Rating Potential Solutions

While working with your partners to select the best solutions for the global challenge we are studying in class, you will need a way to come to consensus with one another. Use the following rating scale to start conversations about each of the potential solutions you are considering.

Rating: 5
▪ This is a solution I believe in.
▪ This solution will be easy to implement, and its costs won't scare people away.
▪ This solution has no natural opponents or likely enemies. It is an idea that everyone can support.
▪ This is a solution that I know can succeed—either because it has already been implemented successfully or because the potential barriers to the solution are simple to overcome.
▪ I'm ready to recommend this solution to anyone, and I know it is going to work!

Rating: 4
▪ This solution has a ton of potential.
▪ The barriers to implementing this solution seem relatively simple to overcome, and there are no natural opponents or likely enemies to our idea.
▪ The costs for this solution are not extraordinary.
▪ The only thing that causes me to hesitate is that this solution has never been implemented successfully before—which means that there are no guarantees that our idea will work!
▪ I've got enough confidence in this solution to recommend it, however. Let's get started.

Rating: 3
▪ This solution hasn't convinced me yet.
▪ While there are some real strengths to pursuing this idea, there are also some real risks that I'm not sure can be resolved easily.
▪ We might be recommending an idea that is impossible to pull off because of the costs attached or because the barriers to success are too high.
▪ We might also be recommending an idea that people won't support.
▪ I'll need more evidence before I'm willing to recommend this solution to others.

Rating: 2
▪ Sitting here right now, I couldn't recommend this solution to others. There are too many risks and too few rewards.
▪ This solution might be too costly to really pull off. What's more, there are probably going to be a bunch of people opposed to this solution.
▪ I don't think this solution will be ready in time to solve the problem we are trying to address.
▪ I've got serious doubts about this solution. I'll move forward, but only with caution and only after doing a lot more research.

Rating: 1

- This solution seems like a bad idea.

- Our idea has never been tried before by anyone.

- What's more, there are obvious barriers that we are going to have to overcome if our solution is going to succeed—and I don't think it is possible to overcome those barriers.

- To work, someone is going to have to invest tons of time, energy, and money into our solution, and time, energy, and money are always hard to come by.

- What's worse is that I'm pretty sure our solution will create a whole new set of problems!

- I don't think I'm willing to move forward with this solution.

Rating: 0

- This solution will never work.

- There is plenty of evidence to prove that this solution is too expensive or impractical to even work.

- There are open enemies who we will need to convince before we will even come close to getting others to believe in our solution—and even then, I'm pretty sure that this solution will fail.

- There is no sense in even considering this solution.