SCALES FOR RATING RESEARCH TOPICS

Relevance

1. = Not relevant
2. = Relevant
3. = Very relevant

Avoidance of duplication

1. = Sufficient information already available
2. = Some information available but major issues not covered
3. = No sound information available on which to base problem-solving

Feasibility

1. = Study not feasible considering available resources
2. = Study feasible considering available resources
3. = Study very feasible considering available resources

Political acceptability

1. = Topic not acceptable to high level policymakers
2. = Topic more or less acceptable
3. = Topic fully acceptable

Applicability

1. = No chance of recommendations being implemented
2. = Some chance of recommendations being implemented
3. = Good chance of recommendations being implemented

Urgency

1. = Information not urgently needed
2. = Information could be used right away but a delay of some months would be acceptable
3. = Data very urgently needed for decision-making

Ethical acceptability

1. = Major ethical problems
2. = Minor ethical problems
3. = No ethical problems