



Ireland is a committed partner with the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) to help achieve the common goal of improving food security and nutrition for all; to find new and better ways to promote sustainable agriculture; and to achieve multiple Sustainable Development Goals.

The Irish government in supporting these aims and **to provide a voice from developing countries** will provide grant support for up to fifty delegates from developing countries to attend the World Potato Congress (WPC) In Dublin.

This is the premier potato congress with representatives from business, science and development sectors. Full information can be found at the following website <https://wpc2022ireland.com>

The grant covers:

- the congress registration fee
- full accommodation for up to five nights in Dublin
- €400 contribution towards the flight cost to Dublin (balance to be paid by the delegate) .

Potential candidates must fulfil following criteria:

- o Be from a developing country with an active potato sector
- o Be actively engaged in a potato based project that demonstrates aspects such as:
 - food systems approach
 - benefits of partnerships (development, business, research) at work
 - best practice,
 - impact on households and communities
- o Be a key person / agent of change involved in the project /initiative
- o Women candidates are strongly encouraged to apply
- o Be in an organisation in engaged in development, research or an enterprise
- o Be part of the development sector or able to represent and articulate the development aspects of the project they are involved in - they must be a voice for the local community.
- o Be in an organisation that could not afford to attend WPC without support
- o Have a basic understanding of English as there is no simultaneous translation at the congress
- o Be able to must meet Irish Travel guidelines re. COVID
<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/77952-government-advice-on-international-travel/#travelling-to-ireland>
- o Be prepared to provide an A0 sized poster for display at WPC
- o Cover the flight cost to Dublin, the €400 contribution will be paid to delegates only after flight is booked

All applications must be submitted to wpc-grant@vita.ie by 10th January 2022 using the Application form

Successful applicants will be notified by 10th February 2022

Application for grant support to attend the World Potato Congress in Dublin June 2022

Country	
Full Name of Applicant	
Gender (Male/Female)	
Name of your Organisation	
Your email address	
Brief information about your organisation (max 100 words)	
Name of Project /Initiative	
Your role in the project / initiative	
Summary of the project/ initiative under the headings provided	<p>Project /Initiative Objective: (max 50 words)</p> <p>Activities & Progress: (max 200 words)</p> <p>Impact: (max 100 words)</p>

Names and roles of any partner organisations involved in the project/ initiative	
Reference: Provide the name, organisation and email of a person that can vouch for you & project	Name Organisation Email
Knowledge of English Poor/Fair/Good/Excellent	
Explain how will participating in this congress further enhance your local and regional work on the potato value chain?	