

## Abbreviations and acronyms

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AIDS	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
AL	Awami League (Bangladesh political party)
ANC	African National Congress
BJP	Bangladesh Jatiya Party
BJP	Bharatiya Janata Party (India political party)
BNP	Bangladesh Nationalist Party
BPfA	Beijing Platform for Action
CEDAW	Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
CGE	Commission on Gender Equality (South Africa)
DA	Democratic Alliance (South Africa)
FPTP	First-Past-the-Post (electoral system)
GDI	Gender Development Index
HDI	Human Development Index
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
IULA	International Union of Local Authorities (South Africa)
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
MMP	Mixed Member Proportionality (electoral system)
MP	Member of Parliament
NGO	non-governmental organisation
NZ	New Zealand
NZLP	New Zealand Labour Party
NZNP	New Zealand National Party
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PoA	Commonwealth Plan of Action for Gender Equality 2005–2015
PR	Proportional Representation (electoral system)

PWG	Parliamentary Women's Group (South Africa)
SA	South Africa
SADC	Southern African Development Community
UP	Union Parishad (Bangladesh)
WAMM	Women's Affairs Ministerial Meeting
WLC	Women's Legal Centre (South Africa)