associations Non-profits".

The main content area displays three output cards, each with a blue header and a white body:

- Card 1:** Header: "CoARA Working Group OIMRRA: Towards Open Infrastructures for Responsible Research Assessment". Body: "Conceptual Architecture for the Implementation of a Responsible Research Assessment Framework. Built on Open Infrastructures". Sub-header: "Working Group OIMRRA". Date: "September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025". Button: "Read more".
- Card 2:** Header: "CoARA Working Group Reforming Academic Career Assessment (ACA)". Body: "Rethinking academic career assessment - Lessons and tools for reform (CoARA Working Group ACA)". Sub-header: "Working Group ACA". Date: "September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025". Button: "Read more".
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