

Table of abbreviations and acronyms

ACCP	African Children's Charter project
ACDHRS	African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies
ACERWC	African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child
ACHPR	African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights
ACHR	American Convention on Human Rights
ACPF	African Child Policy Forum
ADHD	attention deficit hyperactivity disorder
AfCFTA	African Continental Free Trade Area
AG	Attorney-General
AGA	African Governance Architecture
ANPPCAN	African Network for the Prevention and Protection Against Child Abuse and Neglect
APDF	<i>Association Pour Le Progrès et la Défense des droits des Femmes</i>
APRM	African Peer Review Mechanism
APSA	African Peace and Security Architecture
ASF	African Standby Force
AU PSOD	AU Peace Support Operations Division
AU	African Union
AUC	African Union Commission
AUDA-NEPAD	African Union Development Agency-NEPAD
AUOLC	African Union Office of the Legal Counsel
CADE	Convention against Discrimination in Education
CAEDBE	African Children's Committee Observations Finales et Recommandations Du Comité Africain D'experts Sur Les Droits et Le Bien-Être de l'Enfant
CAR	Central African Republic
CARMMA	Campaign on Accelerated Reduction of Maternal Mortality in Africa
CAT	United Nations Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
CEDAW	United Nations Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women
CERD	United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
CESCR	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
CHR	Centre for Human Rights
CNDH	National Council for Human Rights
CRC	United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child
CRPD	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
CRVS	Civil Registration and Vital Statistics
CSAM	Child sexual abuse/exploitation material'
CSEA	Centre for the Study of the Economies of Africa
CSO	civil society organisations
DAC	Day of the African Child
DDR	Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration
DGD	Day of General Discussion
DOI	Dullah Omar Institute

DPSP	Directive Principle of State Policy
DRC	Democratic Republic of Congo
EACJ	East African Court of Justice
ECD	Early Childhood Development
ECHR	European Convention on Human Rights
ECOSOCC	Economic, Social and Cultural Council of the African Union
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
EHW	Education for Health and Well-Being of Young People
FAPROC	Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention
FGC	female genital cutting
FGCS	female genital cosmetic surgeries
FGM	female genital mutilation
GBV	gender-based violence
GDP	gross domestic product
GIZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit
HHS	Health, Humanitarian Affairs and Social Development
HP	harmful practices
HRC	United Nations Human Rights Committee
IAC	Harmful Traditional Practices Affecting the Health of Women and Children
ICC	International Criminal Court
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICERD	International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
ICESCR	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
ICJ	International Court of Justice
ICL	international criminal law
ICPD	International Conference on Population and Development
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
ICTR	International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
ICTY	International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia
IDPs	internally-displaced persons
IHL	international humanitarian law
IHRDA	Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IRL	international refugee law
ISER	Initiative for Socio-economic Rights
LGBTIQ+	lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer/questioning, asexual
LGBTQ	lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer
LRA	Lord's Resistance Army
LWOP	life without parole
LWP	life with parole
MGCSW	Ministry of Gender, Children, and Social Welfare
MHRC	Malawi Human Rights Commission
MICS	Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys
MLA	mutual legal assistance
MOU	memorandum of understanding
MPSI	Maputo Protocol Scorecard and Index
NACADA	National Authority for the Campaign Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse
NCD	non-communicable diseases
NEPAD	New Partnership for Africa's Development
NGO	non-governmental organisations
NHRI	national human rights institution

NMRF	National Mechanism for Reporting and Follow-up
NSNP	national school nutrition plan
OAS	Organisation of American States
OAU	Organisation of African Unity
OCSE	Online Child Sexual Exploitation
OCSEA	Strategy and Action Plan against Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse
ODPP	Office of the Director of Public Prosecution
OHCHR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
OPCAT	Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
OPSC	Optional Protocol to CRC on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography
PIRLS	Progress in International Reading Literacy Study
PISA	Programme for International Students Assessment
PRC	Permanent Representatives Committee
PSC	Peace and Security Council
PULP	Pretoria University Law Press
RECs	regional economic communities
SADC	Southern African Development Community
SADR	Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic
SALRC	South African Law Reform Commission
SCA	Supreme Court of Appeal
SDG	sustainable development goals
SDGEA	Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa
SERAC	Social and Economic Rights Action Centre
SGBV	sexual and gender-based violence
SPT	Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture
SRHR	sexual and reproductive health and rights
STC	specialised technical committee
STEM	science, technology, engineering and mathematics
TIMSS	Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study
TVET	technical vocational education and training
UBE Act	Free Universal Basic Act 2004
UN	United Nations
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNDRD	UN Declaration on the Right to Development
UNESCO	The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNIGME	United Nations Inter-Agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation
UNODC	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
UNSC	United Nations Security Council
UNSMR	United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
VAW	violence against women
VCLT	Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties
WHO	World Health Organization
WILDAF	Women in Law and Development in Africa