

Abbreviations and acronyms

AALCC	Asian–African Legal Consultative Committee
ADB	Asian Development Bank
ADR	Alternative dispute resolution
APPI	Agreement on the Promotion and Protection of Investments
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
BIPPA	Bilateral Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement
BIT	Bilateral investment treaty
CARICOM	Caribbean Community
CARIFORUM	The Forum of the Caribbean Group of African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) states
CAT	<i>Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment</i>
CECA	Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement
CEDAW	<i>Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women</i>
COMESA	Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa
CPED	<i>International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance</i>
CRC	<i>Convention on the Rights of the Child</i>
CRPD	<i>Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities</i>
CSR	Corporate social responsibility
DSU	WTO <i>Dispute Settlement Understanding</i>
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
ECE	Evaluation committee of experts
EIA	Environmental impact assessment
EPA	Economic partnership agreement
EU	European Union
FDI	Foreign direct investment

FET	Fair and equitable treatment
FIPA	Foreign investment promotion and protection agreement
FTA	Free trade agreement
GATS	<i>WTO General Agreement on Trade in Services</i>
GATT	<i>General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade</i>
GMOs	Genetically modified organisms
Guiding Principles	Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights developed by the United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the Issue of Human Rights and Transnational Corporations and Other Business Enterprises
HRIA	Human rights impact assessment
IBA	International Bar Association
ICCPR	<i>International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights</i>
ICERD	<i>International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination</i>
ICESCR	<i>International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights</i>
ICRMW	<i>International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of Migrant Workers and Their Families</i>
ICSID	International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes
IFC	International Finance Corporation
IIA	International investment agreement
IISD	International Institute for Sustainable Development
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IP	Intellectual property
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
MFN	Most favoured nation
MIGA	Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency of the World Bank
MNE	Multi-national enterprise
NAAEC	<i>North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation</i>
NAALC	<i>North American Agreement on Labor Cooperation</i>
NAFTA	<i>North American Free Trade Agreement</i>
NAO	National administrative office

New York Convention	<i>United Nations Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards</i>
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PTIA	Preferential trade and investment agreement
SA	Sustainability assessment
SOE	State-owned enterprise
SRSR	Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the Issue of Human Rights and Transnational Corporations and Other Business Enterprises
TNC	Transnational corporation
TRIMs Agreement	<i>WTO Agreement on Trade-Related Investment Measures</i>
TRIPS Agreement	<i>WTO Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights</i>
UNCITRAL	United Nations Commission on International Trade Law
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDRIP	<i>United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</i>
Vienna Convention	<i>Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties</i>
WTO	World Trade Organisation