

Abbreviations and Acronyms

AfDB	African Development Bank
AFR	African Department (IMF)
AsDB	Asian Development Bank
APD	Asia and Pacific Department (IMF)
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Council
BAR	BIS Annual Report
BEL	Bond, Equities and Loans database (IMF)
BIS	Bank for International Settlements
CEE	Central and Eastern Europe
CEMAC	Central African Economic and Monetary Union
CGER	Coordinating Group on Exchange Rate Issues (IMF)
CGFS	Committee on the Global Financial System
CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States
CVU	Corporate Vulnerability Utility (IMF)
ECB	European Central Bank
ECCU	Eastern Caribbean Currency Union
ECLAC	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (United Nations)
Ecofin	Economic and Financial Affairs (EU)
EFC	Economic and Financial Committee (EU)
EPC	Economic Policy Committee (OECD)
EU	European Union
EUR	European Department (IMF)
EXR	External Relations Department (IMF)
FAD	Fiscal Affairs Department (IMF)
FATF	Financial Action Task Force
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
FIN	Finance Department (IMF)
FMU	Financial Market Update (IMF)
FSF	Financial Stability Forum
FSR	Financial Stability Review (Bank of England)
FST	Financial Systems Trends (IMF)
FY	Fiscal or Financial Year
G-5	Group of Five
G-7	Group of Seven
G-10	Group of Ten
G-20	Group of Twenty
GAB	General Arrangements to Borrow
GAO	Government Accountability Office (United States) ¹
GDP	Gross Domestic Product

¹ Until July 6, 2004, known as General Accounting Office.

GDS	Global Data Source database (IMF)
GEE	Global Economic Environment data (IMF)
GEM	Global Economy Model (IMF)
GFM	Global Fiscal Model (IMF)
GFSR	Global Financial Stability Report (IMF)
GMM	Global Markets Monitor (IMF)
GTAP	Global Trade Analysis Project
HIPC	Heavily Indebted Poor Countries initiative (IMF and World Bank)
IAIS	International Association of Insurance Supervisors
ICM	International Capital Markets Department (IMF)
ICMR	International Capital Markets Report (IMF)
IEO	Independent Evaluation Office (IMF)
IFI	International Financial Institution
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IMFC	International Monetary and Financial Committee (IMF)
IOSCO	International Organization of Securities Commissions
IT	Information Technology
LIBOR	London Interbank Offered Rate
MAE	Mean Absolute Error
MCD	Middle East and Central Asia Department (IMF)
MDG	Millennium Development Goals (United Nations)
ME	Mean Error
MERM	Multilateral Exchange Rate Model (IMF)
MFD	Monetary and Financial Systems Department (IMF)
MULTIMOD	Multi-region Econometric Model (IMF)
OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
OEO	OECD Economic Outlook
PDR	Policy Development and Review Department (IMF)
PIN	Public Information Notice (IMF)
PPP	Purchasing Power Parity
RES	Research Department (IMF)
RMSE	Root Mean Squared Error
ROSC	Report on the Observance of Standards and Codes (IMF)
SEC	Secretary's Department (IMF)
UFR	Use of Fund Resources (IMF)
VAR	Vector Autoregression
VE	Vulnerability Exercise (IMF)
WAEMU	West African Economic and Monetary Union
WEMD	World Economic and Market Developments (IMF)
WEO	World Economic Outlook (IMF)
WHD	Western Hemisphere Department (IMF)
WP1	Working Party 1 (OECD)
WP3	Working Party 3 (OECD)
WTM	World Trade Model (IMF)