

Acronyms and abbreviations

A2K	Access to knowledge
AAP	Association of American Publishers
ABS	Access and benefit-sharing
ACTA	Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement
AIATSIS	Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies
AIDS	Acquired immune deficiency syndrome
ALACDE	Latin American and Caribbean Law and Economics Association
AMC	Advanced market commitments
ANDES	Association for Nature and Sustainable Development
AOC	Appellation d'origine contrôlée
API	Active pharmaceutical ingredient
ARIPO	African Regional Intellectual Property Organization
ARV	Antiretroviral
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ASSINSEL	International Association of Plant Breeders
ATRIP	Advancement of Teaching and Research in Intellectual Property
CAFTA	Central American Free Trade Agreement
CAN	Andean Community of Nations
CARICOM	Caribbean Community
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity
CESCR	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
CFS	Committee on World Food Security
CGIAR	Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research
CI	Consumers International
CIEL	Center for International Environmental Law
CIFOR	Center for International Forestry Research
CIP	International Potato Center
CIPIH	Commission on Intellectual Property Rights, Innovation and Public Health
CIPR	Commission on Intellectual Property Rights
COP (CBD)	Conference of the Parties (to the Convention on Biological Diversity)
CP TECH	Consumer Project on Technology
CRC	Convention on the Rights of the Child
CSIR	Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (South Africa)
CSO	Civil society organization
CTEA	Copyright Term Extension Act
DIGERPI	General Office for the Registry of the Industrial Property of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Panama)
DMCA	Digital Millennium Copyright Act
DNDI	Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative
DRM	Digital rights management
ECHR	European Court of Human Rights
EDV	Essentially derived variety
EFF	Electronic Frontier Foundation
eIFL	Electronic Information for Libraries

EPO	European Patent Office
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FDA	Food and Drug Administration (United States)
FDI	Foreign direct investment
FHSST	Free High School Science Texts
FIS	International Seed Trade Federation
FOEI	Friends of the Earth International
FPIC	Free, prior and informed consent
FTA	Free trade agreement
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GDI	Gender-related Development Index
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GEM	Gender Empowerment Measure
GI	Geographical indication
GMO	Genetically modified organism
GPL	General Public License
GRAIN	Genetic Resources Action International
HDI	Human Development Index
HIV	Human immunodeficiency virus
HRBA	Human rights-based approach
IAASTD	International Assessment of Agricultural Knowledge, Science and Technology for Development
IAVI	AIDS Vaccine Initiative
ICBG	International Cooperative Biodiversity Group
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICESCR	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
ICOM	International Council of Museums
ICTS	Information and communication technologies
ICTSD	International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development
IDRC	International Development Research Centre
IEGBIIP	International Expert Group on Biotechnology, Innovation and Intellectual Property
IELRC	International Environmental Law Research Centre
IESA	Institut d'Etudes Supérieures des Arts
IFLA	International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions
IFPMA	International Federation of Pharmaceuticals Manufacturers & Associations
IGF	Internet Governance Forum
IGNCA	Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts
IGWG	Intergovernmental Working Group on Public Health, Innovation and Intellectual Property
IIED	International Institute for Environment and Development
IITF	International Indigenous Information and Communication Technologies Task Force
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMPACT	International Medical Products Anti-Counterfeiting Taskforce

INTECH	Institute for New Technologies
IP	Intellectual property
IPRS	Intellectual property rights
ISE	International Society of Ethnobiology
ISF	International Seed Federation
ISTEC	Ibero-American Science and Technology Education Consortium
ITPGRFA	International Treaty for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature
KEI	Knowledge Ecology International
LCA	Library Copyright Alliance
LDC	Least developed country
MDGS	Millennium Development Goals
MERIT	Maastricht Economic Research Institute on Innovation and Technology
MIHR	Centre for the Management of Intellectual Property in Health Research and Development
MIT	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
MMV	Medicines for Malaria Venture
MTA	Material transfer agreement
NEA	National Education Association (United States)
NGO	Non-governmental organization
NIAAA	National Indigenous Arts Advocacy Association (Australia)
OAPI	African Intellectual Property Organization
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OSDD	Open Source Drug Discovery
OTOP	One Tambon One Product
OVOP	One Village One Product
P2P	Peer to peer (file sharing system)
PAHO	Pan American Health Organization
PCT	Patent Cooperation Treaty
PDP	Product development partnership
PGR	Plant genetic resources
PGRFA	Plant genetic resources for food and agriculture
PIC	Prior informed consent
PIIPA	Public Interest Intellectual Property Advisors
PIPRA	Public Intellectual Property Resource for Agriculture
PPP	Public-private partnership
PVP	Plant variety protection
QALY	Quality-adjusted life year
QMRD	Qualified Medical Research and Development
QUNO	Quaker United Nations Office
R&D	Research and development
SAARC	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
SADC	Southern Africa Development Community
SCCR	Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights
SIDS	Small island developing states
SME	Small and medium enterprise

SMTA	Standard Material Transfer Agreement
SPDA	Peruvian Society for Environmental Law
SPLT	Substantive Patent Law Treaty
TAK	Traditional agricultural knowledge
TBA	Tuberculosis Alliance
TCE	Traditional cultural expression
TEBTEBBA	Indigenous Peoples' International Centre for Policy Research and Education
TK	Traditional knowledge
TMK	Traditional medicinal knowledge
TPMS	Technology protection measures
TRALAC	Trade Law Centre for Southern Africa
TRIPS	Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
TTAB	Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (United States)
TWN	Third World Network
UDHR	Universal Declaration of Human Rights
UN	United Nations
UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNDRIP	United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNPFII	United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
UNU	United Nations University
UNU-IAS	United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies
UPOV	International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants
USPTO	United States Patent and Trademark Office
WBU	World Blind Union
WCO	World Customs Organization
WCT	WIPO Copyright Treaty
WHA	World Health Assembly
WHO	World Health Organization
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
WPPT	WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty
WTO	World Trade Organization
WWF	World Wide Fund for Nature