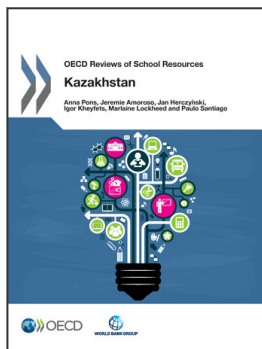


Acronyms and abbreviations

ADB	Asian Development Bank
AEO	Autonomous Education Organisation
ASRK	Agency of Statistics of Republic of Kazakhstan
CBR	Country Background Report
CGFES	Committee of Control in the Field of Education and Science
CEECIS	Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States
EASA	External Assessment of Student Achievement
ECEC	Early Childhood Education and Care
ECTS	European Credit Transfer System
EFA	Education for All
FTE	Full-time Equivalent
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GKP	<i>Gosudarstvennyye Kommunal'nyye Predpriyatiya</i> – State Communal Enterprises
GU	<i>Gosudarstvennyye Uchrezhdeniya</i> – State Institutions
IAC	JSC Information-Analytic Center
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
IEA	International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement
IMF	International Monetary Fund
MENA	Middle East and North Africa
MESRK	Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan
NCESE	National Center for Educational Statistics and Evaluation
NCPD	National Center of Professional Development
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NIS	Nazarbayev Intellectual Schools
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PIRLS	Progress in International Reading Literacy Study
PISA	OECD Programme for International Student Assessment
PPP	Purchasing Power Parity
RK	Republic of Kazakhstan
SABER	Systems Approach for Better Educational Results
SPED	State Program for Education Development in the Republic of Kazakhstan for 2011-20
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
TALIS	OECD's Teaching and Learning International Survey
TDT	Targeted Development Transfer
TIMSS	IEA Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNT	Unified National Test
VET	Vocational Education and Training
WTO	World Trade Organization



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