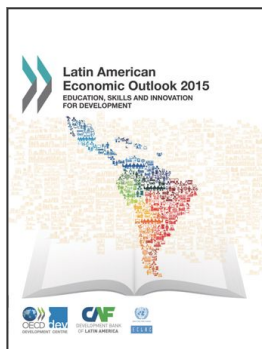


Acronyms and abbreviations

BBVA	Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria
BNDES	Brazilian Development Bank (Banco Nacional de Desenvolvimento Econômico e Social)
BRICS	Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa
CAF	CAF – Development Bank of Latin America (Banco de Desarrollo de América Latina)
CEDLAS	Center for Distributive, Labor and Social Studies (Centro de Estudios Distributivos, Laborales y Sociales)
CELADE	Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (Centro Latinoamericano y Caribeño de Demografía)
CEPALSTAT	ECLAC databases and statistical publications
CEQ	Commitment to Equity
CIAT	Inter-American Center of Tax Administrations
CIEPLAN	Corporación de Estudios para Latinoamérica
COMTRADE	United Nations Commodity Trade Statistics Database
CONICET	National Scientific and Technical Research Council (Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Técnicas), Argentina
ECB	European Central Bank
ECLAC	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
ESCS	Economic, social and cultural status
FDI	Foreign direct investment
FED	Federal Reserve System
GDP	Gross domestic product
HEIs	Higher education institutions
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
ICTs	Information and communication technologies
IDB	Inter-American Development Bank
IIF	Institute of International Finance
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
ISCED	International Standard Classification of Education
ISCO	International Standard Classification of Occupations
LA	Latin America
LAC	Latin America and the Caribbean
LLECE	Latin American Laboratory for Assessment of the Quality of Education (Laboratorio Latinoamericano de Evaluación de la Calidad de la Educación)
MHTE	Medium- and high-tech exports
MILA	Integrated Latin American Market
MINCyT	Ministry of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation (Ministerio de Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación Productiva), Argentina

NBER	National Bureau of Economic Research
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OEI	Organisation of Ibero-American States for Education, Science and Culture (Organización de Estados Iberoamericanos para la Educación, la Ciencia y la Cultura)
OREALC	Regional Bureau of Education for Latin America and the Caribbean (Oficina Regional de Educación para América Latina y el Caribe)
PIAAC	Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies
PISA	Programme for International Student Assessment
PPP	Purchasing power parity
RIACES	Ibero-American Network for Quality Accreditation in Higher Education (Red Iberoamericana para la Acreditación de la Calidad en la Educación Superior)
RICYT	Red de Indicadores de Ciencia y Tecnología
R&D	Research and development
SECO	State Secretariat for Economic Affairs, Switzerland
SEDLAC	Socio-Economic Database for Latin America and the Caribbean
SERCE	Segundo Estudio Regional Comparativo y Explicativo
SMEs	Small and medium-sized enterprises
TLTROs	Targeted long-term refinancing operations
TVET	Technical and vocational education and training
UIS	UNESCO Institute for Statistics
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UNODC	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
USPTO	United States Patent and Trademark Office
WDI	World Development Indicators
WTO	World Trade Organization



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