Criteria	Description	Weight	Scale (1-5)
Creativity	Originality and innovation in the approach, ideas, and solutions presented.	20%	
	- **Originality**: How unique and innovative is the s olution?		1 = Not original, 5 = Highly original
	- **Innovation**: Does the project introduce new ide as or methods?		1 = No new ideas, 5 = Highly innovative
	- **Problem-Solving**: Does the project creatively a ddress the problem?		1 = Poor problem-solving, 5 = Excellent problem-solving
Use of Microsoft AI Tools	Effective and innovative use of Microsoft AI tools to enhance the project.	50%	
	- **Integration**: How well are Microsoft AI tools int egrated into the project?		1 = Poor integration, 5 = Excellent integration
	- **Effectiveness**: Are the Microsoft AI tools used e ffectively to solve the problem?		1 = Ineffective use, 5 = Highly effective use
	- **Innovation**: Are the Microsoft AI tools used in a novel or creative way?		1 = Not innovative, 5 = Highly innovative
	- **Complexity**: Does the project leverage advance d Microsoft AI techniques?		1 = Basic techniques, 5 = Advanced techniques
Relevance to The me	Alignment with the theme of knowledge producti on in the global south and sustainable agricultur e in South Africa.	15%	
	- **Alignment**: How well does the project align wit h the theme?		1 = Poor alignment, 5 = Excellent alignment
	- **Contextual Understanding**: Does the project d emonstrate a deep understanding of the local co ntext and challenges?		1 = Poor understanding, 5 = Excellent understanding
	- **Cultural Sensitivity**: Is the project culturally sen sitive and appropriate?		1 = Not sensitive, 5 = Highly sensitive
Technical Imple mentation	Quality of the technical implementation, includin g code quality, functionality, and robustness.	10%	
	- **Code Quality**: Is the code well-written and mai ntainable?		1 = Poor quality, 5 = Excellent quality

Criteria	Description	Weight	Scale (1-5)
	- **Functionality**: Does the project work as intende d?		1 = Does not work, 5 = Works perfectly
	- **Robustness**: Is the solution robust and reliable?		1 = Not robust, 5 = Highly robust
	- **Scalability**: Can the solution be scaled for large r applications?		1 = Not scalable, 5 = Highly scalable
Impact and Feasi bility	Potential impact of the solution on sustainable a griculture and its feasibility for real-world applica tion.	5%	
	- **Impact**: What is the potential impact of the solu tion on sustainable agriculture?		1 = Low impact, 5 = High impact
	- **Feasibility**: How feasible is the solution for real- world implementation?		1 = Not feasible, 5 = Highly feasible
	- **Sustainability**: Is the solution sustainable in the long term?		1 = Not sustainable, 5 = Highly sustainable

Total Score Calculation Method

1. **Score each criterion** on a scale of 1 to 5.
2. **Multiply the score** for each criterion by its respective weight.
3. **Sum the weighted scores** to get the total score.

Example Calculation:

- Creativity: 4 (score) * 20% (weight) = 0.8
- Use of Microsoft AI Tools: 5 (score) * 50% (weight) = 2.5
- Relevance to Theme: 3 (score) * 15% (weight) = 0.45
- Technical Implementation: 4 (score) * 10% (weight) = 0.4
- Impact and Feasibility: 3 (score) * 5% (weight) = 0.15

Total Score = 0.8 + 2.5 + 0.45 + 0.4 + 0.15 = 4.3

This method ensures that each project is evaluated fairly based on the weighted importance of each criterion.