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Abbreviations

AAF-SAP	African Alternative Framework to Structural Adjustment Programmes for Socioeconomic Recovery and Transformation
AERC	African Economic Research Consortium
AfDB	African Development Bank
AFRITACs	Africa Regional Technical Assistance Centers (at the International Monetary Fund)
BCEAO	Central Bank of West African States
BWIs	Bretton Woods Institutions
CAFOD	Catholic Agency for Overseas Development
CARTAC	Caribbean Regional Technical Assistance Centre
CBM	credit buy-down mechanism
CDF	Comprehensive Development Framework
CEMAC	Monetary and Economic Community of Central Africa
CFF	Compensatory Financing Facility (of the IMF)
CGIAR	Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research
CPIA	Country Policy and Institutional Assessment (of the World Bank)
DAC	Development Assistance Committee (of the OECD)
DFID	Department for International Development (of the UK)
DSA	debt sustainability analysis
EAC	East African Community
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
ECLAC	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (of the UN); (in Spanish CEPAL)
EFF	Extended Fund Facility
EPEP	Economic Policy Empowerment Programme (of EURODAD)
CEPAL	see ECLAC
ESAF	Enhanced Structural Adjustment Facility
EU	European Union
EURODAD	European Network on Debt and Development

FAD	Fund for Development Aid
FDI	foreign direct investment
G-8	Group of Eight (Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia, UK, US)
G-24	Group of Twenty-Four (including 9 African, 8 Latin American and 7 Asian countries)
GDI	gross domestic investment
GDP	gross domestic product
GDS	gross domestic savings
GNI	growth national income
GNP	gross national product
GRA	General Resources Account (of the IMF)
HIPC _s	Heavily Indebted Poor Countries
HIPC CBP	Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Debt Strategy and Analysis Capacity Building Programme
HNB	Hatton National Bank (in Sri Lanka)
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank)
IDA	International Development Association
IEO	Independent Evaluation Office (of the IMF)
IFF	International Finance Facility
IFIs	international financial institutions
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IMMPA	Integrated Macroeconomic Model for Poverty Analysis
JSA _s	Joint Staff Assessments (of the IMF and the World Bank)
MIMAP	Micro Impacts of Macroeconomic and Adjustment Policies
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
MEFMI	Macroeconomic and Financial Management Institute of Eastern and Southern Africa
MGS	imports of goods and services
MIF _s	microfinance institutions
NABARD	National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (in India)
NBER	National Bureau of Economic Research
NEPAD	New Partnership for Africa's Development
NGO	non-governmental organisation
NPV	net present value (of external public debt)
OAU	Organisation for African Unity
ODA	official development assistance
ODC	Overseas Development Council

OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
OED	Operations Evaluation Department (of the World Bank)
OPEC	Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries
PDR	Policy Development and Review Department (of the IMF)
PFPs	Policy Framework Papers (of the IMF)
PRGF	Poverty Reduction and Growth Facility
PRS	Poverty Reduction Strategy
PRSC	Poverty Reduction Support Credit
PRSPs	Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers
PSIA	Poverty and Social Impact Analysis
SAF	Structural Adjustment Facility
SAP	structural adjustment programme
SDR	Special Drawing Right
SDRM	Sovereign Debt Restructuring Mechanism
SFF	Supplementary Financing Facility
SSA	sub-Saharan Africa
UEMOA	West African Economic and Monetary Union
UK	United Kingdom
UN	United Nations
UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNECA	United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNU	United Nations University
US	United States
VAT	value added tax
WAIFEM	West African Institute for Financial and Economic Management
WAMZ	West African Monetary Zone
WHO	World Health Organization
WIDER	World Institute for Development Economics Research
WTO	World Trade Organization