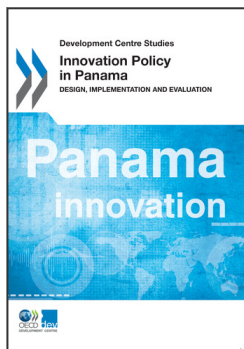


Acronyms and abbreviations

- AIG** Autoridad Nacional para la Innovación Gubernamental (National Authority for Governmental Innovation), Panama
- ANII** Agencia Nacional de Investigación e Innovación (National Innovation and Research Agency), Uruguay
- BRL** Brazilian Reais
- CICYT** Consejo Interministerial de Ciencia y Tecnología (Inter-ministerial Council for Science, Technology and Innovation), Panama
- CIDT** Consejo para la Innovación y Desarrollo Tecnológico (Council for Innovation and Technological Development), Dominican Republic
- CNC** Centro Nacional de Competitividad (Centre for National Competitiveness), Panama
- CONACYT** Comisión Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation), Panama
- CONADES** Consejo Nacional de Desarrollo Sostenible (National Council for Sustainable Development), Panama
- CONEP** Consejo Nacional de la Empresa Privada (National Council of Private Enterprise), Panama
- CONICYT** Consejo Nacional de Innovación, Ciencia y Tecnología (Council for Innovation, Science and Technology), Uruguay
- CORFO** Corporación de Fomento de la Producción (Chilean Production Development Corporation), Chile
- ECLAC** Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations
- EU** European Union
- FDI** Foreign Direct Investment
- FIC** Fondo de Innovación para la Competitividad, (Innovation for Competitiveness Fund), Chile
- FONACITI** Fondo Nacional para el Desarrollo de la Ciencia, la Tecnología y la Innovación (National Fund for Science, Technology and Innovation), Panama
- FTA** Free Trade Agreement
- FTZ** Free Trade Zone
- GCI** Global Competitiveness Index

GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GERD	Gross Domestic Expenditure on Research and Development
ICT	Information and Communication Technologies
IDIAP	Instituto de Investigación Agropecuario de Panama (Agricultural Research Institute of Panama), Panama
IFARHU	Instituto para la Formación y Aprovechamiento de Recursos Humanos (Institute for Training and Development of Human Resources), Panama
IMF	International Monetary Fund
INDICASAT	Instituto de Investigaciones Científicas de Alta Tecnología (Institute of Advanced Scientific Investigations and High Technology Services), Panama
MEDUCA	Ministério de Educación (Ministry of Education), Panama
MEF	Ministerio de Economía y Finanzas (Ministry of the Economy and Finance), Panama
MESCyT	Ministerio de Educación Superior, Ciencia y Tecnología (Ministry for Higher Education, Science and Technology), Dominican Republic
MICI	Ministerio de Comercio e Industria (Ministry of Industry and Commerce), Panama
MICIT	Ministerio de Ciencia y Tecnología (Ministry of Science and Technology), Costa Rica
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PECYT	Plan Estratégico de Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación (Strategic Plan for Science, Technology and Innovation), Dominican Republic
PENCTI	Plan Estratégico Nacional de Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación (National Strategic Plan for Science, Technology and Innovation), Uruguay
PENCYT	Plan Etragético Nacional de Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación (National Strategic Plan for Science, Technology and Innovation), Panama
PISA	Programme for International Student Assessment
PPP	Purchasing Power Parity
R&D	Research and Development
SCI	Science Citation Index
SENACYT	Secretaría Nacional de Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación (National Secretariat for Science, Technology and Innovation), Panama
SME	Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises
SNI	Sistema Nacional de Investigación (National Research System), Panama
SNIDT	Sistema Nacional de Innovación y Desarrollo Tecnológico (National System for Innovation and Technological Development), Dominican Republic
STI	Science, Technology and Innovation
STRI	Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute
USD	United States Dollar



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