

Abbreviations in *IO BIO* Databases of January 2026

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ACP	African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States
ACS	Association of Caribbean States
ACTO	Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization
ADB	Asian Development Bank
AfCFTA	African Continental Free Trade Area
AfCHPR	African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights
AfDB	African Development Bank
AIIB	Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
ALADI	Asociación Latin-American de Integración / Latin American Integration Association LAIA
AMF	Arab Monetary Fund
AMU	Arab Maghreb Union
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
AU	African Union

B

BADEA	Banque Arabe pour le développement économique en Afrique / Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa
BCIE	Banco Centroamericano de Integración Económica / Central American Bank for Economic Integration CABEL
BEAC	Barents Euro-Arctic Council
BENELUX	Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg Customs / Economic Union
BIPM	Bureau international des poids et mesures / International Bureau of Weights and Measures
BIRPI	Bureaux internationaux réunis pour la protection de la propriété intellectuelle / United International Bureaux for the Protection of Intellectual Property
BIS	Bank for International Settlements
BRICS	Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa
BSEC	Black Sea Economic Cooperation / Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation
BSTDB	Black Sea Trade and Development Bank

C

CABEI	Central American Bank for Economic Integration / Banco Centroamericano de Integración Económica CABEL
CACJ	Central American Court of Justice
CAN	Comunidad Andina de Naciones / Andean Community of Nations
CARICOM	Caribbean Community
CARIFTA	Caribbean Free Trade Association
CBD	United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity
CBSS	Council of the Baltic Sea States

CCC	Customs Cooperation Council
CDB	Caribbean Development Bank
CEN-SAD	Community of Sahel-Saharan States
CENTO	Central Treaty Organization
CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States
CISFTA	Commonwealth of Independent States Free Trade Area
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
CMEA	Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (COMECON)
CoE	Council of Europe
COI	Commission de l'océan Indien / Indian Ocean Commission
COMECON	Council for Mutual Economic Assistance CMEA
COMESA	Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa
CPLP	Community of Portuguese Language Countries
CSCE	Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe
CSTO	Collective Security Treaty Organization
CTBTO	Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization

E

EAC	East African Community
EACJ	East African Court of Justice
EAEC	Eurasian Economic Community
EAEU	Eurasian Economic Union
EAEC	European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom)
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
EC	European Communities
ECB	European Central Bank
ECCAS	Economic Community of Central African States
ECCB	Eastern Caribbean Central Bank
ECHR	European Court of Human Rights
ECJ	European Court of Justice (of the European Coal and Steel Community / the European Communities / the European Union)
ECO	Economic Cooperation Organization
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
ECSC	European Coal and Steel Community
EEC	European Economic Community
EFTA	European Free Trade Association
EIB	European Investment Bank
EMI	European Monetary Institute
EU	European Union
Euratom	European Atomic Energy Community EAEA

F

FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
Francophonie	Organisation internationale de la Francophonie OIF / International Organization of the Francophonie

G

GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GCC	Gulf Cooperation Council
GEF	Global Environment Facility

I

IADB	Inter-American Development Bank
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
IBE	International Bureau of Education
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
ICC	International Criminal Court
ICEM	Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration
ICES	International Council for the Exploration of the Sea
ICESCO	Islamic World Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization
ICJ	International Court of Justice
ICM	Intergovernmental Committee for Migration
ICPO	International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol)
IDB	Islamic Development Bank
IEA	International Energy Agency
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
IGAD	Inter-Governmental Authority on Development
IGADD	Inter-Governmental Authority on Drought and Development
IGCR	Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees
IHB	International Hydrographic Bureau
IHO	International Hydrographic Organization
IIIC	International Institute of Intellectual Cooperation
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMCO	Intergovernmental Maritime Consultative Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IMO	International Maritime Organization
IMO	International Meteorological Organization
IMSO	International Mobile Satellite Organization
INMARSAT	International Maritime Satellite Organization
INSTRAW	United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women
Intelsat	International Telecommunications Satellite Organization
Interpol	International Criminal Police Organization ICPO
Intersputnik	International Organization of Space Communications
IOM	International Organization for Migration
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
IRENA	International Renewable Energy Agency
IRO	International Refugee Organization
ISA	International Seabed Authority
ISESCO	Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
ITLOS	International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea
ITSO	International Telecommunications Satellite Organization
ITTO	International Tropical Timber Organization

ITU	International Telecommunication Union
ITU	International Telegraph Union
IUAR	International Union of American Republics
IWC	International Whaling Commission
L	
LAIA	Latin American Integration Association / Asociación Latin-American de Integración ALADI
LU	Latin Union
M	
MERCOSUR	Mercado Común del Sur / Southern Common Market
MRU	Mano River Union
N	
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NDB	New Development Bank (BRICS)
O	
OACPS	Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States
OAMCE	Afro-Malagasy Organization for Economic Cooperation
OAS	Organization of American States
OAU	Organization of African Unity
OCAM [1]	Common African and Malagasy Organization
OCAM [2]	Common African and Mauritanian Organization
OCAM	Organisation commune africaine et mauricienne / Common African and Mauritanian Organization
OCAMM	Common African, Malagasy and Mauritanian Organization
ODECA	Organización de Estados Centroamericanos / Organization of Central American States
OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
OECS	Organization of Eastern Caribbean States
OEEC	Organization for European Economic Cooperation
OHCHR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
OIC	Organization of the Islamic Conference / Organization of Islamic Cooperation
OIF	Organisation internationale de la Francophonie / International Organization of the Francophonie
OPANAL	Organismo para la Proscripción de las Armas Nucleares en la América Latina y el Caribe / Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean
OPCW	Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
OPEC	Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
OSCE	Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe
OSCE HCNM	Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe High Commissioner on National Minorities

P

PCA	Permanent Court of Arbitration
PCIJ	Permanent Court of International Justice
PIF	Pacific Islands Forum
PTA	Preferential Trade Area for Eastern and Southern Africa

R

RCD	Regional Cooperation for Development
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S

SAARC	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
SACU	Southern African Customs Union
SADC	Southern African Development Community
SADCC	Southern African Development Coordination Conference
SCO	Shanghai Cooperation Organization
SEATO	Southeast Asian Treaty Organization
SEGIB	Secretaría General Iberoamericana / Ibero-American General Secretariat
SELA	Sistema Económico Latinoamericano / Latin American Economic System
SELA	Sistema Económico Latinoamericano y del Caribe / Latin American and Caribbean Economic System
SICA	Sistema de la integración Centroamericana / Central American Integration System
SPC	South Pacific Commission
SPF	South Pacific Forum

U

UAM	African and Malagasy Union
UAMCE	African and Malagasy Union for Economic Cooperation
UN	United Nations
UNAIDS	The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNASUR	Unión de Naciones Suramericanas / Union of South American Nations
UNCCD	United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
UNCHS	United Nations Centre for Human Settlements
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UN ECA	United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
UN ECAFE	United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East
UN ECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
UN ECLA	United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America
UN ECLAC	United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
UN ECWA	United Nations Economic Commission for Western Asia
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UN ESCAP	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UN ESCWA	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention of Climate Change
UNFPA	United Nations Fund for Population Activities / United Nations Population Fund
UN-HABITAT	United Nations Human Settlements Programme
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund / United Nations Children's Fund
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UNIFEM	United Nations Development Fund for Women
UNODC	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
UNRRA	United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration
UNRWA	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
UNTAA	United Nations Technical Assistance Administration
UN Women	The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
UNWTO	World Tourism Organization
UPU	Universal Postal Union

W

Warsaw Pact	Warsaw Treaty Organization
WCO	World Customs Organization
WEU	Western European Union
WFP	World Food Programme
WHO	World Health Organization
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
WMO	World Meteorological Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization