

List of Acronyms

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| ACU | Asian Clearing Union | CDIS | Co-ordinated Direct Investment Survey |
| ADB | Asian Development Bank | CDS | Credit Demand Survey |
| AOD | Academy of Design | CE | Compensation of Employees |
| APPFs | Approved Pension and Provident Funds | CEA | Central Environmental Authority |
| APREA | Asia Pacific Real Estate Association | CEB | Ceylon Electricity Board |
| APTA | Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement | CEFTS | Common Electronic Fund Transfer Switch |
| ARF | Agency Results Framework | CEMD | Confidential Enquiries into Maternal Deaths |
| ASI | Annual Survey of Industries | CEO | Chief Executive Officer |
| ASPI | All Share Price Index | CEP | Central Expressway Project |
| ATMs | Automated Teller Machines | CEPAs | Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreements |
| ATI | Advanced Technological Institutions | CFC | Consumption of Fixed Capital |
| ATM | Average Time to Maturity | CFC | Ceylon Fisheries Corporation |
| ATMs | Advanced Traffic Management System | CGSPA | Credit Guarantee Scheme for Pawning Advances |
| ATPF | Asian Trade Promotion Forum | CHOGM | Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting |
| ATS | Automated Trading System | CICT | Colombo International Container Terminal |
| AWCMR | Average Weighted Call Money Rate | CIF | Cost, Insurance and Freight |
| AWDR | Average Weighted Deposit Rate | CINEC | Colombo International Nautical and Engineering College |
| AWFDR | Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate | CIS | Commonwealth of Independent States |
| AWLR | Average Weighted Lending Rate | CIT | Cheque Imaging and Truncation |
| AWNDR | Average Weighted New Deposit Rate | CKAH | Colombo-Kandy Alternate Highway |
| AWNLR | Average Weighted New Lending Rate | CKDu | Chronic Kidney Disease unknown etiology |
| AWPR | Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate | CKE | Colombo- Katunayake Expressway |
| BAQ | Better Air Quality | CMA | Condominium Management Authority |
| BCBS | Basel Committee on Banking Supervision | CMC | Colombo Municipal Council |
| BIA | Bandaranaika International Airport | COLA | Cost of Living Allowance |
| BMARI | Bandaranaika Memorial Ayurveda Research Institute | COP | Conference of the Parties |
| BMI | Body Mass Index | COSTI | Coordinating Office for Science, Technology and Innovation |
| BOC | Bank of Ceylon | CPs | Commercial Papers |
| BOI | Board of Investment of Sri Lanka | CPC | Ceylon Petroleum Corporation |
| BIMV | Budget Implementation and Monitoring Unit | CPCP | Colombo Port City Project |
| BOP | Balance of Payments | CPI | Corruption Perceptions Index |
| BOS | Bussiness Outlook Survey | CRI | Coconut Research Institute |
| BPM | Business Process Management | CRIB | Credit Information Bureau |
| BPM6 | Balance of Payments Manual Sixth Edition | CRIMS | Credit Information Management System |
| BPO | Business Process Outsourcing | CRISL | Coconut Research Institute of Sri Lanka |
| BGL | Betting and Gaming Levy | CSDDLs | Commercial Scale Dairy Development Loan Scheme |
| BRIC | Brazil, Russia, India and China | CSE | Colombo Stock Exchange |
| BSI | Business Sentiment Indices | CSFTA | China-SriLanka Free Trade Agreement |
| BTI | Bertelsmann Foundation Transformation Index | CSS | Credit Supply Survey |
| CAL | Computer Assisted Learning | CTA | Colombo Tea Auction |
| CAR | Capital Adequacy Ratio | CWDCS | County Wide Data Collection System |
| CAREP | Conflict Affected Region Emergency Project | D-SIBs | Domestic Systemically Important Banks |
| CAS | Common ATM Switch | DBU | Domestic Banking Unit |
| CASA | Current Accounts and Savings Accounts | DC | Desiccated Coconut |
| CBF | Commonwealth Business Forum | DCD | Dicyandiamide |
| CBG | Criteria Based Grant | DCS | Department of Census and Statistics |
| CBSL | Central Bank of Sri Lanka | DDA | Doha Development Agenda |
| CCAPS | Common Card and Payment Switch | DDD | Department of Divineguma Development |
| CCB | Coconut Cultivation Board | DFCC | Development Finance Corporation of Ceylon |
| CCC | Ceylon Chamber of Commerce | DIEs | Direct Investment Enterprises |
| CCPI | Colombo Consumers' Price Index | | |
| CDA | Coconut Development Authority | | |

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| DOA | Department of Agriculture | GCI | Global Competitiveness Index |
| DOC | Department of Commerce | GDDS | General Data Dissemination System |
| DOP | Department of Posts | GDE | Gross Domestic Expenditure |
| DNCWS | Department of National Community Water Supply | GDP | Gross Domestic Product |
| DSGE | Dynamic Stochastic General Equilibrium | GIC | Government Information Center |
| DZLiSPP | Dry Zone Livelihood Support and Parentship Programme | GG | General Government |
| DTET | Department of Technical Education and Training | GIS | Global Information System |
| DVP | Delivery Vs Payment | GIC | Government Information Center |
| ECT | East Container Terminal | GICS | Global Industry Classification Standard |
| EDB | Export Development Board | GMP | Good Manufacturing Practices |
| EDCF | Economic Development Cooperation Fund | GNI | Gross National Income |
| EEZ | Exclusive Economic Zone | GOS | Gross Operating Surplus |
| EDS | External Debt Statistics | GPL | Galoya Plantation Limited |
| EFTPOS | Electronic Fund Transfer Facilities at the Point of Sale | GSA | General Sales Agent |
| EGDI | E- Government Development Index | GSLI | Global Services Location Index |
| EIA | Environmental Impact Assessment | GSP | Generalised Scheme of Preferences |
| EKSP | Education for Knowledge Society Project | GSP+ | Generalised Scheme of Preferences Plus |
| ENRP | Emergency North Recovery Project | GSTP | Global System of Trade Preferences |
| EPC | Engineer, Procurement and Construction | GUTs | Gilt Unit Trusts |
| EPF | Employees' Provident Fund | GVA | Gross Value Added |
| EPL | Environmental Protection License | GWP | Gross Written Premium |
| EPP | Environmental Pioneer President's | GWP | Global Warming Potential |
| EPZ | Export Processing Zone | HACCP | Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point |
| ESC | Economic Service Charge | HDFC | Housing Development Finance Corporation Bank |
| ESC | Education for Social Cohesion Project | HDI | Human Development Index |
| ESDFP | Education Sector Development Framework Programme | HH | Households |
| ESS | External Sector Statistics | HIES | Household Income and Expenditure Survey |
| ESDP | Education Sector Development Programme | HLCs | Healthy Lifestyle Centres |
| EST | Environmentally Sustainable Transport | HQLA | High Quality Liquid Assets |
| ETCA | Economic and Technological Cooperation Agreement | HTM | Held to Maturity |
| ETF | Employees' Trust Fund | IACCCC | Inter-Agency Coordination Committee on Climate Change |
| EU | European Union | IBSL | Insurance Board of Sri Lanka |
| EXIM Bank | Export Import Bank | ICASL | Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka |
| FAC | Fuel Adjustment Charge | ICDL | International Computer Driving License |
| FAO | Food and Agriculture Organisation | ICT | Information and Communication Technology |
| FATF | Financial Action Task Force | ICTA | Information and Communication Technology Agency |
| FC | Financial Corporations | ICTAD | Institute for Construction Training and Development |
| FCAASA | Foreign Currency Account for an Agent of Foreign Shipping Line/Airline | IDA | International Development Association |
| FDA | Food and Drug Administration | IDB | Industrial Development Board |
| FDI | Foreign Direct Investment | IDD | International Direct Dialling |
| FEEA | Foreign Exchange Earners' Accounts | IDH | Infectious Diseases Hospital |
| FIPI | Factory Industry Production Index | IDRC | International Development Research Centre |
| FIS | Fixed Income Securities | IEs | Industrial Estates |
| FISIM | Financial Intermediation Services Indirectly Measured | IEE | Initial Environment Examination |
| FOB | Free On Board | IFA | Investment Fund Account |
| FTAs | Free Trade Agreements | IFAD | International Fund for Agricultural Development |
| FTTH | Fibre to the Home | IIA | Inward Investment Account |
| FX | Foreign Exchange | IIP | International Investment Position |
| G-SIBs | Global Systemically Important Banks | ILF | Intra-day Liquidity Facility |
| GAP | Good Agricultural Practices | IMF | International Monetary Fund |
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| | | IPI | Industrial Production Index |
| | | IPICT | International Pedagogical ICT Driving License |

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| IPO | Initial Public Offer | MPI | Milanka Price Index |
| IPP | Independent Power Producers | MRDS | Minimum Requirement Date Set |
| IRD | Inland Revenue Department | MRIA | Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport |
| IRGS | Innovative Research Grant Scheme | MRMRP | Magam Ruhunupura Mahinda Rajapaksa Port |
| ISBs | International Sovereign Bonds | MSL | Mean Sea Level |
| ISFTA | India-Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement | MRO | Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul |
| ISIC | International Standard Industrial Classification | MSMEs | Micro, Small and Medium Scale Enterprises |
| IT | Information Technology | MTISED | Ministry of Traditional Industries and Small Enterprise Development |
| ITES | Information Technology Enabled Services | MTMFF | Medium Term Macro Fiscal Framework |
| ITMIS | Integrated Treasury Management Information System | NADeP | National Agribusiness Development Programme |
| ITS | Intelligent Transport System | NAITA | National Apprenticeship and Industrial Training Authority |
| ITU | International Telecommunication Union | NAP | National Action Plan |
| JAAF | Joint Apparel Association Forum | NAV | Net Assets Value |
| JCT | Jaye Container Terminal | NAQDA | National Agriculture Development Authority |
| JICA | Japanese International Cooperation Agency | NBT | Nation Building Tax |
| JTF | Joint Task Force | NCCPSL | National Climate Change Policy of Sri Lanka |
| JWGT | Joint Working Group on Trade | NCCSL | National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka |
| KFAED | Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development | NCDs | Non-Communicable Diseases |
| KOICA | Korea International Cooperation Agency | NCE | Nanotechnology Centre of Excellence |
| KPO | Knowledge Process Outsourcing | NCG | Net Credit to the Government |
| LC | Letter of Credit | NCPI | National Consumer Price Index |
| LCB | Licensed Commercial Bank | NCP | Northern Road Connectivity Project |
| LCPL | LankaClear (Pvt.) Limited | NCRCS | New Comprehensive Rural Credit Scheme |
| LCR | Liquidity Coverage Ratio | NCRE | Non-Conventional Renewable Energy |
| LDB | Lankaputhra Development Bank | NDA | Net Domestic Assets |
| LDCs | Least Developed Countries | NEA | National Environmental Act |
| LECO | Lanka Electricity Company (Pvt.) Ltd. | NEDA | National Enterprise Development Authority |
| LFC | Licensed Finance Company | NEER | Nominal Effective Exchange Rate |
| LFPR | Labour Force Participation Rate | NEP | Northern Expressway |
| LGN | Lanka Government Network | NER | Net Enrolment Ratio |
| LHS | Left Hand Side | NFA | Net Foreign Assets |
| LIBOR | London Interbank Offered Rate | NFC | Non Financial Corporation |
| LIOC | Lanka Indian Oil Company | NFC | Near Field Communication |
| LPG | Liquid Petroleum Gas | NFC | Non-Financial Corporations |
| LSB | Licensed Specialised Bank | NFIA | Net Factor Income from Abroad |
| LSC | Lanka Sugar Company | NGJA | National Gem & Jewellery Authority |
| LTV | Loan to Value | NGOs | Non- Governmental Organisations |
| LTE | Long Term Evolution | NGRS | National Green Reporting System |
| MBA | Migrant Block Account | NHDA | National Housing Development Authority |
| MBSL | Merchant Bank of Sri Lanka | NIE | National Institute of Education |
| MCPWS | Ministry of City Planning and Water Supply | NII | Net Interest Income |
| MDGs | Millennium Development Goals | NIM | Net Interest Margin |
| MFF | Multi-tranche Financing Facility | NIR | Net International Reserves |
| MFI | Microfinance Institutions | NLDB | National Livestock Development Board |
| MHNIM | Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine | NOP | Net Open Position |
| MI | Mixed Income | NOU | National Ozone Unit |
| MIC | Ministry of Industry and Commerce | NOS | Net Operating Surplus |
| MICE | Meeting, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions | NPAs | Non-Performing Accommodations |
| ML | Mihin Lanka | NPISH | Non-Profit Institutions Serving Households |
| MOF | Ministry of Finance | NPC | National Payments Council |
| MOU | Memorandum of Understanding | NPLs | Non-Performing Loans |
| MHEH | Ministry of Higher Education and Highways | NRCP | Northern Road Connectivity Project |
| MPC | Monetary Policy Committee | NRFC | Non Resident Foreign Currency (Account) |
| MPCC | Monetary Policy Consultative Committee | | |

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| NRI | Networked Readiness Index | RBC | Risk Based Capital |
| NRRNFA | Non Resident Non National Foreign Currency Account | RBI | Reserve Bank of India |
| NRRP | Nothern Road Rehabilitation Project | RBM | Results Based Monitoring |
| NSB | National Savings Bank | RDA | Road Development Authority |
| NSBM | National School of Business Management | RDB | Regional Development Bank |
| NSF | National Science Foundation | RDB | Rural Development Bank |
| NSFR | Net Stable Funding Ratio | RDT | Reserve Data Template |
| NTC | National Transport Commission | RDHS | Regional Directorates of Health Services |
| NVQ | National Vocational Qualification | REAEP | Resumption of Economic Activities in the Eastern Province |
| NWS&DB | National Water Supply and Drainage Board | REER | Real Effective Exchange Rate |
| NYCS | National Youth Services Council | REIT | Real Estate Investment Trust |
| OBU | Offshore Banking Unit | RFC | Resident Foreign Currency (Accounts) |
| OCH | Outer Circular Highway | RFP | Request for Proposals |
| ODS | Ozone Depleting Substances | RGD | Registrar General's Department |
| OECD | Organization of Economic Corporation and Development | RHS | Right Hand Side |
| OFC | Other Field Crops | RMU | Risk Management Unit |
| OMO | Open Market Operations | RNNFC | Resident Non National Foreign Currency Deposits |
| OPEC | Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries | ROA | Return on Assets |
| OPL | Official Poverty Line | ROE | Return of Equity |
| OPRC | Output and Performance-based Road Contracts | RPC | Regional Plantation Companies |
| PAL | Ports and Airports Development Levy | RRDI | Rice Research Development Institute |
| PAMP | Poverty Alleviation Microfinance Project | RRI | Rubber Research Institute |
| PAMP-RF | Poverty Alleviation Microfinance Project - Revolving Fund | RSS | Ribbed Smoked Sheet |
| PAYE | Pay-As-You-Earn | RTGS | Real Time Gross Settlement |
| PCs | Provincial Councils | RWCAR | Risk Weighted Capital Adequacy Ratio |
| PCC | Pure Ceylon Cinnamon | SAARC | South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation |
| PCE | Private Consumption Expenditure | SAFTA | South Asian Free Trade Area |
| PDs | Primary Dealers | SAGT | South Asia Gateway Terminal |
| PER | Price Earning Ratio | SATIS | SAARC Agreement on Trade in Services |
| PFI | Participating Financial Institutions | SBA | Stand-By Arrangement |
| PGDP | Provincial Gross Domestic Product | SCAQA | Standing Committee on Accreditation and Quality Assurance |
| PHCR | Poverty Head Count Ratio | SCL | Special Commodity Levy |
| PLC | Public Limited Company | SCT | South Container Terminal |
| PMB | Paddy Marketing Board | SDDS | Special Data Dissemination Standard |
| PMI | Purchasing Managers' Index | SDF | Standing Deposit Facility |
| POS | Points of Sale | SDFR | Standing Deposit Facility Rate |
| PPI | Producer's Price Index | SDGs | Sustainable Development Goals |
| PPP | Purchasing Power Parity | SDR | Special Drawing Rights |
| PPP | Public Private Partnership | SE | Southern Expressway |
| PRDC | Petroleum Resources Development Committee | SEC | Securities and Exchange Commission |
| PRDS | Petroleum Resources Development Secretariat | SEPI | Self Employment Promotion Initiative |
| PRI | Palmyrah Research Institute | SFIDA | Special Foreign Investment Deposit Account |
| PSDG | Province Specific Development Grant | SFLCP-RF | Small Farmers and Landless Credit Projects - Revolving Fund |
| PSDP | Province Specific Development Projects | SIA | Securities Investment Account |
| PSES | Public Sector Employment Survey | SIBA | Sri Lanka International Buddhist Academy |
| PSFTA | Pakistan-Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement | SLA | SriLankan Airlines |
| PSPF | Public Service Provident Fund | SLAR | Statutory Liquid Asset Ratio |
| PTAs | Preferential Trading Agreements | SLAS | Sri Lanka Accounting Standards |
| QEDS | Quarterly External Debt Statistics | SLASSCOM | Sri Lanka Association of Software and Services Companies |
| QLFS | Quarterly Labour Force Survey | | |
| RAMIS | Revenue Administration Management Information System | | |

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| SLATE | Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education | TPP | Trans-Pacific Partnership |
| SLBFE | Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment | TRCSL | Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka |
| SLC | Specialised Leasing Company | TRI | Tea Research Institute |
| SLCSMI | Sri Lanka Chamber of Small and Medium Industries | TSEP | Transforming the School Education System as the Foundation of Knowledge Hub Project |
| SLDBs | Sri Lanka Development Bonds | TSHDA | Tea Small Holdings Development Authority |
| SLDF | Sri Lanka Design Festival | TVEC | Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission |
| SLECIC | Sri Lanka Export Credit Insurance Corporation | TVET | Technical and Vocational Education and Training |
| SLF | Standing Lending Facility | UAE | United Arab Emirates |
| SLFPA | Sri Lanka Food Processors' Association | UAT | User Acceptance Testing |
| SLFR | Standing Lending Facility Rate | UDA | Urban Development Authority |
| SLFRS | Sri Lanka Financial Reporting Standards | UGC | University Grants Commission |
| SLIBOR | Sri Lanka Interbank Offered Rate | UHT | Ultra Heat Treated |
| SLINTEC | Sri Lanka Institute of Nanotechnology | UIG | University, Industry and Government |
| SLIPS | Sri Lanka Inter-bank Payment System | UK | United Kingdom |
| SLIN | Sri Lanka Identification Number | UN | United Nations |
| SLITA | Sri Lanka Institute of Textile and Apparel | UNCCD | United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification |
| SLPA | Sri Lanka Ports Authority | UN-REDD | United Nations Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation |
| SLQF | Sri Lanka Qualification Framework | UNFCCC | United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change |
| SLR | Sri Lanka Railways | UNWTO | United Nation's World Tourism Organisation |
| SLS | Saubhagya Loan Scheme | USA/US | United States of America |
| SLSEA | Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority | USDA | Urban Settlement Development Authority |
| SLSI | Sri Lanka Standards Institution | UTs | Unit Trusts |
| SLTB | Sri Lanka Tea Board | UTMC | Unit Trust Management Company |
| SLTB | Sri Lanka Transport Board | VAT | Value Added Tax |
| SLTDA | Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority | VDRL | Venereal Disease Research Laboratory |
| SLTPB | Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau | VJP | Visiting Journalist Program |
| SLTTS | Super Luxury Tourist Transport Service | VMS | Variable Message Sign |
| SMEs | Small and Medium Enterprises | VMS | Vessel Monitoring System |
| SNA | System of National Accounts | VRI | Veterinary Research Institute |
| SNBFI | Supervision of Non-Bank Financial Institutions | VTA | Vocational Training Authority |
| SOBEs | State Owned Business Enterprises | WASH | Water, Sanitation and Hygiene |
| SOE | State Owned Enterprises | WAYRs | Weighted Average Yield Rates |
| SOREM | Sapugaskanda Oil Refinery Expansion and Modernisation | WCLSTF | Working Capital Loan Scheme for Tea Factories |
| SPEnDP | Small Holder Plantation Entrepreneurship Development Programme | WCLWD | Weligama Coconut Leaf Wilt Disease |
| SRC | Standing Rate Corridor | WEDP | Women Entrepreneurship Development Programme |
| SRI | Sugarcane Research Institute | WEF | World Economic Forum |
| SRR | Statutory Reserve Ratio | WEO | World Economic Outlook |
| StrS | Secured Transaction Registry System | WFP | World Food Programme |
| SVAT | Simplified Value Added Tax | WHO | World Health Organisation |
| TBI | Technology Business Incubator | WHT | Withholding Tax |
| TCF | Trillion Cubic Feet | WIPO | World Intellectual Property Office |
| TDF | Technology Development Fund | WRS | Web-based Recruitment System |
| TDP | Tea Development Programme | WTO | World Trade Organisation |
| TEUs | Twenty-foot Equivalent Container Units | WTTC | World Travel and Tourism Council |
| TFA | Trade Facilitation Agreement | ZBB | Zero Based Budgeting |
| TIFA | Trade and Investment Framework Agreement | | |
| TOT | Training of Trainers | | |