
Abbreviations

AOSIS	Alliance of Small Island States
ATLIB	Association of Tertiary Level Institutions in Belize
ATP	Advanced Training Programme
BOCODOL	Botswana College of Distance and Open Learning
BPEDP	Belize Primary Education Development Project
CAAM	Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medicine and other Health Professions
CANQATE	Caribbean Area Network for Quality Assurance in Tertiary Education
CARICOM	Caribbean Community
CCCJ	Council of Community Colleges of Jamaica
CCEM	Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers
COL	Commonwealth of Learning
CPE	Certificate of Primary Education (Mauritius)
CTRP	Commonwealth Teacher Recruitment Protocol
CXC	Caribbean Examinations Council
DAC	Development Assistance Committee
DFID	Department for International Development
EAEC	East African Examinations Council
EFA	Education for All
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
FTI	Fast Track Initiative (Education for All)
GCC	Gulf Cooperation Council
GCES	Gulf Comparative Education Society
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GER	Gross Enrolment Rate
GMC	General Medical Council
GNI	Gross National Income
GNP	Gross National Product
GPI	Gender Parity Index
HDI	Human Development Index
HEI	Higher education institution
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
IIEP	International Institute for Educational Planning
ILO	International Labour Organization
JBTE	Joint Board of Teacher Education (Jamaica)
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals

MESCE	Mediterranean Society for Comparative Education
MIE	Mauritius Institute of Education
NDOE	National Department of Education (Papua New Guinea)
NER	Net Enrolment Rate
OAS	Organization of American States
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OECS	Organization of Eastern Caribbean States
PIF	Pacific Islands Forum
PRIDE	Pacific Regional Initiatives for the Delivery of Basic Education
QA	Quality assurance
RICS	Rural Internet Connectivity System
RNPE	Revised National Policy on Education (Botswana)
SIDS	Small Island Developing States
SPBEA	South Pacific Board for Educational Assessment
TVET	Technical and Vocational Education and Training
UBLS/SEC	University of Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland Schools Examinations Council
UCJ	University Council of Jamaica
UCLES	University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate
UCSIS	University Consortium of Small Island States
UK	United Kingdom (of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
UN	United Nations
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNICA	Association of Universities and Research Institutions of the Caribbean
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UPE	Universal Primary Education
USA	United States of America
USP	University of the South Pacific
UWI	University of the West Indies
VUSSC	Virtual University for Small States of the Commonwealth
WAEC	West African Examinations Council