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# acronyms and abbreviations<sup>1</sup>

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<b>ACIAR</b>	Australian Council for International Agricultural Research
<b>ACSAD</b>	Arab Centre for the Studies of Arid Zones and Dry Lands
<b>ACTS</b>	African Centre for Technology Studies
<b>AFLP</b>	amplified fragment length polymorphism
<b>AFNETA</b>	Alley Farming Network for Tropical Africa
<b>AFRENA</b>	Agroforestry Research Network for the Highlands of East and Central Africa
<b>AMCEN</b>	African Ministerial Conference on Environment
<b>ANZNPGRIC</b>	Australian and New Zealand Network of Plant Genetic Resource Centres
<b>APSA</b>	Asia Pacific Seed Association
<b>ASARECA</b>	Association of Agricultural Research in East and Central Africa
<b>ASEAN</b>	Association of Southeast-Asian Nations
<b>ASEAN-PLANTI</b>	Asian Plant Quarantine Centre and Training Institute
<b>AS-PTA</b>	Assesoria e Servicos à Projetos em Agricultura Alternativa (NGO, Brazil)
<b>AVRDC</b>	Asian Vegetable Research and Development Centre
<b>BGCI</b>	International Association of Botanic Gardens
<b>BMZ</b>	German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
<b>BRAHAMS</b>	Botanical Research and Herbarium Management Systems
<b>CAA</b>	Community Aid Abroad (Australia)
<b>CAPGRIS</b>	Canadian Agricultural Plant Genetic Resources Information System
<b>CARDI</b>	Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute
<b>CARICOM</b>	Caribbean Community
<b>CATIE</b>	Tropical Agricultural Research and Training Centre
<b>CBD</b>	Convention on Biological Diversity

<b>CBDC</b>	Community Biodiversity Development and Conservation Programme
<b>CENARGEN</b>	Centro Nacional de Recursos Geneticos (Brazil)
<b>CET</b>	Centro de Educación y Tecnología (NGO, Chile)
<b>CGIAR</b>	Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research
<b>CGN</b>	Centre for Genetic Resources of the Netherlands
<b>CIAT</b>	International Centre for Tropical Agriculture (CGIAR)
<b>CICD</b>	Centro de Investigación y Capacitación para el Desarrollo (NGO, Peru)
<b>CIDA</b>	Canadian International Development Agency
<b>CIFOR</b>	Centre for International Forestry Research (CGIAR)
<b>CIMMYT</b>	Centro Internacional de Mejoramiento de Maíz y Trigo International Centre for Maize and Wheat Improvement (CGIAR)
<b>CIP</b>	International Potato Centre (CGIAR)
<b>CIRAD</b>	Centre de coopération internationale en recherche agronomique pour le développement (France)
<b>CLADES</b>	Latin American Consortium on Agro-ecology and Development
<b>CNR</b>	National Research Council of Italy
<b>COGENT</b>	Coconut Genetic Resources Network
<b>COMECON</b>	Council for Mutual Economic Assistance
<b>COMMUTEK</b>	Community Technology Development Association (NGO, Zimbabwe)
<b>CONSERVE</b>	Community-based Native Seed Research Centre (NGO, the Philippines)
<b>CoP/CBD</b>	Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity
<b>CORAF</b>	Conference of Directors of Agronomic Research in West and Central Africa
<b>CPGR</b>	FAO Commission on Plant Genetic Resources
<b>CSC</b>	Commonwealth Science Council
<b>CSEGRIN</b>	Caribbean Seed and Germplasm Resources Information Network



<b>CTA</b>	Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation
<b>DNA</b>	deoxyribonucleic acid
<b>DUS</b>	distinct, uniform and stable
<b>EARCORBE</b>	East African Regional Cooperative for Research on Banana and Enset
<b>EARRNET</b>	East African Root Crops Research Network
<b>EARSMN</b>	Eastern Africa Research on Sorghum and Millet Network
<b>ECP/GR</b>	European Cooperative Programme on Crop Genetic Resources Networks
<b>EEC</b>	European Economic Community
<b>ESCORENA</b>	European System of Cooperative Research Networks in Agriculture
<b>EU</b>	European Union
<b>EUFORGEN</b>	European Forest Genetic Resources Network
<b>FAO</b>	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
<b>GATT</b>	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
<b>GBS</b>	Global Biodiversity Strategy (IUCN/UNEP/WWF)
<b>GDP</b>	gross domestic product
<b>GEF</b>	Global Environment Facility (World Bank/UNEP/UNDP)
<b>GEM</b>	Germplasm Enhancement Maize Project (United States)
<b>GEPA</b>	Aktion Dritte Welt Handel (NGO, Germany)
<b>GIS</b>	Geographic Information System
<b>GRAIN</b>	Genetic Resources Action International (NGO, Spain)
<b>GRIN</b>	Germplasm Resources Information Network (United States)
<b>GRUs</b>	genetic resource units
<b>GTZ</b>	German Agency for Technical Cooperation
<b>HYV</b>	high-yielding variety
<b>IABG</b>	International Association of Botanic Gardens
<b>IACNET</b>	Inter-american Citrus Network
<b>IADB</b>	Inter-american Development Bank
<b>IARCs</b>	International Agricultural Research Centres



<b>IBPGR</b>	International Board for Plant Genetic Resources (CGIAR, now IPGRI)
<b>IBS</b>	Intermediary Biotechnology Service
<b>ICARDA</b>	International Centre for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (CGIAR )
<b>ICRAF</b>	International Center for Research in Agroforestry (CGIAR )
<b>ICRISAT</b>	International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics
<b>ICSU</b>	International Council of Scientific Unions
<b>ICUC</b>	International Centre for Underutilized Crops
<b>ICWG-GR</b>	Inter-Centre Working Group on Genetic Resources (CGIAR)
<b>IDRC</b>	International Development Research Centre
<b>IFAD</b>	International Fund for Agricultural Development
<b>IFPRI</b>	International Food Policy Research Institute (CGIAR)
<b>IGADD</b>	Inter-governmental Authority on Drought and Development
<b>IICA</b>	Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture
<b>IIED</b>	International Institute for Environment and Development
<b>IITA</b>	International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (CGIAR)
<b>ILO</b>	International Labour Organisation
<b>ILRI</b>	International Livestock Research Institute (CGIAR)
<b>IMC</b>	Instituto Mayor Campesino (NGO, Colombia)
<b>IMF</b>	International Monetary Fund
<b>INBAR</b>	International Network for Bamboo and Rattan
<b>INGER</b>	International Network for the Genetic Evaluation of Rice
<b>INIBAP</b>	International Network for the Improvement of Bananas and Plantains
<b>IPGRI</b>	International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (CGIAR, formerly IBPGR)





<b>IPK</b>	Institut für Pflanzengenetik und Kulturpflanzenforschung (Germany)
<b>IPPC</b>	International Plant Protection Convention
<b>IPR</b>	intellectual property rights
<b>IRGDB</b>	International Rice Genealogy Database
<b>IRRI</b>	International Rice Research Institute (CGIAR)
<b>ISAAA</b>	International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-biotech Applications
<b>ISNAR</b>	International Service for National Agricultural Research (CGIAR)
<b>ISSC</b>	International Species Survival Commission
<b>ITCPGR</b>	International Technical Conference on Plant Genetic Resources (1996) (FAO)
<b>IUBS</b>	International Union of Biological Sciences
<b>IUCN</b>	World Conservation Union
<b>LAMP</b>	Latin American Maize Project
<b>MAB</b>	Man and the Biosphere Programme (UNESCO)
<b>MARDI</b>	Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute
<b>MASIPAG</b>	Farmer-Scientist Partnership for Development Association (the Philippines)
<b>MESFIN</b>	Mediterranean Fruit Inter-country Network
<b>MTA</b>	material transfer agreement
<b>NAA</b>	Non-Agriculture Association (NGO, Thailand)
<b>NARS</b>	National Agricultural Research Systems
<b>NBPGR</b>	National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (India)
<b>NGB</b>	Nordic Gene Bank
<b>NGO</b>	non-governmental organization
<b>NPGRC</b>	National Plant Genetic Resources Centres
<b>NPGRL</b>	National Plant Genetics Resources Laboratory (the Philippines)
<b>NPGS</b>	National Plant Germplasm System (United States)
<b>NIAR</b>	National Institute of Agrobiological Resources, Japan

<b>NSSL</b>	National Seed Storage Laboratory (USDA-ARS)
<b>NTAE</b>	non-traditional agricultural export
<b>ODI</b>	Overseas Development Institute (United Kingdom)
<b>OECD</b>	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
<b>OECS</b>	Organization of Eastern Caribbean States
<b>OPV</b>	open-pollinated varieties
<b>ORSTOM</b>	Institut français de recherche scientifique pour le développement en coopération
<b>PBR</b>	plant breeders' rights
<b>PCR</b>	polymerase chain reaction
<b>PGRFA</b>	plant genetic resources for food and agriculture
<b>PRAPACE</b>	Potato and Sweet Potato Improvement Network for Central and Eastern Africa
<b>PROCISUR</b>	Programa Cooperativo para el Desarrollo Tecnológico Agropecuario del Cono Sur
<b>PROSEA</b>	Plant Resources of South East Asia
<b>PVP</b>	plant variety protection
<b>QTL</b>	quantitative trait loci
<b>RAFI</b>	Rural Advancement Foundation International
<b>RAPD</b>	random amplified polymorphic DNA
<b>RBG</b>	Royal Botanic Gardens (Kew, United Kingdom)
<b>RDA</b>	Rural Development Administration (Republic of Korea)
<b>RECSEA</b>	Regional Committee for Southeast Asia
<b>RECSEA-PGR</b>	Regional Collaboration in Southeast Asia on Plant Genetic Resources
<b>REDARFIT</b>	Andean Network of Plant Genetic Resources
<b>REDBIO</b>	Technical Cooperation Network on Plant Biotechnology
<b>REMERFI</b>	Central American Network of Plant Genetic Resources
<b>RESAPAC</b>	Great Lakes Regional Bean Programme
<b>RFLP</b>	restriction fragment length polymorphism
<b>ROCAFREMI</b>	Reseau ouest et central africain de recherche sur le Mil



<b>ROCARS</b>	Reseau ouest et central africain de recherche sur le Sorgho
<b>RS</b>	Recurrent selection
<b>SACCAR</b>	Southern African Centre for Cooperation in Agricultural Research
<b>SADC</b>	Southern African Development Community
<b>SAPPRAD</b>	Southeast Asian Programme for Potato Research and Development
<b>SCOPE</b>	Scientific Committee on Problems of the Environment
<b>SEANUC</b>	Southern and Eastern African Network on Under-utilized Crops
<b>SEARICE</b>	South East Asian Institute for Community Education (NGO, the Philippines)
<b>SELA</b>	Sistema económico latinoamericano
<b>SGRP</b>	System-wide Genetic Resources Programme (of CGIAR)
<b>SIDA</b>	Swedish International Development Authority
<b>SINGER</b>	System-wide Information Network on Genetic Resources
<b>SPC</b>	South Pacific Commission
<b>SPGR</b>	System-wide Programme on Genetic Resources
<b>SPGRC</b>	SADC Plant Genetic Resources Centre
<b>SPREP</b>	South Pacific Regional Environment Programme
<b>TREE</b>	Technology for Rural and Ecological Enrichment (NGO, Thailand)
<b>TRIPs</b>	trade-related aspects of intellectual property rights
<b>TROPIGEN</b>	Amazonian Network of Plant Genetic Resources
<b>UFTANET</b>	Under-utilized Tropical Fruit Trees Network
<b>UK</b>	United Kingdom
<b>UN</b>	United Nations
<b>UNCED</b>	United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
<b>UNCTAD</b>	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
<b>UNDP</b>	United Nations Development Programme
<b>UNEP</b>	United Nations Environment Programme
<b>UNESCO</b>	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization



<b>UNIDO</b>	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
<b>UPOV</b>	International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants
<b>UPWARD</b>	User's Perspective with Agricultural Research and Development
<b>USA</b>	United States of America
<b>USDA/ARS</b>	United States Department of Agriculture/ Agricultural Research Service
<b>USSR</b>	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
<b>VIR N.I.</b>	Vavilov Institute (Russian Federation)
<b>WANANET</b>	West Asia and North Africa Plant Genetic Resources Network
<b>WARDA</b>	West Africa Rice Development Association
<b>WIEWS</b>	FAO World Information and Early Warning System on Plant Genetic Resources
<b>WIPO</b>	World Intellectual Property Organization
<b>WMO</b>	World Meteorological Organization
<b>WRI</b>	World Resources Institute
<b>WTO</b>	World Trade Organization
<b>WWF</b>	World Wide Fund for Nature

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