

Acronyms and abbreviations

ACIA	Arctic Climate Impact Assessment	HCFC	hydrochlorofluorocarbon	Ramsar Convention	Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat
AOSIS	Alliance of Small Island States	Heritage Convention	Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage	R&D	Research and Development
AR4	Fourth Assessment Report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change	HFC-23	trifluoromethane	REDD	reduced emissions from avoided deforestation and forest degradation
BLIHR	Business Leaders Initiative on Human Rights	IAC	InterAcademy Council	RFMOs	Regional Fisheries Management Organizations
BP	Beyond Petroleum (formerly British Petroleum)	ICAP	International Carbon Action Partnership	Rotterdam	Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade
CAN-E	Climate Action Network-Europe	ICGN	International Corporate Governance Network	SPRFMO	South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation
CAP	Carbon Action Partnership	IDNDR	International Decade of Natural Disaster Reduction	Stockholm	Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants
Cartagena Protocol	Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity	IEA	International Energy Agency	UK	United Kingdom
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity	IETA	International Emissions Trading Association	UN	United Nations
CCFE	Chicago Climate Futures Exchange	IIGCC	Institution Investors Group on Climate Change	UNCCD	United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
CCI	Clinton Climate Initiative	IISD	International Institute for Sustainable Development	UNCLOS	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
CCS	Carbon Capture and Storage	IMF	International Monetary Fund	UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
CCX	Chicago Climate Exchange	IMO	International Marine Organization	UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
CDM	Clean Development Mechanism	INCR	Investor Network on Climate Risk	UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
CDP	Carbon Disclosure Project	IPEN	International POPs (Persistent Organic Pollutants) Elimination Network	UNEP FI	United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative
CER	Certified Emissions Reductions	IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change	UNFCCC	UN Framework Convention on Climate Change
CFC	chlorofluorocarbon	ISO	International Organization for Standardization	UNGA	United Nations General Assembly
CFI	Carbon Financial Instrument	IUCN	The World Conservation Union	UNPRI	United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment
CH ₄	methane	JI	Joint Implementation	US	United States of America
CII	Council of Institutional Investors	JTWC	Joint Typhoon Warning Center	US\$	United States Dollar
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora	K:TGAL	Kyoto: Think Global, Act Local	USA	United States of America
cm	centimeter	Kyoto Protocol	Kyoto Protocol to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change	USCAP	United States Climate Action Partnership
CMS	Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals	MA	Millennium Ecosystem Assessment	USCCSP	United States Climate Change Science Program
CO ₂	carbon dioxide	MBA	Masters of Business Administration	USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
CO _{2eq}	carbon dioxide equivalent	MCII	Munich Climate Insurance Initiative	VCS	Voluntary Carbon Standard
COP	Conference of Parties	MEAs	Multilateral Environmental Agreements	Vienna Convention/ Montreal Protocol	Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and its Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer
CSR	Corporate Social Responsibility	mm	millimeter	VMEs	Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems
DRC	Democratic Republic of the Congo	mt	Metric tons	WBCSD	World Business Council for Sustainable Development
EB	Executive Board	N ₂ O	nitrous oxide	WMO	World Meteorological Organization
EITI	Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative	NAP	National Allocation Plan	WTO	World Trade Organization
ELFAA	European Low Fares Airline Association	NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration (of the United States)	WWF	World Wide Fund for Nature, World Wildlife Fund
ERU	Emission Reduction Units	NGO	non-governmental organization		
ESA	European Space Agency	NOAA	National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (of the United States)		
ESG	Environmental, social, and governance	NSIDC	The National Snow and Ice Data Center		
ETS	Emissions Trading Scheme (European Union)	OECD	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development		
EU	European Union	OTC	Over The Counter		
FCPF	Forest Carbon Partnership Facility	PES	Payment for Ecosystem Services		
GDP	Gross Domestic Product	POPs	Persistent Organic Pollutants		
GEO	Global Environment Outlook (of UNEP)	ppb	parts per billion		
GHG	Greenhouse gas	ppm	parts per million		
GIS	Geographic Information System	PRI	Principles for Responsible Investment		
GPS	Global Positioning System				
GS	Goldman Sachs				
GWP	Global Warming Potential				
H ⁺	hydrogen ions				