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## Preface

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## Acronyms

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AISA	Africa Institute of South Africa
AMCEN	African Ministerial Conference on the Environment
CBI	Cross Border Initiative
COMESA	Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa
DRC	Democratic Republic of Congo
EAC	East African Community
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
FANR	Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FSI	Foreign Direct Investment
FTA	Free Trade Agreement
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GER	Gross Enrolment Ratios
HDI	Human Development Index
HPI	Human Poverty Index
HSRC	Human Sciences Research Council
ICE	Intergovernmental Committee of Experts
ITU	International Telecommunication Union
NEPAD	New Partnership for Africa's Development
NGOs	Non-governmental Organisations
ODA	Official Development Assistance
OPDS	Organ on Politics, Defence and Security
REC	Regional Economic Community
RIAs	regional Integration Arrangements
RIFF	Regional Integration Facilitation Forum
RISDP	Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan
SACU	Southern African Customs Union
SADC	Southern African Development Community

SAIIA	South African Institute of International Affairs
SAPES	Southern African Political Economy Series
SAPP	Southern African Power Pool
SATA	Southern African Telecommunications Association
SDIs	Spatial Development Initiatives
TFCA	Transfrontier Conservation Area
TRASA	Telecommunications Regulators Association of Southern Africa
UNAIDS	United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNCCD	United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNECA	United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
WSSD	World Summit on Sustainable Development