

List of Abbreviations

ACP	African, Caribbean, and Pacific Group of States
ACP-EU	Refers to development cooperation between the ACP and EU
AfDB	African Development Bank
AFTi	Africa(n) Free Trade initiative
AIM	Alternative Investment Market of the London Stock Exchange (“International market for smaller growing companies”)
AoA	WTO Agreement on Agriculture
AOCABFE	Assoc. Overseas Chinese Agricultural, Biological, and Food Engineers
AUC	African Union Commission
BAT	British American Tobacco
BIS	Department for Business, Innovation & Skills (UK) (est. 2009)
BIT	Bilateral Investment Treaty
BRICS	Refers to Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa
C/IPE	Combination of comparative political economy and international political economy as an academic discipline
CADFund	China-Africa Development Fund
CAITEC	Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation
CAJCCI	China-Africa Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry
CCP	Chinese Communist Party (also Communist Party of China [CPC])
CDB	China Development Bank
CDC	Development finance institution (formerly Commonwealth Dev. Corp.)
CDM	Clean Development Mechanism
CER	Certified Emission Reduction credit (equivalent to one tonne of CO ₂)

CIF	China International Fund Limited
CO2	Carbon Dioxide (primary greenhouse gas emitted by human activities)
COMPLANT	China National Complete Plant Import & Export Corporation (Group)
CSFAC	China State Farm and Agribusiness Corporation
DECC	UK Department of Energy & Climate Change
DEFRA	Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (UK)
DFID	Department for International Development (UK)
DRC	Democratic Republic of the Congo
DTI	Department of Trade and Industry (UK) (Formed in 1970, replaced in 2007 by the Dept. for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform [BERR] and the Dept. for Innovation, Universities and Skills [DIUS]; these two departments were merged to create the Department for Business, Innovation & Skills [BIS, see entry above] in 2009)
EC	European Commission
ECCG	Export Credits Guarantee Department (UK)
EIB	European Investment Bank
EPO	Equatorial Palm Oil Company
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FCECCPLP	Forum on Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and Portuguese Countries
FCO	Foreign & Commonwealth Office (UK)
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
FIAN International	Formerly, Food First Information and Action Network
FOCAC	Forum on China-Africa Cooperation
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GEF	Global Environmental Fund (a firm focusing on clean tech operations; not to be confused with the Global Environment Facility)
GLP	Global Land Project
GOANA	Grand Agricultural Offensive for Food and Abundance (Senegal)
GTZ	German Agency for Technical Cooperation (Merged into the German Agency for International Cooperation [GIZ] in 2011)
HA	Hectare(s)

HCM	Home Country Measure
HK	Hong Kong
IAASTD	International Assessment of Agricultural Knowledge, Science and Technology for Development
ICBC	Industrial and Commercial Bank of China
IDE-JETRO	Institute of Developing Economies
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
IFDI	Inward Foreign Direct Investment
IFPRI	International Food Policy Research Institute
IIED	International Institute for Environment and Development
ILC	International Land Coalition
INKOTA	<i>Information, KOordination, TAgungen</i>
IO	International Organization
IPE	International Political Economy (as an academic discipline)
IPO	Initial Public Offering
IRAD	<i>Institut de Recherche Agricole pour le Développement</i>
ISS	International Institute of Social Studies (The Hague)
JV	Joint Venture
MAI	Multilateral Agreement on Investment
MNC	Multinational Corporation
MNE	Multinational Enterprise
MoD	Ministry of Defense
MOFA	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China
MOFCOM	Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China (succeeded MoFTEC in 2003)
MoFTEC	Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation (preceded MOFCOM)
MoL(SS)	Ministry of Labor and Social Security of the People's Republic of China (established on basis of the former Ministry of Labor in 1998)
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
NDRC	National Development and Reform Commission (China)
NEPAD	The New Partnership for Africa's Development
NFCFPA	National Federation of Communal Forests and Pastures of Albania
NGO	Non-governmental Organization
NIEO	New International Economic Order
NPC	National Planning Committee
ODA	Official Development Aid

OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OFDI	Outward Foreign Direct Investment
ONS	Office for National Statistics (UK)
POE	Privately Owned Enterprise
PRC	People's Republic of China
RAI	Responsible Agricultural Investment
RFA	Renewable Fuels Agency (UK)
RMB	Renminbi (the official Chinese currency)
RFTO	Renewable Fuel Transport Obligation
SAFE	State Administration of Foreign Exchange
SAP	Structural Adjustment Program
SASAC	State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission
SBF	Sun Biofuels
SEPA	State Environmental Protection Administration (China)
SEZ	Special Economic Zone
SLIEPA	Sierra Leone Investment and Export Promotion Agency
SME	Small and Medium Enterprises
SOE	State-owned Enterprise
SSA	Sub-Saharan Africa
TNC	Transnational Corporation
UEMOA	West African Economic and Monetary Union (French acronym; Union includes Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Niger, Senegal, and Togo)
UK	United Kingdom
UKTI	UK Department for Trade & Investment
UN DESA	United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
UN	United Nations
UNCCD	United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNECA	United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organisation
UN-REDD	United Nations Collaborative Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation

USD	United States Dollar
WB	World Bank
WFP	United Nations World Food Programme
WHO	World Health Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization

