

# Abbreviations

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AACCUP	Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities
AAU	Association of African Universities
ACA	Academic Cooperation Association
ACC	Accreditation Committee of Cambodia
ACIA	ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement
ACP	African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States
ACRULAC	Association of Rectors of LAC Universities
ACTFA	Academic Credit Transfer Framework for Asia
ACTI	Association of Caribbean Tertiary Institutions
ACTS	ASEAN Credit Transfer System
ACTS	ASEM Credit Transfer System
ADB	Asian Development Bank
ADEA	Association for the Development of Education in Africa
AEC	ASEAN Economic Community
AFAS	ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services
AFTA	ASEAN Free Trade Area
AGU	Arabian Gulf University
AHEA	African Higher Education Area
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AHELO	Assessment of Higher Education Learning Outcomes
AIA	ASEAN Investment Area
AIMS	ASEAN International Mobility for Students Programme
ALADI	Latin American Integration Association
ALALC	Latin American Free Trade Association
ALBA	Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America
ALBA-TCP	ALBA – Peoples’ Trade Agreement (Tratado de Comercio de los Pueblos)
ALFA	América Latina – Formación Académica
ANEAES	National Agency for Assessment and Accreditation of Higher Education (Agencia Nacional de

	Evaluación y Acreditación de la Educación Superior) (Paraguay)
APACET	Agency for the Promotion and Quality Assurance of Tertiary Education
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
APEID	Asia-Pacific Programme of Educational Innovation for Development
APRU	Association of Pacific Rim Universities
APSC	ASEAN Political–Security Community
APT	ASEAN Plus Three
AQA	Academic Quality Agency
AQAN	ASEAN Quality Assurance Network
AQRF	ASEAN Qualifications Reference Framework
ARCU-SUR	Acreditación Regional de Carreras Universitarias del Sur
ARWU	Academic Ranking of World Universities
ASA	Association of Southeast Asia
ASC	ASEAN Security Community
ASCC	ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ASED	ASEAN Ministers of Education Meetings
ASEM	Asia–Europe Meeting
ASEM ME	Asia–Europe Meeting of Ministers for Education
AU	African Union
AUGM	Association of the Montevideo Universities Group
AUN	ASEAN University Network
AUN-QA	AUN Quality Assurance
AWCR	Arab World Competitive Report
BAN-PT	National Accreditation Board for Higher Education (Indonesia)
BCS	Bachelor of Circumpolar Studies
BEAC	Barents Euro-Arctic Council
BFUG	Bologna Follow-Up Group
CAFTA	China–ASEAN Free Trade Area
CAhPMM	MERCOSUR’S Mobility Programme Ad Hoc Commission
CAMES	African and Madagascan Council for Higher Education
CAN	Andean Community of Nations
CARICOM	Caribbean Community
CARIFTA	Caribbean Free Trade Agreement
CCP	Chinese Communist Party

CCR	Regional Coordinating Committee (MERCOSUR)
CELAC	Community of Latin American and Caribbean States
CEMAC	Central African Economic and Monetary Community
CEPES	European Centre for Higher Education (Centre Européen pour l'Enseignement Supérieur, UNESCO)
CHES	Caribbean higher educational space
CLMV	Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Vietnam
CMC	Common Market Council (MERCOSUR)
CoE	Council of Europe
COMESA	Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa
CONEAU	National Commission of University Evaluation and Accreditation (Argentina)
CRC	Regional Commission for Coordination
CRES	Regional Conference on Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean
CROSQ	Caribbean Regional Organization on Standards and Quality
CSME	CARICOM Single Market and Economy
CVQ	Caribbean Vocational Qualification
CXC	Caribbean Examination Council
DAAD	German Academic Exchange Service (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst)
DGEAC	Directorate General of Education and Culture (EC)
DGHE, MOEC	Directorate General of Higher Education, Ministry of Education and Culture (Indonesia)
DIAC	Dubai International Academic City
EAC	East African Community
EACEA	Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency
EAS	East Asian Summit
EC	European Commission
ECQ	Education City Qatar
ECTS	European Credit Transfer System
EEA	European Economic Area
EFTA	European Free Trade Association
EHEA	European Higher Education Area
ELAM	Latin American School of Medicine
EM	Erasmus Mundus
EMA	Erasmus Mundus Alumni Association

EMMC	Erasmus Mundus Masters Course
EMU	European Monetary Union
ENLACES	Latin American and Caribbean Research and Higher Education Area
ENQA	European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education
ERA	European Research Area
Erasmus	European Region Action Scheme for the Mobility of University Students
ESU	European Students Union
EU	European Union
EUA	European University Association
EURASHE	European Association of Institutions in Higher Education
FDI	foreign direct investment
FEM	MERCOSUR Educational Fund
FOCEM	MERCOSUR Structural Convergence Fund (Fondo para la Convergencia Estructural del MERCOSUR)
FTA	free trade agreement
FTAA	Free Trade Area of the Americas
GATS	General Agreement on Trade in Services
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GCC	Gulf Cooperation Council
GDP	gross domestic product
GMC	Grupo Mercado Común (MERCOSUR)
GTAE	Working Group of Specialists in Evaluation and Accreditation
GTPG	Working Group on Postgraduate Programmes
GTR	Working Group on Recognition of Degrees
GZAR	Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region
HE	higher education
HE&T	higher education and training
HEI	higher education institution
IAI	Initiative for ASEAN Integration
IAU	International Association of Universities
ICT	information and communication technology
IESALC	International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (UNESCO)
IFI	international financial institution
IIEP	International Institute for Educational Planning (UNESCO)

IIRSA	Initiative for the Integration of Regional Infrastructure in South America
IMEA	MERCOSUR Institute of Advanced Studies
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IMHE	Institutional Management in Higher Education
ISI	import-substituting industrialization
IUCEA	Inter-University Council for East Africa
KAUST	King Abdullah University of Science and Technology
LAC	Latin America and the Caribbean
LMD	Licence Master Doctorate
LO	learning outcome
Maphilindo	Malaysia–Philippines–Indonesia
MARCA	Programa de Movilidad Académica Regional
MERCOSUR	Southern Common Market (Mercado Común del Sur)
MEXA	Mecanismo Experimental de Acreditación de Carreras de Grado Universitario
M–I–T	Malaysia–Indonesia–Thailand
MOHE	Ministry of Higher Education (Malaysia)
MPI	Ministry of Planning and Investment (Viet Nam)
MQA	Malaysian Qualifications Agency
MRA	Mutual Recognition Agreements
NAB	national accreditation body
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
NDG	Narrowing the Development Gap
NQF	National Qualifications Framework
NRA	new regionalism approach
NUCLEO	MERCOSUR Centre for Studies and Research in Higher Education
OAS	Organization of American States
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OECS	Organization of Eastern Caribbean States
OEI	Organization of Ibero-American States
OHEC, MOE	Office of the Higher Education Commission, Ministry of Education (Thailand)
OMC	Open Method of Coordination
ONESQA	Office for National Education Standards and Quality Assessment (Thailand)
PAASCU	Philippine Accrediting Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities

PASEM	SEM Support Programme
PAU	Pan-African University
PKI	Partai Komunis Indonesia (Indonesia)
PMM	MERCOSUR Mobility Programme
PNAES	National Student Assistance Programme
PRC	People's Republic of China
PT	Partido Trabalhadores
QA	quality assurance
QF	Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development
R&D	research and development
RAM	Regional Accreditation Mechanism
RANA	Meeting of National Accreditation Agencies
RCEP	Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership
REESAO	Network for the Excellence of the Higher Education of Western Africa
RIA	regional integration agreement
RIACES	Ibero-American Network for Quality Accreditation in Higher Education
RME	Meeting of Ministers of Education (MERCOSUR)
RSHE	Regional Space for Higher Education
RTA	regional trade agreement
SC	Supreme Council
SCME	Standing Committee of Ministers Responsible for Education
SEAMEO	South-East Asian Ministers of Education Organization
SEAMEO RIHED	SEAMEO Regional Centre for Higher Education and Development
SEATO	Southeast Asia Treaty Organization
SELA	Latin American and the Caribbean Economic System (Sistema Económico Latin-American y del Caribe)
SEM	MERCOSUR Education Sector (Sector Educativo del MERCOSUR)
SIDS	small island developing states
SINAES	National System of Higher Education Assessment (Sistema Nacional de Avaliação da Educação Superior) (Brazil)
SLAS	Society for Latin American Studies (UK)
SOM	Senior Officials' Meeting (ASEM)

TAC	Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia
TVET	technical and vocational education and training
UAE	United Arab Emirates
UBV	Bolivarian University of Venezuela
UCTS	UMAP Credit Transfer Scheme
UdelaR	University of the Republic (Uruguay)
UEMOA	Monetary Union of Western Africa
UERR	Roraima State University (Universidade Estadual de Roraima)
UFAM	Federal University of Amazonas (Universidade Federal do Amazonas)
UFFR	Federal University of Roraima (Universidade Federal de Roraima)
UK	United Kingdom
UMAP	University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific
UNA	National Open University (Universidad Nacional Abierta)
UNASUR	Union of South American Nations
UnB	University of Brasília
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEFA	Universidad Nacional Experimental Politécnica de la Fuerza Armada Nacional
UNEG	National Experimental University of Guayana (Universidad Nacional Experimental de Guayana)
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNESR	National Experimental University Simón Rodríguez (Universidad Nacional Experimental Simón Rodríguez)
UNIALBA	University Network for the Peoples of ALBA
UNICA	Association of Caribbean Universities and Research Institutes
UNICAMP	State University of Campinas
UNILA	Federal University of Latin American Integration (Universidade Federal da Integração Latino-Americana)
UNISUR	Experimental National University of the Peoples of the South
UPEL	Experimental Pedagogical University Liberator (Universidad Pedagógica Experimental Libertador)

USA	United States of America
UWI	University of the West Indies
VNU-HCM	Vietnam National University – Ho Chi Minh City
WTO	World Trade Organization



