

# Acronyms

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ARIPO	African Regional Industrial Property Organization
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
CDR	Community Design Right
EU	European Union
GDP	gross domestic product
IP	intellectual property
IPC	International Patent Classification
OAPI	African Intellectual Property Organization
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PCT	Patent Cooperation Treaty
R&D	research and development
SIPO	State Intellectual Property Office (China)
SME	small and medium enterprise
TRIPS	Agreement on Trade-related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
UM	utility model
USPTO	United States Patent and Trademark Office
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization