

List of abbreviations

African Charter	African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights
African Children's Charter	African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child
African Children's Committee	African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child
African Commission	African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights
African Women's Protocol	Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
CEDAW Committee	Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
CESCR	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
CRC	Convention of the Rights of the Child
CRC Committee	Committee on the Rights of the Child
CRPD	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
ECD Policy	National Policy on Early Childhood Development
ESA	Eastern and Southern Africa
FPDA	Feminist post-structural discourse analysis
FWCW	Fourth World Conference on Women
GEA Report	Report of the Law Commission on the development of the Gender Equality Act
GEA	Gender Equality Act
GEAS	Global Early Adolescent Survey
GEB	Gender Equality Bill
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICPD	International Conference on Population and Development
LGBTIQ	Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer
MDHS	Malawi Demographic and Health Survey
MHRC	Malawi Human Rights Commission
MLC	Malawi Law Commission
MoEST	Ministry of Education, Science and Technology
MoGCDSW	Ministry of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare
PfA	Platform for Action
PoA	Programme of Action
SRGBV	School-related gender-based violence

SRHR	Sexual and reproductive health and rights
STI	Sexually transmitted infection
UN	United Nations
UNESCO	United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation
WHO	World Health Organisation
YFHS Evaluation	Evaluation of youth-friendly services in Malawi
YFHS	Youth-friendly health services