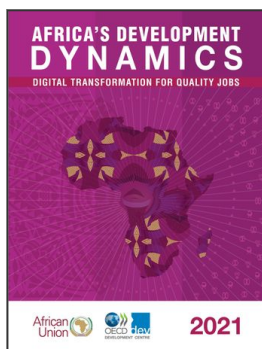


## Abbreviations and acronyms

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| <b>4IR</b>        | Fourth Industrial Revolution  |
| <b>ACBF</b>       | African Capacity Building Foundation  |
| <b>AfCFTA</b>     | African Continental Free Trade Area   |
| <b>AI</b>         | Artificial intelligence   |
| <b>AU</b>         | African Union   |
| <b>AUC</b>        | African Union Commission  |
| <b>AUDA-NEPAD</b> | African Union Development Agency  |
| <b>GEMAC</b>      | Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa   |
| <b>COMESA</b>     | Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa   |
| <b>DAC</b>        | Development Assistance Committee  |
| <b>DAT</b>        | Disruptive agricultural technology  |
| <b>DE4A</b>       | Digital Economy for Africa  |
| <b>EAC</b>        | East African Community  |
| <b>ECCAS</b>      | Economic Community of Central African States  |
| <b>ECOWAS</b>     | Economic Community of West African States   |
| <b>EU</b>         | European Union  |
| <b>FDI</b>        | Foreign direct investment   |
| <b>Fintech</b>    | Financial technology  |
| <b>GDP</b>        | Gross domestic product  |
| <b>GDPR</b>       | General data protection regulation  |
| <b>GIZ</b>        | Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (German Corporation for International Cooperation) |
| <b>GNI</b>        | Gross national income   |
| <b>GSMA</b>       | Global System for Mobile Communications Association   |
| <b>GVC</b>        | Global value chain  |
| <b>H2M</b>        | Human-to-machine  |
| <b>HIPC</b>       | Heavily indebted poor countries   |
| <b>IBRD</b>       | International Bank for Reconstruction and Development   |
| <b>ICT</b>        | Information and communications technology   |
| <b>IFC</b>        | International Finance Corporation   |
| <b>ILO</b>        | International Labour Organization   |
| <b>IMF</b>        | International Monetary Fund   |
| <b>IoT</b>        | Internet of things  |
| <b>IP</b>         | Intellectual property   |
| <b>ISP</b>        | Internet service provider   |
| <b>IT</b>         | Information technology  |
| <b>IXP</b>        | Internet exchange point   |
| <b>LAC</b>        | Latin America and the Caribbean   |
| <b>LDC</b>        | Least developed country   |
| <b>M2M</b>        | Machine-to-machine  |
| <b>MSME</b>       | Micro, small and medium-sized enterprise  |
| <b>ODA</b>        | Official development assistance   |
| <b>OECD</b>       | Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development  |
| <b>P2P</b>        | Person-to-person  |
| <b>PIDA</b>       | Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa  |
| <b>PPP</b>        | Public-private partnership  |

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| <b>PRIDA</b>  | Policy and Regulatory Initiative for Digital Africa              |
| <b>REC</b>    | Regional Economic Community                                      |
| <b>SACU</b>   | Southern African Customs Union                                   |
| <b>SADC</b>   | Southern African Development Community                           |
| <b>SEZ</b>    | Special economic zone  |
| <b>SME</b>    | Small and medium-sized enterprise                                |
| <b>STEM</b>   | Science, technology, engineering and mathematics                 |
| <b>STI</b>    | Science, technology and innovation                               |
| <b>SWAC</b>   | Sahel and West Africa Club                                       |
| <b>Telco</b>  | Telecommunication company  |
| <b>TVET</b>   | Technical and vocational education and training                  |
| <b>UNCTAD</b> | United Nations Conference on Trade and Development               |
| <b>UNDESA</b> | United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs         |
| <b>UNECA</b>  | United Nations Economic Commission for Africa                    |
| <b>UNESCO</b> | United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization |
| <b>VAT</b>    | Value-added tax  |
| <b>VC</b>     | Venture capital  |
| <b>WAEMU</b>  | West African Economic and Monetary Union                         |
| <b>WEF</b>    | World Economic Forum   |
| <b>WTO</b>    | World Trade Organization   |



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