

Abbreviations and acronyms

ABA	American Bar Association
ACS	American Colonization Society
AERC	African Economic Research Consortium (a Nairobi-based African policy think tank and capacity-building nongovernmental organization)
AfDB	African Development Bank
ANC	African National Congress (South African political party)
AV	Alternative vote
CA	Constituent Assembly
CCP	Chinese Communist Party
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency (US security agency)
CODESA	Convention for a Democratic South Africa (a negotiating forum that paved the way for the demise of apartheid in South Africa)
CPDM	Cameroon People's Democratic Movement (Cameroonian political party)
DPRK	Democratic People's Republic of Korea
DRC	Democratic Republic of Congo
FGM	Female genital mutilation
GDR	German Democratic Republic
IMF	International Monetary Fund
MEND	Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (an umbrella militant group in the Niger Delta Region of Nigeria)
MPNP	Multi-Party Negotiation Process (South Africa's multi-party constitutional negotiation process, which worked to bring an end to apartheid and introduce a new democratic dispensation)
NDI	National Democratic Institute (for International Affairs) (a Washington, D.C.-based nongovernmental organization)

NDP	National Democratic Party (Ghanaian political party)
NPP	New Patriotic Party (Ghanaian political party)
PDCI	<i>Parti démocratique de la Côte d'Ivoire</i> (Ivorian political party)
PR	Proportional representation
RDR	<i>Rassemblement des Républicains</i> (Ivorian political party)
RUF	Revolutionary United Front (a rebel army that fought to overthrow the government of Sierra Leone in a civil war that lasted from 1991 to 2002)
SDF	Social Democratic Front (Cameroonian political party)
SNC	Sovereign National Conference (an African democracy forum)
SPLM	Sudan People's Liberation Movement (South Sudan political party, which was initially founded as the political wing of the Sudan People's Liberation Army, SPLA)
SPLM/A-IO	Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army-in-Opposition (a political party in South Sudan, which is made up primarily of the Nuer people and which is led by opposition leader, Riek Machar)
TC	Tripartite Conference (a mid-1990s government-organized forum to amend the Cameroon constitution)
TCCM	Technical Committee on Constitutional Matters (a mid-1990s forum to amend the constitution of the Republic of Cameroon)
TGoNU	Transitional Government of National Unity (South Sudan, 2015)
UDHR	Universal Declaration of Human Rights
UK	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
UN	United Nations (Organization)
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UPC	Union des populations du Cameroun (Cameroonian political organization that spearheaded the struggle for independence in the UN Trust Territory of Cameroons under French administration)
US	United States (of America)
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