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^S    The Export Average Relative Price
REER   real effective exchange rate
REO    Regional Economic Outlook
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    World Economic Outlook