

Acronyms and abbreviations

ADB	Asian Development Bank
APCICT	Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development
APCTT	Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
APO	Asian Productivity Organization
APTITUDE	Asia-Pacific Technology Information Tracking and Unified Data Extraction
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
B2B	business-to-business
BANSEA	Business Angel Network South-East Asia
BDC	Business Development Bank of Canada
BDS	business development services
BEE	business enabling environment
BICF	Bangladesh Investment Climate Fund
CAD	computer-aided design
CFIs	cooperative financial institutions
CGC	Credit Guarantee Corporation
CGF	credit guarantee fund
CGS	credit guarantee schemes
CPC	China Productivity Centre
CSR	corporate social responsibility
DCED	Donor Committee for Enterprise Development
DFIs	development financial institutions
DFID	Department for International Development (United Kingdom)
ECAs	export credit agencies
EMPRETEC	entrepreneurs and technology programme (Spanish acronym)
ESCAP	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
EWEC	East-West Economic Corridor
EXIM	export-import
FDI	foreign direct investment
FSPL	Financial Sector Programme Loan (ADB)
FTA	free trade agreement
GATS	general agreement on trade in services
GDP	gross domestic product
GEM	Global Entrepreneurship Monitor
GII	Global Innovation Index
GIS	geographic information system
GNI	gross national income
GPA	WTO Agreement on Government Procurement
GSP	Generalized System of Preferences
GSC	global supply chain
GTZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit GmbH (German Technical Cooperation)
ICT	information and communications technology
IE	international enterprise
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development

IFC	International Finance Corporation
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IP	intellectual property
IPCC	International Panel on Climate Change
IPRs	intellectual property rights
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
ITC	International Trade Centre
JETRO	Japan External Trade Organization
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency
JFC	Japan Finance Corporation
JSBRI	Japan Small Business Research Institute
KOTRA	Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency
L/C	letter of credit
LDCs	least developed countries
LLP	limited liability partnership
M&E	monitoring and evaluation
MEF	Ministry of Economy and Finance of Cambodia
MFIs	microfinance institutions
MFN	most-favoured-nation
MIGA	Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency
MNC	multinational corporation
MPDF	Mekong Project Development Facility
MSEs	micro and small enterprises
NBIA	National Business Incubation Association
NGO	non-governmental organization
NIS	national innovation system
NPO	not-for-profit organization
NSIC	National Small Industries Corporation
NPL	non-performing loan
NTB	non-tariff barrier
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PPP	public-private partnership
PSB	postal savings banks
QCD	quality, cost and delivery
R&D	research and development
REAP	responsible entrepreneurs achievement programme
RoO	rules of origin
S&T	science and technology
SBA	United States Small Business Administration
SDC	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
SEZ	special economic zone
SIDBI	Small Industries Development Bank of India
SIS	subnational innovation system
SMBA	Small and Medium Business Administration, Republic of Korea
SMEs	small and medium-sized enterprises
SPRING	Standards, Productivity and Innovation Board of Singapore

SPS	sanitary and phytosanitary measures
TBT	technical barriers to trade
TEA	early-stage entrepreneurial activity
TFP	total factor productivity
TNCs	transnational corporations
TRIMs	trade-related investment measures
TRIPS	trade-related aspects of intellectual property rights
TVET	technical and vocational education and training
TWBI	Tianjin women's business incubator
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
VAT	value-added tax
WEF	World Economic Forum
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization