Abbreviations and acronyms

A-Level Advanced Level examination

AEDI Australian Early Development Index

CAPE Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination

CEE Common Entrance Examination

CMEC Council of Ministers of Education, Canada CSEC Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate

CXC Caribbean Examinations Council

DBE Department of Basic Education (South Africa)

EFA Education for All

GCE General Certificate of Education

GCSE General Certificate of Secondary Education ICT information and communication technology/ies

IGCSE International General Certificate of Secondary Education

MDG Millennium Development Goal

MoE Ministry of Education

NAPLAN National Assessment Programme – Literacy and Numeracy (Australia)

NEA National Education Agreement (Australia)

NGOs non-governmental organisations

NTRC National Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (St V and Grenadines)

ODL open and distance learning

OECD Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

O-Level Ordinary Level PNG Papua New Guinea

RTO registered training organisation

SACMEQ Southern African Consortium of Educational Quality

SAT Standardised Achievement Tests

TVET technical and vocational education and training

UWI University of the West Indies
VET vocational education and training