

Abbreviations and Acronyms

ALMP	active labour market policy
DHS	Demographic and Health Survey
EPL	Employment Protection Legislation
ERF	Economic Research Forum
ESCWA	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
FDI	foreign direct investment
GCC	Gulf Cooperation Council
GDP	gross domestic product
HCI	Human Capital Index
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IT	information technology
LDC	least developed country
LFPR	labour force participation rate
MENA	Middle East and North Africa
MICS	Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey
MSME	micro, small and medium-sized enterprise
NAIRU	non-accelerating inflation rate of unemployment
NEET	not in education, employment or training
NEP	national employment policy
NFIS	national financial inclusion strategy
NYUAD	New York University Abu Dhabi
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OSH	occupational safety and health
PAPFAM	Pan Arab Project for Family Health
R&D	research and development
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
SME	small and medium-sized enterprise
STEM	science, technology, engineering and mathematics
TFP	total factor productivity
TIMMS	Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
WEF	World Economic Forum