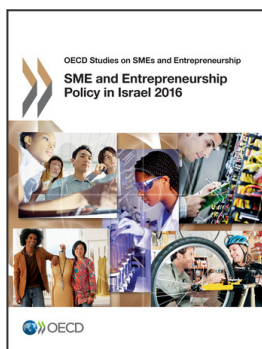


Abbreviations

AUD	Australian Dollar
BERD	Business Expenditure on R&D
CAD	Canadian Dollar
CBS	Central Bureau of Statistics
OCS	Office of the Chief Scientist
EITC	Earned Income Tax Credit
EU	European Union
EUR	Euro
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
FTA	Foreign Trade Administration
GBP	British Pound (Sterling)
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GEM	Global Entrepreneurship Monitor
HEI	Higher Education Institution
IIA	Israel Innovation Authority (formerly the Office of the Chief Scientist)
ICT	Information and Communications Technologies
IEI	Israel Export Institute
ISED Canada	Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (the federal industry ministry)
KIA	Kibbutz Industries Association
KIEDF	Koret Israel Economic Development Fund
MAI	Manufacturers Association of Israel
MEDA	Authority for Economic Development of the Minority Sectors, or Minorities Economic Development Authority
MSE	Medium-Sized Enterprise
NBFI	Non-Bank Financial Institution
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PISA	Programme of International Student Assessment
R&D	Research and Development
RIA	Regulatory Impact Assessment
SMBA	Small and Medium Business Agency
SMBF	Small and Medium Business Fund
SME	Small and Medium-sized Enterprise
TEA	Total Entrepreneurial Activity
USA	United States of America
VAT	Value Added Tax
VET	Vocational Education and Training



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