

Abbreviations

ASEAN	Southeast Asian Nations
CEMAC	Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa
CFA	currency zone of CEMAC and WAEMU
CGER	Consultative Group on Exchange Rate Issues
CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States
CPI	consumer price index
EAC	East African Community
EBA	External Balance Assessment
FDI	foreign direct investment
GII	the United Nation's gender inequality index
GDP	gross domestic product
GVC	global value chain
ICP	International Comparison Program
IDB	Inter-American Development Bank
IMF	International Monetary Fund
INS	Information Notice System
LICs	low-income countries
LAC	Latin America and Carribean region
MENA	Middle East and North Africa region
MICs	middle-income countries
NPLs	nonperforming loans
PWT	Penn World Tables
Q ^M	The Import Average Relative Price
Q ^X	The Export Average Relative Price
REER	real effective exchange rate
REO	<i>Regional Economic Outlook</i>
ROA	return on asset
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SSA	Sub-Saharan Africa
SWIID	The Standardized World Income Inequality Database
VAT	value-added tax
WAEMU	West African Economic and Monetary Union
WBL	World Bank's Women, Business and the Law database
WEF	World Economic Forum
WEO	<i>World Economic Outlook</i>