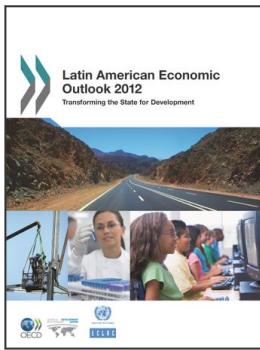


ACRONYMS

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Acronyms and abbreviations

BNDES	Brazilian Development Bank
CIAT	Inter-American Center of Tax Administration
COMTRADE	United Nations Commodity Trade Statistics Database
EAP	Economically Active Population
ECLAC	Economic Commission for Latin America
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
IDB	Inter-American Development Bank
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IT	Information Technology
ILPES	Latin-American and Caribbean Institute of Economic and Social Planning
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
NPM	New Public Management
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PISA	Programme for International Student Assessment
R+D	Research and development
RICYT	Ibero-American and Inter-American Network of Sciences and Technology Index
SEBIG	Ibero-American General Secretariat
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
VAT	Value Added Tax



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