

**List of abbreviations and acronyms:**

CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
EU	European Union
GCC	Gulf Cooperation Council (consisting of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates)
GDP	gross domestic product
ISIC	International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities
n.e.c.	not elsewhere classified
NSOs	National Statistical Offices
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UNSD	United Nations Statistics Division