

Specialized Section on Standardization of Seed Potatoes

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**Prototype for a Training Course**

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## **Annex 1:       Prototype for a Two-Day Training Course for Seed Potato Certification**

*Introduction:* The development of a prototype training course is considered important by the Specialized Section to support the implementation of the Standard.

*Aim:* To promote the Standard for international trade in seed potatoes and to encourage its implementation.

*Target Groups:* All those potentially interested in using the Standard including: officials, professionals in the field, National Certification Authorities, regional organizations, importers and exporters.

### Outline of the programme

#### 1. Introduction:

- The role of UNECE in the standardization of trade
- Elements of international trade (WTO, IPPC, Cartagena Protocol)

#### 2. Seed Production and Marketing

- Background to the genetics of potatoes, variety registration, plant breeders rights
- Elements of seed production (maintenance, multiplication, grading and packing)
- Epidemiology of potato diseases as related to seed potato production and certification
- Role of seed certification

#### 3. Standards for certifications

- UNECE Standard on seed potatoes
- Overview of other phytosanitary organizations and schemes
- Examples of national schemes.

#### Trainer requirements:

- Should have expertise covering the situation in different countries.
- For optimum training, four trainers are required to cover the different aspects of seed potato certification.