

# Abbreviations and Explanatory Notes

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<b>BIS</b>	Bank for International Settlements	<b>LNG</b>	liquefied natural gas
<b>CACs</b>	conflict-affected countries	<b>Mb/d</b>	million barrels per day
<b>DAP</b>	diammonium phosphate	<b>MENA</b>	Middle East and North Africa
<b>DESA</b>	department of Economic and Social Affairs (of the United Nations)	<b>MIC</b>	middle-income country
<b>EIA</b>	Energy Information Administration (United States Department of Energy)	<b>MMBtu</b>	million metric British thermal units
<b>ESCWA</b>	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia	<b>MT</b>	million tons
<b>FDI</b>	foreign direct investment	<b>MTPA</b>	million tons per annum
<b>GCC</b>	Gulf Cooperation Council	<b>ODA</b>	official development assistance
<b>GDP</b>	gross domestic product	<b>OECD</b>	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
<b>GECF</b>	Gas Exporting Countries Forum	<b>OPEC</b>	Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
<b>HIPC</b>	heavily indebted poor countries	<b>SDGs</b>	Sustainable Development Goals
<b>IDP</b>	internally displaced person	<b>SDR</b>	special drawing right
<b>IEA</b>	International Energy Agency	<b>UNRWA</b>	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
<b>ILO</b>	International Labour Organization	<b>VAR</b>	vector autoregression
<b>IMF</b>	International Monetary Fund	<b>VAT</b>	value added tax
<b>LDC</b>	least developed country	<b>WTI</b>	West Texas Intermediate
<b>LIBOR</b>	London Interbank Offered Rate		