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## List of Abbreviations

<b>AAAS</b>	American Academy of Arts and Sciences
<b>AAAS</b>	American Association for the Advancement of Science
<b>CBD</b>	Convention on Biological Diversity
<b>CCD</b>	Convention to Combat Desertification
<b>CCMS</b>	Committee on the Challenges of Modern Society
<b>CIESN</b>	Consortium for International Earth Sciences Information Network
<b>CJTF</b>	Combined Joint Task Force
<b>CSD</b>	Commission on Sustainable Development
<b>DSS</b>	Decision Support Systems
<b>EAPC</b>	Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council
<b>EEA</b>	Europe Environmental Agency
<b>EIA</b>	Environmental Impact Assessment
<b>ENCOP</b>	Environmental Conflicts Project
<b>EU</b>	European Union
<b>FAO</b>	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
<b>GEF</b>	Global Environmental Facility
<b>GEHS</b>	Global Environmental Change and Human Security Project
<b>GEMS</b>	Global Environment Monitoring System
<b>GRID</b>	Global Resources Information Database
<b>ICPSR</b>	Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research
<b>IFOR</b>	Implementation Force
<b>IMF</b>	International Monetary Fund
<b>IPCC</b>	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
<b>NATO</b>	North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
<b>NAC</b>	North Atlantic Council
<b>NACC</b>	North Atlantic Co-operation Council
<b>NGO</b>	Non-Governmental Organisation
<b>NIS</b>	New Independent States
<b>ODA</b>	Official Development Assistance
<b>OECD</b>	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
<b>OSCE</b>	Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe
<b>PfP</b>	Partnership for Peace
<b>PRIO</b>	International Peace Research Institute
<b>REC</b>	Regional Environmental Centre
<b>UN</b>	United Nations
<b>UNDP</b>	United Nations Development Programme
<b>UNECE</b>	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
<b>UNEP</b>	United Nations Environmental Programme
<b>UNCED</b>	United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
<b>UNFAO</b>	United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation
<b>UNHCR</b>	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
<b>WEU</b>	Western European Union
<b>WRI</b>	World Resources Institute
<b>WTO</b>	World Trade Organisation

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