

Age	15-18 years approximately	Number of people	60 people approximately	Topic	Biotechnología y agropecuario
Date					
Purpose	The student is introduced to scientific concepts of synthetic biology and the iGEM competency. They also reinforce this knowledge through a simulation of the iGEM competency in which they must put into practice analytical and creative thinking to solve problems through synthetic biology.		Time	120 minutes	
Name of the activity			Expected learning		
Mini iGEM			Develops analytical and creative thinking skills to generate integral solutions.		
sequence				Resources	
Presentation (15 minutes)					
A presentation of synthetic biology concepts and iGEM will be given.				Material visual de apoyo	
Mini iGEM (45 minutes)					
A) The tracks and the rubric to be followed to make your proposal will be presented.				Rubric	
They will be divided into teams of 4 to 5 people and assigned a track.					
B) Proposal (15 minutes)					
Once the track is defined you will have 45 minutes to choose a problem related to your track, you will have to make use of synthetic biology and you will have to justify why your proposal is a good solution.				Sheets with the questions: What is the importance of probelmatics? What does your solution consist of? What are your stakeholders? What strategies would you implement to make synthetic biology known?	
C) Submission of proposals (30 minutes)					
El equipo presentará su propuesta frente a los jueces y se les realizarán 2 preguntas				No material required	
D) Awards (10 minutes)					
The team with the best performance will be awarded				Recognition and awards	
Farewell and invitation to follow us on social networks (5 minutes)					



INTERNATIONAL GENETICALLY ENGINEERED MACHINE



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iGEM

- World's largest international synthetic biology competition organized by the MIT
- Around 300 international teams participate, such as Harvard
- Target: To develop a product based on synthetic biology that allows to improve or solve an especific problem



What is synthetic biology?

- The application of science, technology and engineering to facilitate and accelerate the design, manufacture and/or modification of genetic material in living organisms.
- Cells such as bacteria, fungi, yeasts and viruses are used
- Gene editing is done to obtain biofactories that produce substances of interest



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Tracks:

Diagnosis

Generate new diagnostic tests for different diseases. Improve current diagnostic tests by making them faster, cheaper and/or more effective. Possible applications: Detection of Covid or other diseases such as cancer

Therapeutic

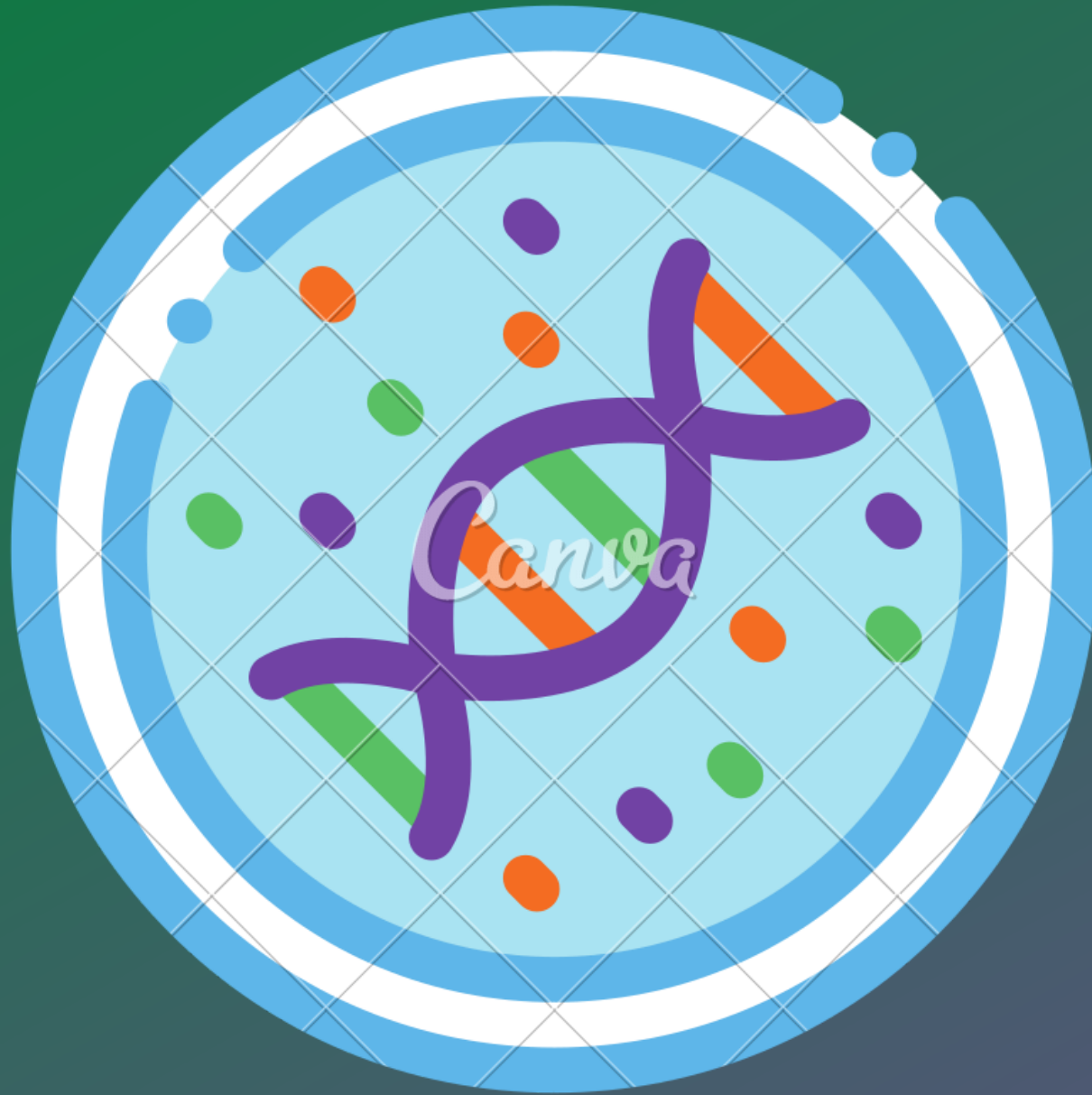
Generate new therapies or improve existing ones for disease management: Possible applications: Vaccines and nutritional supplements.

Environment

Improve the quality of water, land and the environment, restore eroded soils or improve the quality of the land. Possible applications: Water, plastic and microplastic urban pollution and antimicrobial resistance.

Nutrition and food sustenance

How to reduce food waste? Possible topics: Local problems affecting farmers, detection and treatment of field diseases and detection of food waste.



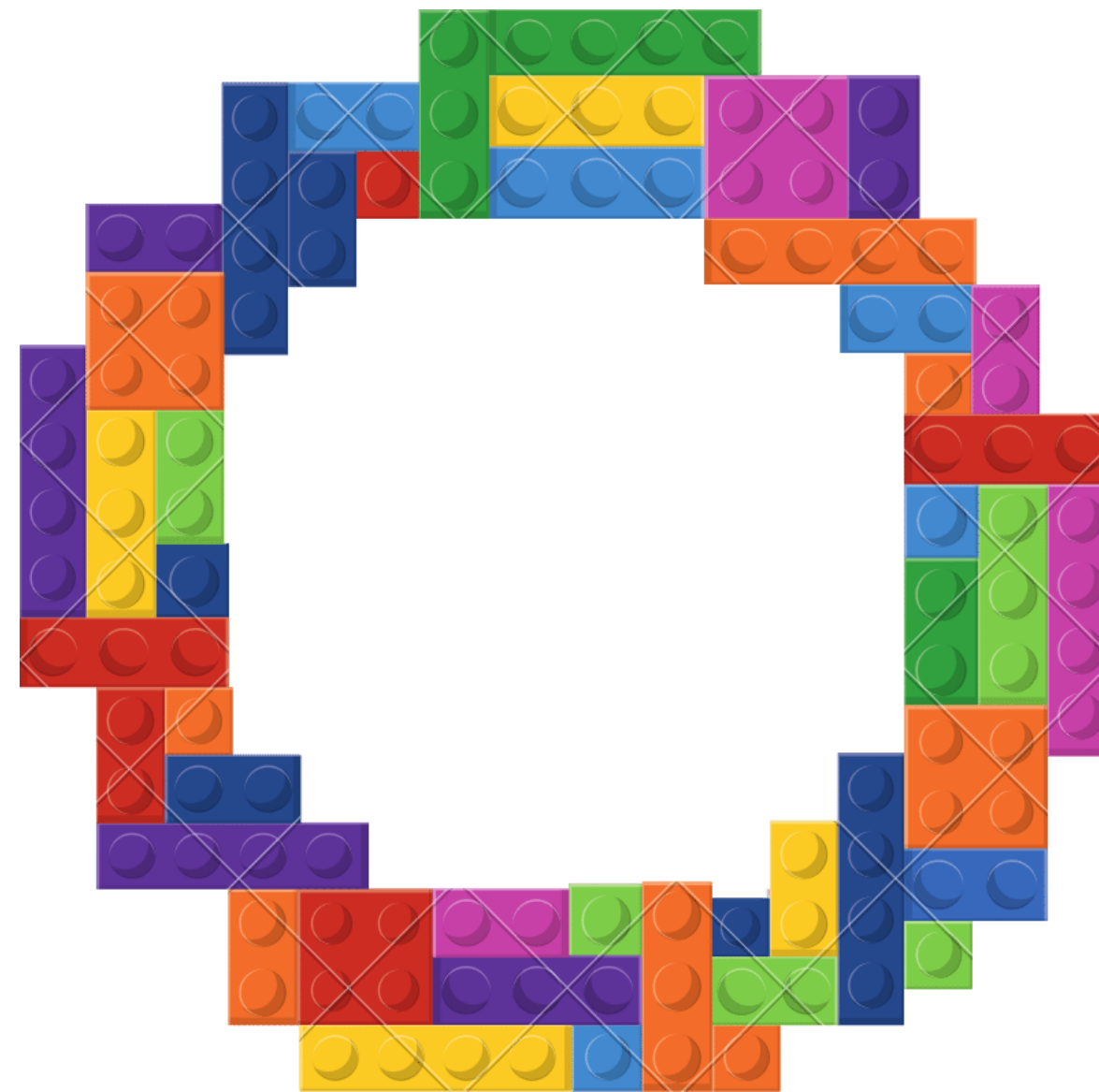
After this what?

- Laboratory
- Model
- Human Practices
- Wiki
- Education and communication
- Entrepreneurship



Research and laboratory

The time has come to put into practice the research previously done involving genetic engineering and synthetic biology



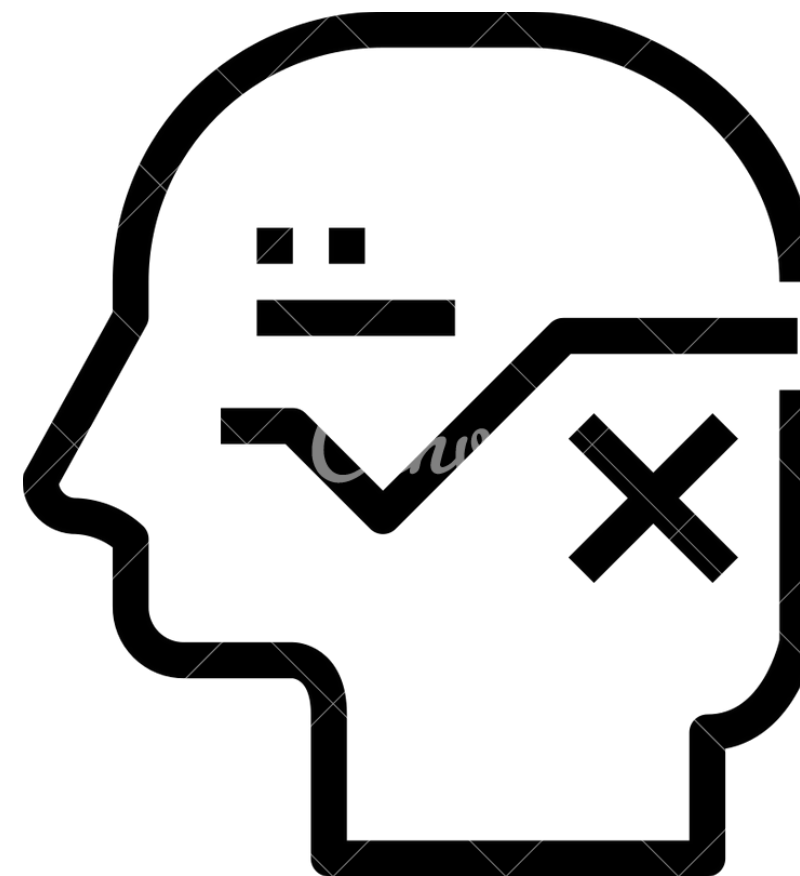


Modelo

How are the results going to be **measured**?

Here we define what are the equations that allow analyzing factors such as protein indication, results of inhibition, delivery and efficiency, silencing or overexpression of genes, etc.

The model of ordinary differential equations to be used is defined in this step.





Human Practices

How does your project **affect** the **world**?

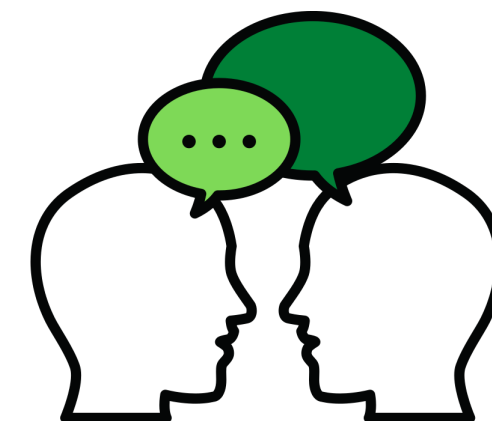
It is necessary to **validate** the situation, meet with people who live the problem, talk with **experts** on the field, see the reaction of people when talking about the possible solution, how feasible and profitable it is?, attend and **prioritize** the **needs** of the affected.





Education and communication

Make sure more people are aware of what synthetic biology is, its advantages and its applications. And in turn, to disseminate the competition and the project, generation spaces for dialogue





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Wiki

It is the **website** where all the work done is reflected. It must be described in detail what was done in each of the areas, for what purpose and what the results were.

You must know/learn to program in order to include a visual desing, text, images and videos that will make it easier for the judges to understand everything about the project.





Chile producing farmers report losses of up to 100% in **chili** crops due to wilt. Mexico is the **world's leading exporter** of chili.

Chihuahua is its **main producing state**, with an amount of 723,000 tons, which is equivalent to 245 billion pesos a year.

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Tec-Chihuahua 2022 is developing a **biofungicide** that attacks **Phytophthora capsici** (the **oomycete** that causes wilting).

Through synthetic biology **2 antimicrobial peptides** that weaken the cell membrane of the fungus and an **interference RNA** responsible for silencing useful genes of the **oomycete** will be produced.



Your turn!

- Select a track
- Research and select a problem you would like to solve.
- Devise a solution, make a work plan by area (Human practices and the scientific part)
- Present your result



The Global Expo of Synthetic Biology

The iGEM Grand Jamboree is where the future of synthetic biology is showcased every year. This year, 350+ multidisciplinary teams from 40+ countries will be presenting their projects on how to solve local problems, all over the world, using synthetic biology.

The iGEM Grand Jamboree is home of the world's largest SynBio community of researchers, industry, investors, startups and policy makers.

After 15 years in Boston and 2 years remotely, iGEM chose the most beautiful city in the world and its Parc des Expositions, the largest venue in Europe and just 15 min away from the Eiffel Tower, to host the most important gathering for synthetic biology.



PARIS EXPO - PORTE DE VERSAILLES
Pavillon 7.3, Paris, France



3000

PEOPLE



350+

PROJECTS



25 000

SQ. METERS



45

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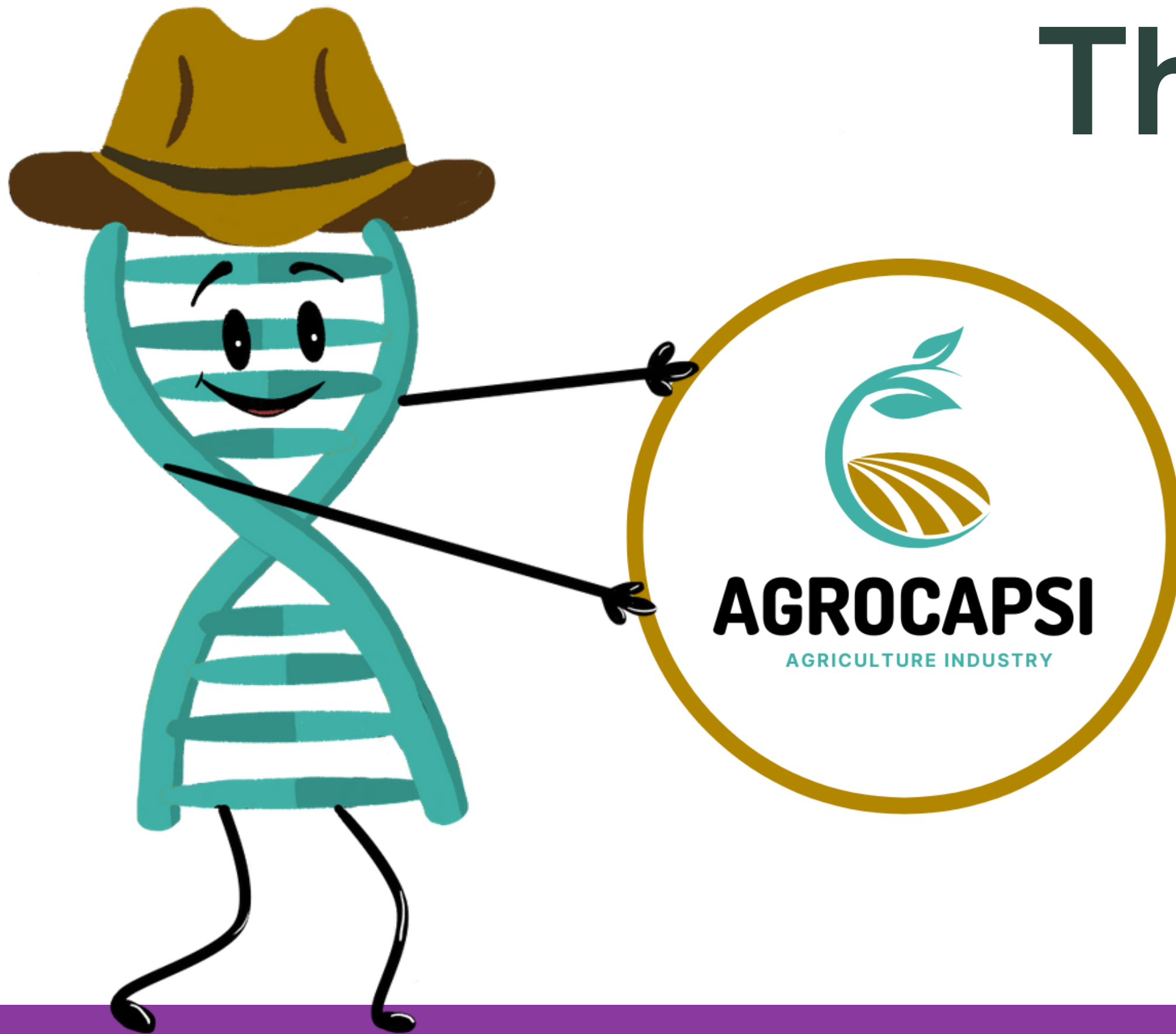
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SOLUTION

Importance of the problem

What is your solution and what would it consist of?

HUMAN PRACTICES

Who are your stakeholders?

What strategies would you do to raise awareness of synthetic biology?

Criterio	Deficient	Okey	Good
Track	A track wasn't selected(5)	A random track was selected(10)	A track was selected according to the desired project (15)
Problem	There was no research for a problematic(15)	There was research and a problematic was found(20)	There was research and a problematic that could be solved with biotechnology and/or synthetic biology was found (25)
Áreas	The work wasn't established by areas (5)	There was work according to the areas (10)	Each area has its own working plan (15)
Laboratory	There was research of current solutions for the problematic(5)	There was research in current treatments and a new solution is briefly described (10)	There was research in current treatments, a new solution is described and they checked the molecule of interest (15)
Human Practices	The stakeholders where defined(5)	Stakeholders where defined and an approachment plan was thought (interviews, events, meetings, etc.) (10)	The last criteria was taken into account and also they investigated the possible activities for education, inclusivity and communication(15)
Wiki	Briefly describes what the page contains(5)	The minimum pages that a wiki should contain are defined(10)	Defines a complete wiki structure (15)
Score			

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Final Score:_____