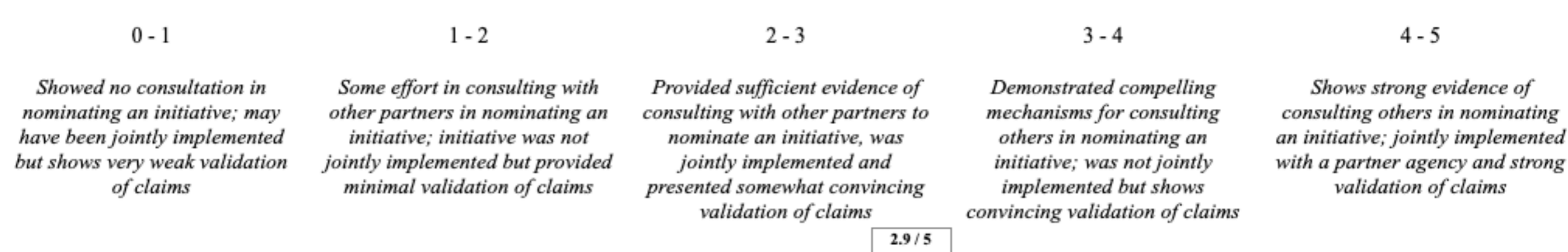


Applicant Name: Canada Team
Normalized Scores 60.0

JUDGING CRITERION # 1: CREDIBILITY OF PARTNERSHIPS (0-5)

Did the applicant provide sufficient evidence of partnering with other non-government organizations in either nominating, validating and/or jointly implementing the initiative?



Judge Name: Gertrude Muguzi
Score: 2.9
Comment: While the criteria for selection is listed, the process for selecting this particular initiative is not articulated in the submission. The involvement of the open data community is shown in the development and implementation of the initiative but not in the nomination for these awards.

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Judge Name: Oluseun Onidbinde
Score: 3.1
Comment: Nomination of initiative with approval of the implementing partner is placed in the zip doc with validation on the CODE website that actual apps were built.

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Judge Name: Don Don Parafina
Score: 2.7
Comment: No participatory process was mentioned in selecting the entry. Details in the nomination box pertain to the factors considered why CODE was selected as entry to OGP awards. The testimonies, however, indicate coordination with the partners in nominating CODE.

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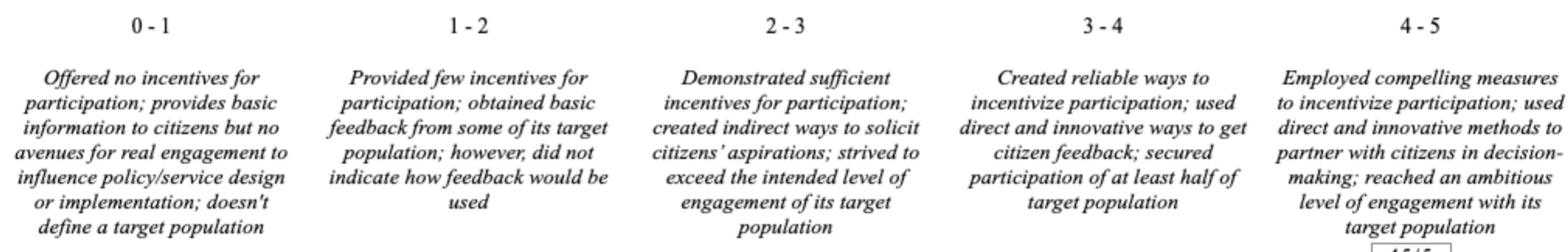
Judge Name: Tiago Peixoto
Score: 3.9
Comment: It seems that the only partner consulted by the nomination was XMG studio. There is no evidence of a broader consultation exercise with stakeholder (e.g. developer community) or civil society in general.

2.2 / 5

Judge Name: Hennie van Vuuren
Score: 2.2
Comment: The project has a number of private sector partners but no visible non-governmental partners engaged at any level in nomination, implementation and validation of claims. This is a great pity as it could no doubt have contributed to the impact to have NGO partners more actively engaged in shaping the approach to the project and ensuring a possible broader reach of the apps and other outputs of the project

JUDGING CRITERION # 2: DEPTH OF ENGAGEMENT (0-5)

Does the initiative provide incentives for the participation of citizens and offer direct, innovative channels for citizens to engage with government?



Judge Name: Gertrude Muguzi
Score: 4.5
Comment: The fact that given that Canadian society, and particularly the target audience for this initiative, is very IT-literate made this a very appropriate method of eliciting strong participation. A hackathon, with prize incentives, was a new and interesting way to engage the private sector to achieve the government objective of increased awareness, use, and improvement of its open data systems. it will be interesting to monitor future events of this nature to see whether the reach can be sustained and improved now that they plan to make this an annual event.

2.2 / 5

Judge Name: Oluseun Onidbinde
Score: 2.2
Comment: The application had a lot of discussion on the code events and release of data. Uptake of applications by citizens was not properly stated in empirical figures to judge the usability of the apps.

3.3 / 5

Judge Name: Don Don Parafina
Score: 3.3
Comment: The big turnout in the events proves that CODE has attracted and incentivised participation. The relationship, however, is one-way: government is opening up the data and citizens are developing applications out of it. The government agencies' direct use of the apps as feedback to improve performance needs a clearer mechanism.

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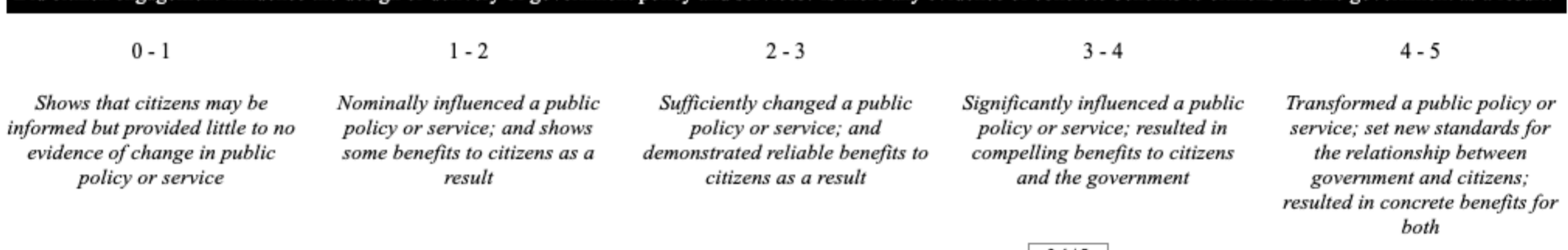
Judge Name: Tiago Peixoto
Score: 3.7
Comment: While the hackathon seemed to have mobilized a satisfactory number of participants, it is unclear whether incentives were in place to promote the participation of those beyond the usual suspects of a hackathon.

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Judge Name: Hennie van Vuuren
Score: 2.7
Comment: The project appears to be largely focussed on a one off hackathon event. By all accounts this was the largest of its kind in Canada and engaged over 900 citizens. However, there is no indication of how the concerns informed this process and how citizens as end users will as a result engage in outputs. It does seem that one app has been of assistance to new Canadian resident.

JUDGING CRITERION # 3: EVIDENCE OF RESULTS (0-5)

Did citizen engagement influence the design or delivery of government policy and services? Is there any evidence of concrete benefits to citizens and the government as a result?



Judge Name: Gertrude Muguzi
Score: 3.4
Comment: This is a very new initiative and therefore it is too early to see evidence of concrete resulting change in how government operates. While it was stated in the submission that the feedback received from developers will inform future open data releases, no evidence was presented that this has already happened. There is definitely evidence of benefits to citizens who from this have gained a better sense of what government data is publicly available.

2.1 / 5

Judge Name: Oluseun Onidbinde
Score: 2.1
Comment: Good approach with a lot of potential in a developed society but the results of the impact of delivering apps from open data have not been communicated. However, there is a lot of potential with the settlement/skill matching app.

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Judge Name: Don Don Parafina
Score: 3.0
Comment: Data openness as a policy has significantly advanced. Outcomes reported are the extent of participation in the event and the number of applications developed. Federal departments' have reported insights that pertained to the quality of their data, but the benefit of "client-centric" services has yet to be experienced.

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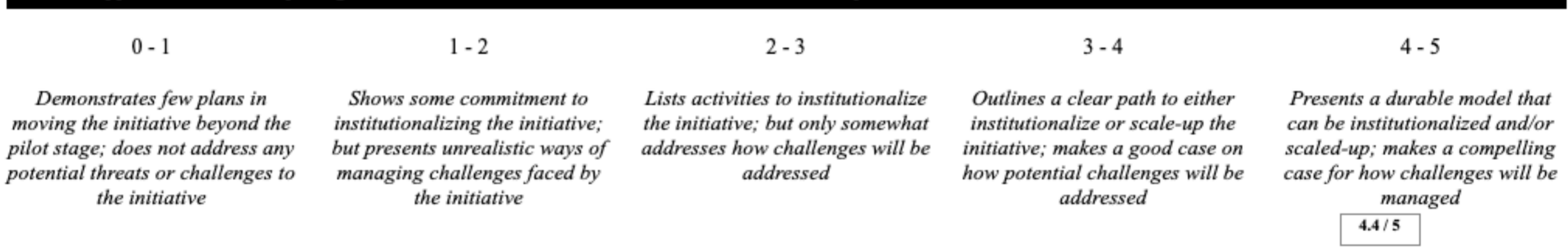
Judge Name: Tiago Peixoto
Score: 2.9
Comment: There is limited evidence on how CODE produced benefits to citizens beyond those participating in the hackathon. For instance, the development of new mobile and web apps, or adding new datasets to data.gc.ca tell very little about actual benefits to citizens or any influence in the design of government policy and services.

2.4 / 5

Judge Name: Hennie van Vuuren
Score: 2.4
Comment: There is unfortunately insufficient evidence of result. This may well be because this was a singular large event that has not yet had time to show significant evidence of results. However, its unclear how the production of a multitude of new apps might truly benefit citizens and government. A few more examples (and an indication of uptake) would have been useful.

JUDGING CRITERION # 4: SUSTAINABILITY (0-5)

Does the applicant make a compelling case that the initiative will be institutionalized or scaled-up over time?



Judge Name: Gertrude Muguzi
Score: 4.4
Comment: I think that the case for sustaining this initiative is strong and well-explained in the submission. The creation of an annual event leveraging resources from other sectors of society is a compelling case for this. I also think that improving readability and 'mashing' of data across levels of government is also very interesting and speaks to the scaling up of the initiative. What I think could be looked into more is how they will sustain and improve the reach of this initiative beyond the traditional open data and developer enthusiasts who, to me are fairly mainstream. I would be interested to know whether this can be used to reach truly marginalised groups who are less techno-savvy and may not be so easily reached through this method. What future adaptations could be made to this initiative to obtain their feedback?

2.7 / 5

Judge Name: Oluseun Onidbinde
Score: 2.7
Comment: As stated, the applicant as stated the way to improve scaling the apps and reuse of data at lower district levels but does not explain how to manage challenge with viral use of application by target audience.

2.8 / 5

Judge Name: Don Don Parafina
Score: 2.8
Comment: The continuation of the events on a regular basis is still at the level of "intending", "hoping" and "planning". No direct or convincing commitment has been secured for it. The relationship with the partners also needs a more stable basis to address the sustainability of the effort. The government and sponsors' support for it, however, indicate a promising start.

2.3 / 5

Judge Name: Tiago Peixoto
Score: 2.3
Comment: While there seems to be some will towards the sustainability of the initiative, there seems to be no clearly defined strategy to achieve that sustainability. Threats or challenges to the initiative, and ways to be addressing them, are hardly considered.

2.8 / 5

Judge Name: Hennie van Vuuren
Score: 2.8
Comment: There is a commitment to hosting this as a regular (annual?) event but no indication of dealing with challenges. In particular no commitment to partnering with civil society organizations in this process which seems to be a key missing ingredient in what could no doubt become an impressive initiative in future.