

# Critical Assessment Framework

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## Criteria for assessing initiatives aimed at 4 levels of cultural adaptation

(Rating performance without indicators is subjective. Discussions are useful and will generate criteria.)

When considering a new public program initiative, ask how well the program will:	Poorly to Well					N/A
	1	2	3	4	5	
<b>Personal Level (members of community)</b>						
Contribute and/or generate new insights						
Capture imagination						
Stimulate curiosity						
Encourage personal reflection						
Enhance ability to think critically and creatively						
Provide opportunity to examine and clarify values						
Demonstrate relevance and make connection to daily life						
Affirm, challenge, deepen identity						
Help develop a sense of place						
Help deal with complexity and uncertainty						
Increase responsible action						
Stimulate intrinsic motivation						
<b>Community Level</b>						
Address vital and relevant needs / issues / opportunities within community						
Generate information and connection at the personal, community, provincial/territorial, national and global level						
Engage a diverse public						
Provide a voice for diverse groups						
Encourage social interactions and debate						
Act as a catalyst for action						
Stimulate intergenerational interactions						
Link existing community groups to one another						
Initiate or enhance long term collaborative relationships						
Partnerships empower community groups						
Enhance the credibility of all involved						
Result in products and processes that have tangible impact in the community						
<b>Institutional Level</b>						
Challenge personal and institutional assumptions						
Guided by clearly articulated goals, objectives and outcomes						
Use the most effective vehicle for achieving goals						
Create a community of learning within staff						
Integrate scientific, local and traditional knowledge						
Act as catalyst for partnering community organizations						
<b>Global Level</b>						
Foster public consciousness of global impacts of local choices						
Foster global ecosystem health						
Reduce global ecological footprint						
Enhance global social justice and equity						

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