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## List of Abbreviations

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

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