

Abbreviations

ACIS	Advance Cargo Information System (UNCTAD)
AFII	Agence Française pour les Investissements Internationaux (Invest in France Agency)
AGOA	African Growth and Opportunity Act (United States)
ASEAN	Association of South-East Asian Nations
ASYCUDA	Automated System for Customs Data (UNCTAD)
BIT	bilateral investment treaty
CEE	Central and Eastern Europe
DTT	double taxation treaty
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
ECE	Economic Commission for Europe
ECLAC	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (also CEPAL)
EIU	Economist Intelligence Unit
EPZ	export processing zone
ESCAP	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
EU	European Union
FDI	foreign direct investment
FIAS	Foreign Investment Advisory Services
FTA	free trade area (or agreement)
GATS	General Agreement on Trade in Services
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GDP	gross domestic product
GFCF	gross fixed capital formation
ICFTU	International Confederation of Free Trade Unions
ICC	International Chamber of Commerce
ICT	information and communication technology
IIC	Industrial Investment Council
IIF	Institute of International Finance
ILO	International Labour Organization
IPA	investment promotion agency
IPR	Investment Policy Review
IPS	international production system
IT	information technology
ITA	investment tax allowance
ITC	International Trade Centre (of UNCTAD/WTO)
JETRO	Japan External Trade Organization
LDC	least developed country
M&A	merger and acquisition
MERCOSUR	Southern Common Market (Mercado Comdn del Sur)
METI	Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Japan)
MIGA	Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency
MOFTEC	Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation (China)
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
NTB	non-tariff barrier
ODA	official development assistance
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
R&D	research and development
SCM	subsidies and countervailing measures (Uruguay Round Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures)
SITC	Standard International Trade Classification
SME	small and medium-sized enterprise
TNC	transnational corporation
TNI	Transnationality Index (of UNCTAD)
TRAINS	Trade Analysis and Information System (UNCTAD)
TRIMs	Trade-related Investment Measures (Uruguay Round Agreement)
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNCTC	United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations
UNDESA	United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
USITC	United States International Trade Commission
VAT	value-added tax
WAIPA	World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies
WCO	World Customs Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization

