List of abbreviations and acronyms

3G	Third Generation
APRAD	Asia-Pacific Road Accident Database
ART	Antiretroviral therapy
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
APTA	Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement
BOD	Biochemical oxygen demand
CD-ROM	Compact disk read-only memory
CEDAW	The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
CRED	Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters
CO ₂	Carbon dioxide
DEĹ	Direct Exchange Line
DOTS	Directly Observed Treatment Short-Course
DPT3	Diphtheria toxoid, tetanus toxoid and pertussis vaccine third dose
DSL	Digital Subscriber Line
ECO	Economic Cooperation Organization
ECOSOC	Economic and Social Council
EDGAR	Emission Database for Global Atmospheric Research
EFA	Education for all
EM-DAT	Emergency Events Database
ESCAP	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
FDI	Foreign direct investment
GDI	Gross domestic investment
GER	Gross enrolment ratio
GDP	Gross domestic product
GFCF	Gross fixed capital formation
GNI	Gross national income
HIV/AIDS	Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
ICSED	International Conference on Sustainable Economic Development
IEA	International Energy Agency
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IMR	Infant mortality rate
ISIC	International Standard Industrial Classification
IUD	Intra-uterine device
ITU	International Telecommunication Union
KILM	Key Indicators of the Labour Market
KM	Kilometre
KM^2	Square kilometre
LDC	Least developed countries
LLDC	Landlocked developing countries
M ³	Cubic metre
MDG	Millennium Development Goals

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MMR	Maternal mortality ratio
NCHS	National Center for Health Statistics
NER	Net enrolment ratio
NGO	Non-governmental organization
N ₂ O	Nitrous oxide
ODA	Official development assistance
ODP	Ozone-depleting potential
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OOP	Out-of-pocket
PM10	Particulate Matter 10 microns
PONJA	The Post Nargis Joint Assessment
PPP	Purchasing power parity
PSTN	Public Switched Telephone Network
RIVM	The National Institute for Public Health and the Environment
SAARC	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
SAFTA	South Asian Free Trade Area
SARS	Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome
SIDS	Small Island Developing States
SLE	School life expectancy
SO ₂	Sulphur dioxide
TB	Tuberculosis
TEU	Twenty-foot equivalent unit
TFR	Total fertility rate
UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
WHO	World Health Organization