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# Glossary and meanings of acronyms

ActionAid	British international development NGO
AoA	Agreement on Agriculture (of the WTO)
BCA	benefit–cost analysis
CARE	international development NGO, centrally based in the USA
CSD	Commission on Sustainable Development
DFID	Department for International Development (UK government department)
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
ENSO	El Niño Southern Oscillation effect
EOC	Environmental Overview of Country Programme (also EOP; of UNDP)
EU	European Union
FAO	United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (evolved into the WTO in 1995)
GED	gender, environment, and development
GIS	geographic information systems
GM crops	genetically modified crops
GNP	gross national product
HYV	high-yielding variety
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank)
IIED	International Institute for Environment and Development (London)

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ITDG	Intermediate Technology Development Group (UK-based international development NGO)
IUCN	International Union for the Conservation of Nature (World Conservation Union)
LDCs	Least Developed Countries
LEISA	low-external-input sustainable agriculture
NCSs	national conservation strategies
NEAPs	National Environmental Management Action Plans (also known as NEMAPs)
NFIDCs	Net Food-Importing Developing Countries
NGO	non-government organisation
Novib	Dutch international development NGO, member of Oxfam International
NSSDs	National Strategies for Sustainable Development
Oxfam GB	(referred to as 'Oxfam' in this text) international development NGO, based in Great Britain, member of Oxfam International
PEC	Primary Environmental Care
PLA	Participatory Learning and Action (also known as PRA)
PRA	Participatory Rural Appraisal (also known as PLA or RRA)
RRA	Rapid Rural Appraisal (also known as PRA)
S&W	strengths and weaknesses
TRIPS	Trade Related Intellectual Property Rights
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment
WTO	World Trade Organisation
WWF	World Wide Fund for Nature (also known as World Wildlife Fund)
UNCED	UN Conference on Environment and Development (1992 in Rio de Janeiro; also known as the Earth Summit)
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
WCED	World Commission on Environment and Development (also known as the Brundtland Commission)