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## *Acronyms and abbreviations*

AHA	Africa Humanitarian Action
AIDMI	All India Disaster Mitigation Institute
ALNAP	Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance
ANC	African National Congress
ARRP	Advanced Reform and Restructuring Program (World Bank)
CAS	Country Assistance Strategy (World Bank)
CBDR	common but differentiated responsibilities
CCID	Cape Town Central City Improvement District
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency
CID	City Improvement District (Cape Town)
CIPSS	Centre for International Peace and Security Studies
CPIA	Country Policy and Institutional Assessment (World Bank)
CPR	Country Performance Rating (World Bank)
CPSU	Communist Party of the Soviet Union
DEC	Development Economics Vice Presidency (World Bank)
DEC	Disaster Emergencies Committee
ECHO	European Community Humanitarian Organization
ED	Executive Director (World Bank)
EMU	Economic and Monetary Union
ERD	evaluation reports database (ALNAP)
G4S	Group4Securicor
GATS	General Agreement on Trade in Services
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GDP	gross domestic product
GICHD	Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining
GNI	gross national income
HAP-I	Humanitarian Accountability Partnership International
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank)
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

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ICISS	International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty
ICJ	International Court of Justice
ICVA	International Council of Voluntary Agencies
IDA	International Development Association (World Bank)
IISD	International Institute for Sustainable Development
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IO	international organization
IOs	international organizations
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
IR	International Relations
IRC	International Rescue Committee
IRQMS	Islamic Relief's Quality Management System
JCS	Joint Chiefs of Staff
MIRV	Multiple Independently Targeted Re-entry Vehicle
MSF	Médecins sans Frontières
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NGO	non-governmental organization
NSC	National Security Council
OAU	Organization of African Unity
OPCS	Operations Policy and Country Services (World Bank)
PBA	Performance Based Allocation System (World Bank)
PPP	public–private partnership
PSC	private security company
R&D	research and development
ROK	Republic of Korea
SAPS	South African Police Service
SCHR	Southern Center for Human Rights
SSHRC	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
SSU	Strategic Surveillance Unit (Cape Town)
TRIPS	Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
UDHR	Universal Declaration of Human Rights
UN	United Nations
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNGA	United Nations General Assembly
UNIFIL	United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon
VCLT	Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties
WMD	weapons of mass destruction
WTO	World Trade Organization