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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ADB	Asian Development Bank
AFR	Africa
AGETIP	Agences d'Exécution de Travaux d'Intérêt Public
ARD	Agriculture and Rural Development
AusAid	Australian Agency for International Development
BOT	Build-operate-transfer
BTC	Belgium Technical Cooperation
CA	Cities Alliance
CC	Climate Change
CDS	City Development Strategies
CIDA	Canadian International Development Agency
CO2	Carbon Dioxide
DAC	Development Assistance Committee
DEC	Development Economics
DM	Development Marketplace
DPMT	Decentralization Performance Management Tool
DPO	Development Policy Operation
DRM	Disaster Risk Management
EAP	East Asia and the Pacific
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
EC	European Commission
ECA	Europe and Central Asia
EE	Energy Efficiency
ENV	Environment
ESMAP	Energy Sector Management Assistance Program
ESSD	Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development Network
EU	European Union
EXT	External Affairs
FAR	Floor Area Ratio
FEU	Finance, Economics, and Urban Development Department
FPD	Financial and Private Sector Development
FPSI	Finance, Private Sector, and Infrastructure Network
GAC	Governance and Anticorruption
GCIP	Global City Indicators Program
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GFDRR	Global Facility for Disaster Risk Recovery
GHG	Greenhouse Gas Emissions
GIS	Geographic Information Systems
GNI	Gross National Income
GPOBA	Global Partnership on Output-Based Aid
GRUMP	Global Rural-Urban Mapping Project
GTZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für technische Zusammenarbeit (German International Development Agency)
HDN	Human Development Network
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
IDA	International Development Association

IDB	Inter-American Development Bank
IEG	Independent Evaluations Group
IFC	International Finance Corporation
IIED	International Institute for Environment and Development
IMA	Inner City Market Assessments
LAC	Latin America & Caribbean
LARI	Land and Real Estate Initiative
LCR	Latin America and Caribbean Region
LED	Local Economic Development
LG	Local Government
MEIP	Metropolitan Environmental Improvement Program
MNA	Middle East and North Africa
NGO	Non-governmental Organization
NORAD	Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation
OBA	Output-Based Aid
OD	Operational Directive
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OPCS	Operations Policy and Country Services
PEFA	Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability Assessment
PIL	Programmatic Investment Loans
PPIAF	Public-Private Infrastructure Advisory Facility
PREM	Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Network
PRSP	Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper
QAG	Quality Assurance Group
SAR	South Asia Region
SDN	Sustainable Development Network
SEZ	Special Economic Zone
SIAP	Sustainable Infrastructure Action Plan
SIDA	Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency
SNTA	Sub-national Finance Technical Assistance
SSA	Sub-Saharan Africa
TA	Technical Assistance
UCLG	United Council of Local Governments
UD	Urban Development
UGMI	Urban Growth Management Initiative
UGP	Urban Governance Program
UIF	Urban Infrastructure Funds
UMP	Urban Management Program
UN	United Nations
UNCHS	United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (HABITAT)
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNHABITAT	United Nations Human Settlements Programme
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UR	Urbanization Review
URS	Urban Research Symposium
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
WBI	World Bank Institute
WDR	World Development Report
WSP	Water and Sanitation Program