



# Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the UNECE Standard for Seed Potatoes



## SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production

UNECE's work on seed potatoes helps improve the quality of planting material which is a cornerstone for sustainable agriculture.

It helps provide the greatest potential yield while reducing environmental impacts and reducing food loss.

High-quality seed potatoes lead to sustainable production and economic benefits for rural communities.

- ✓ **Increased yields lead to better natural resource use efficiency**
- ✓ **Less waste throughout the entire supply chain**
- ✓ **Sustainable domestic and international trade**
- ✓ **Integrated pest management and reduced reliance on chemical pesticides**
- ✓ **Knowledge sharing**
- ✓ **Better quality potatoes for the consumer**



## SDG: 17 Partnerships for the Goals

UNECE is a equal access forum for all United Nations Member States to participate in the development, training and implementation of its Standard and Guides for seed potatoes.

Countries and organizations from around the world discuss science and new technologies. They share best practices and expertise to enhance cooperation, build capacity and facilitate fair trade. This is achieved through:

- ✓ Collaboration and cooperation across organizations
- ✓ Common references and terminology
- ✓ A standard that is internationally recognized and used
- ✓ Building on local capacity to foster partnerships at local, regional and international levels



## SDG 2: End Hunger

UNECE's work on seed potatoes provides a set of guiding principles that help minimize the impact of potato diseases, pests and other disorders on the potato harvest. This reduces crop failure and enhances food security worldwide, and leads to:

- ✓ Reliable food supply of a nutritious staple
- ✓ Helping rural communities gain income
- ✓ Maintenance of the genetic diversity
- ✓ Protecting the environment



**UNECE**

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)  
Palais des Nations, CH-1211, Geneva 10, Switzerland

Website: [www.unece.org/trade/agr/welcome.html](http://www.unece.org/trade/agr/welcome.html)  
E-mail: [trade@unece.org](mailto:trade@unece.org)