

A variety of fresh fruits and vegetables are arranged around the text. At the top left, there are purple grapes, a red apple, an orange, and some raspberries. To the right of these are yellow starfruit, green grapes, and a green apple. At the bottom left, there are purple eggplants, green cucumbers, and red radishes. To the right of these are green cabbages, a bunch of asparagus, a yellow corn cob, and a bunch of carrots. The background is a light-colored wooden surface.

# **WORKING PARTY ON AGRICULTURAL QUALITY STANDARDS (WP.7)**

**2015 and 2016**



# Meetings and output under WP.7 (2015)



Specialized Sections on Standardization of

- **Fresh Fruit and Vegetables** (1 session)
- **Seed potatoes** (1 informal meeting, Finland)
- **Dry and Dried Produce** (1 session hosted by Turkey in Izmir).
- **Meat** (1 session September 2015 with 2<sup>nd</sup> meat symposium on quality/food safety/public/private)

Total number of revised/new standards:

in 2014: 20

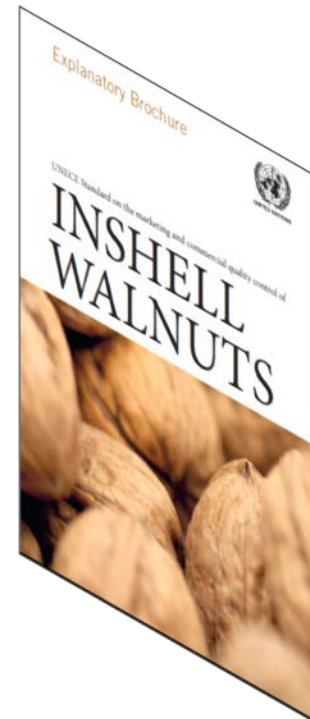
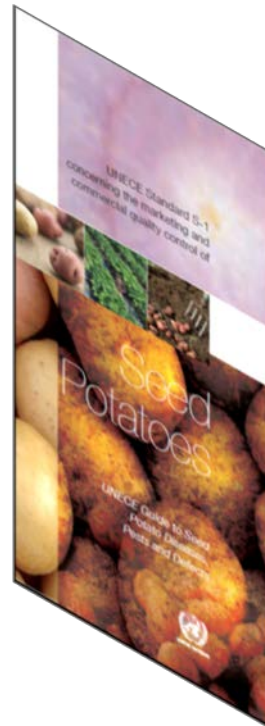
in 2015: 13



# Meetings and output under WP.7

**Total number of new guides: 3 (2 printed – 1 pdf online)**

- UNECE Guide to Potato Diseases, Pests and Damages
- Explanatory Brochure for Inshell walnuts
- Guide to Seed Potato Field Inspection



# Tendencies, impact, achievements

## 1. Increase in participation from 2011 to 2014

- **GE.1** increase of 30%
  - **DDP** tripled the number of participants
  - **GE.11** tripled the number of participants
  - **WP.7** 1.5 to 2 times more participants
- GE.6 steady with many technical meetings

## 2. New participating countries on regular basis

## 3. New areas of work:

- **eating quality;**
- **food waste;**
- **traceability**





# Tendencies, impact, achievements



## 4. Strengthened and new partnerships with Codex, OECD, EU, UNDP, ITC and donor agencies

Secretariat participated in:

- OECD Plenary Meeting – December 2014
- INC Scientific Committee meeting – April 2015
- CCFFV meeting – October 2015
- WTO Public Forum – October 2015
- Geneva International Food Talks – 15 Geneva-based agencies working on food related issues – EXPO Milan September 2015 DDP



### INTERNATIONAL GENEVA FOOD TALKS

Swiss Pavilion Auditorium  
Saturday 19 September  
15:30 – 17:00

*In English - Open to the public*

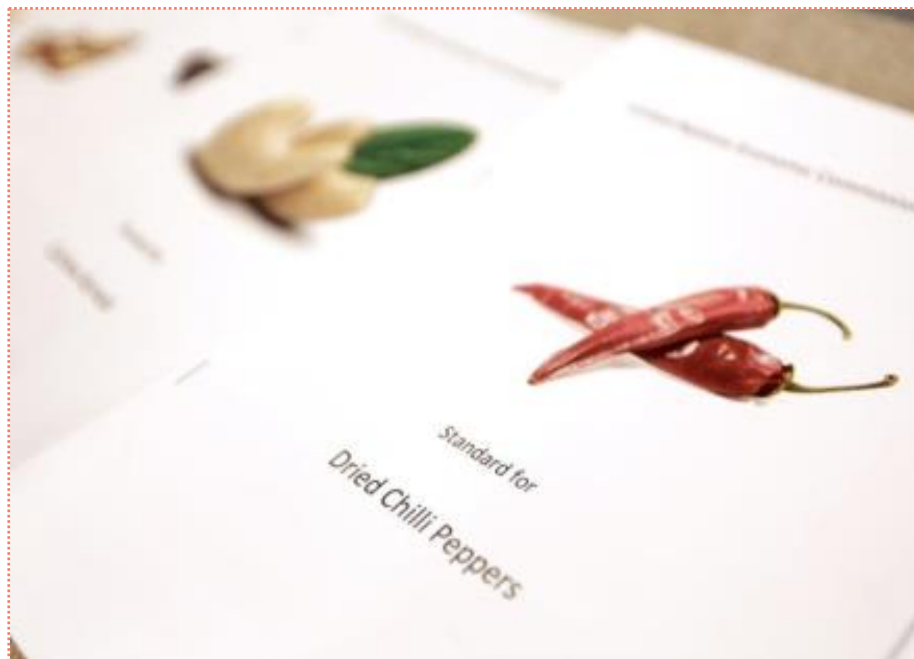
**What does Geneva  
have to do with your food?**

**5. UNECE's standards used worldwide by governments and trade**

**6. 2015 ECE Commission – nuts and dried fruit exhibition (one of the most successful side events organized)**



## Dried Fruit and Nuts Expo UNECE Commission April 2015







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# Capacity-building and promotion

**Over past 8 years trained over 1600 participants** in use of UNECE standards and related inspection procedures.

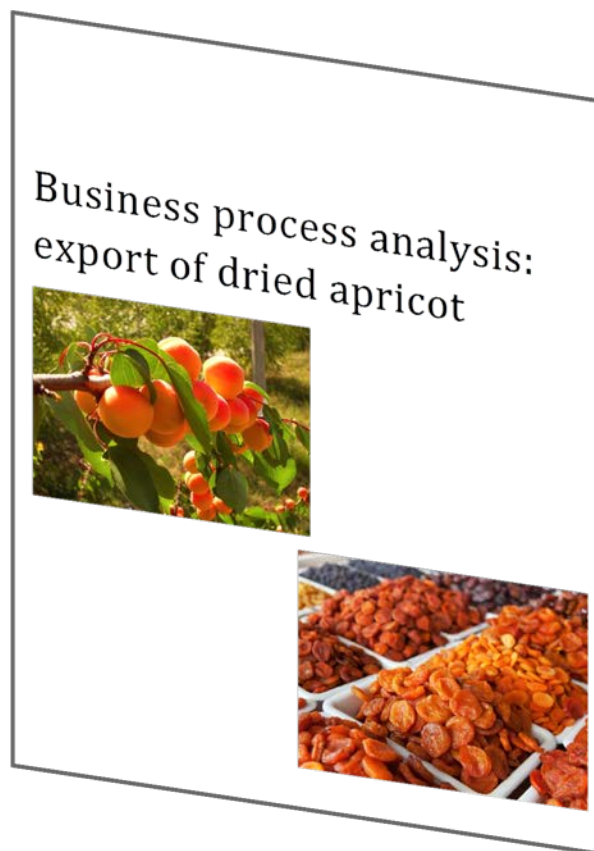
UNDA project “**Strengthening the capacity of transition and developing economies to participate in cross-border agricultural food supply chains**” Western Balkan region, Central Asia, South Asia and South East Asia.

- organized **training on food safety for meat** (Geneva, September 2015)
- organized **training on cross-border trade in nuts and dried fruit** (Izmir, Turkey, July 2015)
- prepared **case study** (Business Process Analysis) on the export of **dried apricots** (Tajikistan)
- preliminary work on **agricultural reference and training web site**.

**Upcoming activities include:** training in Asia (UNESCAP), 2016 workshops (Western Balkan, Central Asia, Asia)



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# Priorities

- Working in sync with the SDGs and particularly
  - Goal 2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
  - Goal 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns
  - Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development
- Cross-cutting themes including food waste and traceability





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