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Abbreviations and Acronyms

bbbl	Barrels
BOP	Balance of Payments
CAB	Current Account Balance
CPI	Consumer Price Index
DECPG	Development Economics Prospects Group (World Bank)
EAP	East Asia and Pacific
ECA	Europe and Central Asia
EIU	Economist Intelligence Unit
EU	European Union
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
FTA	Free Trade Agreements
GCC	Gulf Cooperation Council
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
ILO	International Labor Organization
IEA	International Energy Agency
IMF	International Monetary Fund
ITC	International Trade Centre
LAC	Latin America and the Caribbean
LF	Labor Force
LNG	Liquefied Natural Gas
MENA	Middle East and North Africa
MFN	Most Favored Nation
MSCI	Stock market index of 500 world stocks maintained by MSCI Inc
NGL	Natural Gas Liquids
ODA	Official Development Assistance Agency
OECD	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
OPEC	Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries

SA	South Asia
SAAR	Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate
SSA	Sub-Saharan Africa
TOPIX	Tokyo Stock Price Index
UAE	United Arab Emirates
UK	United Kingdom
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNWTO	United Nations World Tourism Organization
VAT	Valued Added Tax
WBG	West Bank and Gaza
WDI	World Development Indicators
WTO	World Trade Organization