

# **RESEARCH WITH AGRIMONITOR COMPETITION**

**Participation Requirements:** 

- Completing the fifth edition of the MOOC AGRIMONITOR: Agricultural Policy in the Caribbean or its Spanish version (hereinafter "The course") under the "Verified certificate" track. This modality authorizes you to view and complete the evaluation questionnaires, which will allow you to accumulate score in the course and obtain the verified certificate. Consider that this modality requires the payment of 25 USD.
- 2. Obtain a rating of <u>90% or higher</u> in this edition of the MOOC AGRIMONITOR.
- **3.** You must be a citizen of <u>one of the 48 member countries of the Inter-American</u> <u>Development Bank</u>:

Argentina* ^	Denmark*	Mexico* ^
Germany*	Ecuador* ^	Nicaragua* ^
Austria*	El Salvador* ^	Norway*
Bahamas* ^	Slovenia	Netherlands* ^
Barbados* ^	Spain* ^	Panama* ^
Belgium*	United States* ^	Paraguay* ^
Belize* ^	Finland*	Peru* ^
Bolivia* ^	France*^	Portugal* ^
Brazil* ^	Guatemala* ^	United Kingdom ^
Canada^	Guyana* ^	Dominican Republic* ^
Chile* ^	Haiti*^	Sweden*^
China, People's Republic of * ^	Honduras* ^	Switzerland*^
Colombia* ^	Israel*	Suriname*^
Korea, Republic of* ^	Italy* ^	Trinidad and Tobago* ^
Costa Rica* ^	Jamaica* ^	Uruguay* ^
Croatia	Japan* ^	Venezuela* ^

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- 4. Medium-advanced level of English.
- **5.** Be of legal working age.

### Prize:

This is a competition in which the winner will carry out a research funded by the IDB. The Environment, Rural Development and Disaster Risk Management Division of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) will determine the topic of the research, which will be communicated after the end of the course, under the conditions stipulated by the IDB.





## Parts and Requirements for Each Phase of the Competition

The competition consists of 2 parts, which you must complete with the following requirements:

### 1<sup>st</sup> Part of the Competition

<u>The first part of the competition consists</u> in a **quiz of 25 multiple choice questions** with medium and high degrees of difficulty; based on: i) the knowledge acquired in the MOOC, ii) the following 3 additional documents related to the MOOC's topics, and iii) using your own deductive reasoning in the application of the learned content.

# The additional documents (which you will find on the competition platform once you enroll in the same) are:

- **1.** Agricultural Policy Monitoring and Evaluation 2015.
- Should Governments Stop Subsidies to Private Goods? Evidence from Rural Latin America.
- 3. Sector Framework Document Agriculture and Natural Resources Management.

Once you start the quiz, you will have only 30 minutes to answer the questions.

#### In addition, you should consider:

- You have only one attempt to do the quiz. Therefore, be sure to use a computer with strong Internet connectivity at the time of answering the quiz.
- There is only one correct answer per question.
- Wrong answers will have a penalty (every incorrect answer deducts one-third of the value of a correct answer).
- The time you take to complete the quiz will be considered as an evaluation criterion; therefore, the less time you take to respond to the quiz, the better.
- In general, you will not find answers that are expressed in textual form in the material provided and in the course.

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If you are one of the 5<sup>th</sup> participants with the best final scores on the quiz, you will be invited to participate in the second part of the competition.

Note that the contest is available in two languages: Spanish (for those taking the MOOC in Spanish) and English (for those taking the MOOC in English), just for the convenience of the participants. Therefore, they are not two different competitions, there is just one competition that has instances in two different languages. This means that there will be only one group of 5 people who will take part to the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the contest, composed by participants from the Spanish instance and the English instance. Likewise, there will only be one winner that could arise from the Spanish instance or the English instance.





### 2<sup>nd</sup> Part of the Competition

<u>In the second part of the competition</u>, you shall individually develop and submit an Essay, in which you will put into practice the knowledge acquired in the AGRIMONITOR MOOC.

For this purpose, we will provide you with all the guidelines for the submission of the Essay together with a table containing the criteria to be evaluated and the level required for each of them. This criteria table will be used by the panel of experts from the IDB to evaluate the Essays.

The dates and deadlines to develop and present the essay will be communicated only to those who reach the second stage of the contest.

## Award of the Competition

A panel of experts of the IDB will identify the best essay and will thus determine the winner of the competition, who will be awarded a consultancy contract of up to 10 thousand USD.

If none of the winners meets the expectations of the IDB, the IDB may declare the competition deserted.

