### Abbreviations and Acronyms

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<td>ALMP</td>
<td>active labour market policy</td>
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<td>EPL</td>
<td>Employment Protection Legislation</td>
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<td>ERF</td>
<td>Economic Research Forum</td>
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<td>ESCWA</td>
<td>Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia</td>
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<td>FDI</td>
<td>foreign direct investment</td>
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<td>GCC</td>
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<td>GDP</td>
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<td>HCI</td>
<td>Human Capital Index</td>
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<td>International Monetary Fund</td>
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<td>IT</td>
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<td>LDC</td>
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<td>LFPR</td>
<td>labour force participation rate</td>
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<td>MENA</td>
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<td>MSME</td>
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<td>NAIRU</td>
<td>non-accelerating inflation rate of unemployment</td>
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<td>NEET</td>
<td>not in education, employment or training</td>
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<td>NFIS</td>
<td>national financial inclusion strategy</td>
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<td>NYUAD</td>
<td>New York University Abu Dhabi</td>
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<td>OECD</td>
<td>Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development</td>
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<td>OSH</td>
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<td>PAPFAM</td>
<td>Pan Arab Project for Family Health</td>
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<td>STEM</td>
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<td>TFP</td>
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