

# Abbreviations

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| <b>ADB</b>                    | Asian Development Bank                                                                             |
| <b>AEC</b>                    | architecture, engineering and construction                                                         |
| <b>AFRC</b>                   | Accounting and Financial Reporting Council (Hong Kong, China)                                      |
| <b>AGTO</b>                   | annual gross turnover                                                                              |
| <b>AI</b>                     | artificial intelligence                                                                            |
| <b>AMDALNET</b>               | Environmental Document Information System (Indonesia)                                              |
| <b>AMIE</b>                   | Associate Member of the Institution of Engineers (India)                                           |
| <b>Anti-Dumping Agreement</b> | Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (WTO) |
| <b>APEC</b>                   | Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation                                                                  |
| <b>ARTA</b>                   | Anti-Red Tape Authority (The Philippines)                                                          |
| <b>ASEAN</b>                  | Association of Southeast Asian Nations                                                             |
| <b>AUASB</b>                  | Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (Australia)                                                 |
| <b>B-READY</b>                | Business Ready (World Bank)                                                                        |
| <b>B.E.</b>                   | Buddhist Era                                                                                       |
| <b>BCBS</b>                   | Basel Committee on Banking Supervision                                                             |
| <b>BIM</b>                    | building information modelling                                                                     |
| <b>BIS</b>                    | Bank for International Settlements                                                                 |
| <b>BKPM</b>                   | Indonesian Investment Coordinating Board (Indonesia)                                               |
| <b>BOS</b>                    | Blue Ocean Strategy (Malaysia)                                                                     |
| <b>BOSS</b>                   | Business One-Stop Shop (The Philippines)                                                           |
| <b>BPK</b>                    | Audit Board of Indonesia (Indonesia)                                                               |
| <b>BPM</b>                    | Business Process Mapping                                                                           |
| <b>CA</b>                     | chartered accountant                                                                               |
| <b>CAT</b>                    | computerized adaptive testing                                                                      |
| <b>CBP</b>                    | Central Business Portal (The Philippines)                                                          |
| <b>CFE</b>                    | Common Final Examination (Canada)                                                                  |
| <b>CGE</b>                    | Computable general equilibrium                                                                     |
| <b>CMEO</b>                   | Compliance Monitoring and Evaluation Office (The Philippines)                                      |
| <b>COA</b>                    | Commission on Audit (The Philippines)                                                              |
| <b>COMESA</b>                 | Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa                                                      |
| <b>COMEX</b>                  | Ministry of Foreign Trade (Costa Rica)                                                             |
| <b>CONAMER</b>                | National Commission for Regulatory Improvement (Mexico)                                            |
| <b>CPA</b>                    | Certified Public Accountant                                                                        |
| <b>CSC</b>                    | Civil Service Commission (The Philippines)                                                         |
| <b>DAP</b>                    | Development Academy of the Philippines                                                             |
| <b>DBD</b>                    | Department of Business Development (Thailand)                                                      |
| <b>DBT</b>                    | Department for Business and Trade (UK)                                                             |
| <b>DCEI</b>                   | Digital Citizen Engagement Index                                                                   |
| <b>DDA</b>                    | Doha Development Agenda                                                                            |
| <b>DGA</b>                    | Digital Government Development Agency (Thailand)                                                   |
| <b>DICT</b>                   | Department of Information and Communications Technology (The Philippines)                          |

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| <b>DIE</b>           | German Development Institute                                   |
| <b>DLI(s)</b>        | Disbursement-linked indicator(s)                               |
| <b>DOPA</b>          | Department of Provincial Administration (Thailand)             |
| <b>DSU</b>           | Dispute Settlement Understanding (WTO)                         |
| <b>DTI</b>           | Department of Trade and Industry (The Philippines)             |
| <b>e-BOSS</b>        | Electronic Business One-Stop Shop (The Philippines)            |
| <b>EEA</b>           | European Economic Area                                         |
| <b>EFTA</b>          | European Free Trade Association                                |
| <b>EGDI</b>          | E-Government Development Index (UN)                            |
| <b>EoDB</b>          | Ease of Doing Business                                         |
| <b>ESA</b>           | Electronic submission of applications                          |
| <b>EU</b>            | European Union                                                 |
| <b>FBO</b>           | Facilities-based operator                                      |
| <b>FCC</b>           | Federal Communications Commission (US)                         |
| <b>FDA</b>           | Food and Drug Administration (Thailand)                        |
| <b>FE</b>            | Fundamentals of Engineering (US)                               |
| <b>FMA</b>           | Financial Markets Authority (Austria)                          |
| <b>FMA</b>           | Financial Markets Authority (New Zealand)                      |
| <b>FMGE</b>          | Foreign Medical Graduate Examination (India)                   |
| <b>GAM</b>           | Greater Metropolitan Area                                      |
| <b>GATE</b>          | Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (India)                  |
| <b>GATS</b>          | General Agreement on Trade in Services (WTO)                   |
| <b>GATT</b>          | General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (WTO)                   |
| <b>GDP</b>           | Gross domestic product                                         |
| <b>GISTARU</b>       | Geographic Information System for Spatial Planning (Indonesia) |
| <b>GMC</b>           | General Medical Council (UK)                                   |
| <b>Go-Invest</b>     | Office for Investment (Guyana)                                 |
| <b>GOCC</b>          | Government-owned or -controlled corporation (The Philippines)  |
| <b>GPA</b>           | Agreement on Government Procurement (WTO)                      |
| <b>GRP(s)</b>        | Good regulatory practice(s)                                    |
| <b>GTMI</b>          | GovTech Maturity Index (World Bank)                            |
| <b>GVC(s)</b>        | Global value chain(s)                                          |
| <b>HCI</b>           | Human Capital Index                                            |
| <b>IAASB</b>         | International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board           |
| <b>IAC</b>           | Inter-agency coordination                                      |
| <b>IAIS</b>          | International Association of Insurance Supervisors             |
| <b>IATA</b>          | International Air Transport Association                        |
| <b>ICAO</b>          | International Civil Aviation Organization                      |
| <b>ICC</b>           | International Chamber of Commerce                              |
| <b>ICMRA</b>         | International Coalition of Medicines Regulatory Authorities    |
| <b>ICT</b>           | Information and communications technology                      |
| <b>ID</b>            | Identification                                                 |
| <b>IDB</b>           | Inter-American Development Bank                                |
| <b>IDR</b>           | Indonesian rupiah                                              |
| <b>IEI</b>           | Institution of Engineers (India)                               |
| <b>IFAC</b>          | International Federation of Accountants                        |
| <b>IFD Agreement</b> | Agreement on Investment Facilitation for Development           |
| <b>IFRS</b>          | International Financial Reporting Standards                    |

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| <b>IMD</b>      | International Institute for Management Development                                                      |
| <b>IMDA</b>     | Infocomm Media Development Authority (Singapore)                                                        |
| <b>IMO</b>      | International Maritime Organization                                                                     |
| <b>IOSCO</b>    | International Organization of Securities Commissions                                                    |
| <b>IRC</b>      | International regulatory cooperation                                                                    |
| <b>IRR</b>      | Implementing rules and regulations (The Philippines)                                                    |
| <b>ISAs</b>     | International Standards on Auditing                                                                     |
| <b>ISO</b>      | International Organization for Standardization                                                          |
| <b>IT</b>       | Information technology                                                                                  |
| <b>ITC</b>      | International Trade Centre                                                                              |
| <b>ITU</b>      | International Telecommunication Union                                                                   |
| <b>JSON</b>     | JavaScript Object Notation                                                                              |
| <b>KBLI</b>     | Indonesian Standard Classification of Business Fields                                                   |
| <b>KPPOD</b>    | Regional Autonomy Implementation Monitoring Committee (Indonesia)                                       |
| <b>LDAC</b>     | Legislation Design and Advisory Committee (New Zealand)                                                 |
| <b>LDC</b>      | Least-developed country                                                                                 |
| <b>LFA</b>      | Licensing Facilitation Act, B.E. 2558 (2015) (Thailand)                                                 |
| <b>LGU</b>      | Local government unit (The Philippines)                                                                 |
| <b>LLM(s)</b>   | Large language model(s)                                                                                 |
| <b>LPC</b>      | Legal Practice Council (South Africa)                                                                   |
| <b>LRC</b>      | Law Reform Commission (Thailand)                                                                        |
| <b>MCCQE</b>    | Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination                                                        |
| <b>MEF</b>      | Ministry of Economy and Finance (Mozambique)                                                            |
| <b>MEIC</b>     | Ministry of Economy, Industry and Commerce (Costa Rica)                                                 |
| <b>MERCOSUR</b> | Southern Common Market                                                                                  |
| <b>MFN</b>      | Most-favoured nation                                                                                    |
| <b>MHz</b>      | megahertz                                                                                               |
| <b>MIDEPLAN</b> | Ministry of National Planning and Economic Policy (Costa Rica)                                          |
| <b>MRA</b>      | Mutual recognition arrangement                                                                          |
| <b>MSME</b>     | Micro, small and medium-sized enterprise                                                                |
| <b>NCLEX</b>    | National Council Licensure Examination (nursing)                                                        |
| <b>NCSBN</b>    | National Council of State Boards of Nursing (US)                                                        |
| <b>NEDA</b>     | National Economic and Development Authority (The Philippines)                                           |
| <b>NEDLAC</b>   | National Economic Development and Labour Council (South Africa)                                         |
| <b>NEHEMIA</b>  | National Effort for the Harmonization of Efficient Measures of Inter-Related Agencies (The Philippines) |
| <b>NESDC</b>    | National Economic and Social Development Council (Thailand)                                             |
| <b>NGA</b>      | National government agency (The Philippines)                                                            |
| <b>NGO</b>      | Non-governmental organization                                                                           |
| <b>NIB</b>      | Business identification number (Indonesia)                                                              |
| <b>NNAS</b>     | National Nursing Assessment Service (Canada)                                                            |
| <b>NPRMS</b>    | National Policy on Regulatory Management System (The Philippines)                                       |
| <b>NSPK</b>     | Norms, Standards, Procedures and Criteria (Indonesia)                                                   |
| <b>NSWS</b>     | National Single Window System (India)                                                                   |
| <b>NZBORA</b>   | New Zealand Bill of Rights Act (1990)                                                                   |
| <b>NZD</b>      | New Zealand dollar                                                                                      |
| <b>OBLs</b>     | Online Business Licensing Service (Singapore)                                                           |
| <b>OCS</b>      | Office of the Council of State (Thailand)                                                               |
| <b>OECD</b>     | Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development                                                  |

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| <b>OFAM</b>          | Online Fund Approval and Management System (Thailand)                      |
| <b>Ofcom</b>         | Office of Communications (UK)                                              |
| <b>OMB</b>           | Office of the Ombudsman (The Philippines)                                  |
| <b>OPDC</b>          | Public Sector Development Commission (Thailand)                            |
| <b>OPEC</b>          | Office of the Private Education Commission (Thailand)                      |
| <b>OSCE</b>          | Objective Structured Clinical Examination                                  |
| <b>OSFI</b>          | Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (Canada)            |
| <b>OSI</b>           | Online Services Index                                                      |
| <b>OSS-RBA</b>       | Online Single Submission Risk-Based Approach (Indonesia)                   |
| <b>OSSC</b>          | One-stop Shop Services Centre (Thailand)                                   |
| <b>PAGC</b>          | Presidential Anti-Graft Commission (The Philippines)                       |
| <b>PBD</b>           | Philippine Business Databank                                               |
| <b>PBH</b>           | Philippine Business Hub                                                    |
| <b>PE</b>            | Professional Engineer (US licensure)                                       |
| <b>PECC</b>          | Pacific Economic Cooperation Council                                       |
| <b>PGPR</b>          | Philippine Good Regulatory Principles                                      |
| <b>PH</b>            | The Philippines                                                            |
| <b>PLAB</b>          | Professional and Linguistic Assessments Board (UK)                         |
| <b>PNDIP</b>         | National Bicentennial Development and Public Investment Plan (Costa Rica)  |
| <b>PROCOMER</b>      | Foreign Trade Promotion Office (Costa Rica)                                |
| <b>PSA</b>           | Philippine Statistics Authority                                            |
| <b>PTA(s)</b>        | Preferential trade agreement(s)                                            |
| <b>RA</b>            | Republic Act (The Philippines)                                             |
| <b>RCF</b>           | Regulatory Cooperation Forum                                               |
| <b>RCS</b>           | Report Card Survey (The Philippines)                                       |
| <b>RDTR</b>          | Detailed Spatial Plan (Indonesia)                                          |
| <b>Revalida</b>      | Exame Nacional de Revalidação de Diplomas Médicos (Brazil)                 |
| <b>RIA(s)</b>        | Regulatory impact assessment(s)                                            |
| <b>RIAS</b>          | Regulatory impact analysis statement (Canada)                              |
| <b>SBO</b>           | Service-based operator                                                     |
| <b>SCM Agreement</b> | Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (WTO)                   |
| <b>SDG</b>           | Sustainable Development Goal                                               |
| <b>SDR</b>           | Services Domestic Regulation                                               |
| <b>SEC</b>           | Securities and Exchange Commission (Thailand)                              |
| <b>SEIAS</b>         | Socio-Economic Impact Assessment System (South Africa)                     |
| <b>SETENA</b>        | National Environmental Technical Secretariat (Costa Rica)                  |
| <b>SGD</b>           | Singapore dollar                                                           |
| <b>SIA</b>           | Sustainability impact assessment                                           |
| <b>SIMBG</b>         | Building Management Information System (Indonesia)                         |
| <b>SLA</b>           | Service level agreement                                                    |
| <b>SME(s)</b>        | Small and medium-sized enterprise(s)                                       |
| <b>SPIPISE</b>       | Electronic Investment Licensing and Information Service System (Indonesia) |
| <b>SPS Agreement</b> | Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (WTO)  |
| <b>SQE</b>           | Solicitors Qualifying Examination (England and Wales)                      |
| <b>STPD</b>          | Services Trade Policy Database (WTO–World Bank)                            |
| <b>STRI</b>          | Services Trade Restrictions Index                                          |
| <b>TBT Agreement</b> | Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (WTO)                             |
| <b>TDRI</b>          | Thailand Development Research Institute                                    |

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| <b>TFA</b>             | Trade Facilitation Agreement (WTO)                                       |
| <b>TII</b>             | Telecommunications Infrastructure Index                                  |
| <b>TRIPS Agreement</b> | Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (WTO) |
| <b>TSA</b>             | Technology Safeguards Agreement between the US and New Zealand (2016)    |
| <b>TTMRA</b>           | Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Arrangement                              |
| <b>UAE</b>             | United Arab Emirates                                                     |
| <b>UK</b>              | United Kingdom                                                           |
| <b>UN</b>              | United Nations                                                           |
| <b>UNCTAD</b>          | United Nations Conference on Trade and Development                       |
| <b>UNECE</b>           | United Nations Economic Commission for Europe                            |
| <b>US</b>              | United States                                                            |
| <b>USAID</b>           | United States Agency for International Development                       |
| <b>USMLE</b>           | United States Medical Licensing Examination                              |
| <b>VAT</b>             | Value-added tax                                                          |
| <b>VUCEM</b>           | Mexican Foreign Trade Single Window                                      |
| <b>VUI</b>             | One-Stop Shop for Investors (Mexico)                                     |
| <b>VUI</b>             | Single Window for Investment (Costa Rica)                                |
| <b>VUN</b>             | National Single Window (Mexico)                                          |
| <b>WEF</b>             | World Economic Forum                                                     |
| <b>WPDR</b>            | Working Party on Domestic Regulation                                     |
| <b>WTO</b>             | World Trade Organization                                                 |
| <b>XML</b>             | Extensible Markup Language                                               |