
Acronyms

ACC	Administrative Committee on Coordination
ADB	Asian Development Bank
AEC	African Economic Community
AEI	Asian Energy Institute
AFTA	ASEAN Free Trade Area
AMCEN	African Ministerial Conferences on the Environment
AMS	aggregate measure of support
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
ASEAN	Association of South-East Asian Nations
BIG/GT	biomass integrated gasifier/gas turbine
BWR	basic water requirement
CAMRE	Council of Arab Ministers Responsible for the Environment
CDM	Clean Development Mechanism (UNFCCC)
CEDAE	Companhia Estadual de Águas e Esgotos
CEPT	Common Effective Preferential Tariff
CERES	Coalition for Environmentally Responsible Economies
CEST	condensing-extraction steam turbine
CCAD	Central American Commission for Environment and Development
CFCs	chlorofluorocarbons
CICAD	Central American Inter-Parliamentary Commission on the Environment

CILSS	Inter-State Committee for Drought Control
CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species
COMECON	Council for Mutual Economic Assistance
CONACILs	CILSS coordinating committees
COP	Conference of the Parties (UNFCCC)
CNS	National Council of Rubber Tappers (Brazil)
CSCE	Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe
CSD	United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development
CSE	Centre for Science and Environment (India)
DOE	Department of Energy (United States)
EA	environmental assessment
EAP/CEE	Environment Action Plan for Central and Eastern Europe
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
EC	European Community
ED	Executive Director (UNEP)
ECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
ECOSOC	United Nations Economic and Social Council
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
EEA	European Environmental Agency
EMEP	Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollution in Europe
ENRIN	Environment and Natural Resources Information Networking
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency (US)
EPE	Environmental Programme for Europe
ESCAP	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
EU	European Union
EWG	Energy Cooperation Working Group (APEC)
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FECAM	Fundo de Controle Ambiental
FEEMA	Fundação Estadual de Engenharia do Meio Ambiente
FIRJAN	Federação das Indústrias do Estado do Rio de Janeiro
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GDP	gross domestic product
GEF	Global Environment Facility
GEMS	Global Environment Monitoring System
GEO	Global Environmental Organization

GNP	gross national product
GVA	gross value added
HELCOM	Helsinki Convention on the Protection of the Baltic Sea
IACSD	Inter-Agency Committee on Sustainable Development
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
IDA	International Development Association
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
IFPRI	International Food Policy Research Institute
IGAD	Intergovernmental Authority on Development
IGO	intergovernmental organization
IIASA	International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IMO	International Maritime Organization
INFOTERRA	International Referral System
INGO	international non-governmental organization
IO	international organization
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
IPCS	International Programme on Chemical Safety
IPF	Intergovernmental Panel on Forests
IPPs	independent power producers
IPPUC	Instituto de Pesquisa e Planejamento Urbano de Curitiba
IRP	integrated resource planning
IRPTC	International Register of Potentially Toxic Chemicals
ISI	import-substituting industrialization
ISO	independent system operator
IUCN	International Union for the Conservation of Nature
LNG	liquefied natural gas
LRTAP	Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution
MAI	Multilateral Agreement on Investment
MAV	minimum access volume
MDB	multilateral development bank
MERCOSUR	Southern Common Market
MFMP	Multilateral Fund for the Montreal Protocol
MITI	Ministry of International Trade and Industry (Japan)
MSC	Meteo Synthesising Centres
MTADP	Medium Term Agricultural Development Plan
NFA	National Food Authority
NFFO	Non-Fossil Fuel Obligation
NGO	non-governmental organization
NOVEM	Netherlands Agency for Energy and the Environment

OAS	Organization of American States
OAU	Organization of African Unity
OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
OECF	Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (Japan)
OSPARCOM	Oslo and Paris Commission
PACE	Professional Association for China's Environment
PCS	Promotion of Chemical Safety
PEH	Promotion of Environmental Health
PHARE	Poland-Hungary Assistance for Reconstruction of Economy
PIC	prior informed consent
POPs	persistent organic pollutants
PR	progress ratio
PV	photovoltaics
PX	power exchange
RFI	rural functional illiteracy
RFL	rural functional literacy
RPR	rural poverty reduction
SAARC	South Asia Association for Regional Cooperation
SACEP	South Asian Cooperative Environment Programme
SAL	Structural Adjustment Loan
SAPTA	South Asia Preferential Trading Agreement
SADC	Southern African Development Community
SEB	state electricity board
SDPC	State Development Planning Commission (China)
TACIS	Technical Assistance, Commonwealth of Independent States
TERI	Tata Energy Research Institute
TNO	transnational organization
TOE	tonnes of oil equivalent
TRP	tariff reform programme
UNCED	United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
UNCHS	United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)
UNCNR	United Nations Committee on Natural Resources
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

UNGASS	United Nations General Assembly Special Session
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UR	Uruguay Round of the GATT negotiations
URBS	Urbanização de Curitiba
VOCs	volatile organic compounds
WCED	World Commission on Environment and Development
WEC	World Environment Centre
WFS	World Food Summit
WHO	World Health Organization
WMO	World Meteorological Organization
WRI	World Resources Institute
WTO	World Trade Organization
WWF	Worldwide Fund for Nature