Acronyms and abbreviations

ABDI	Brazilian Agency for Industrial Development (*Agencia Brasileira de Desenvolvimento Indústrial*)
ABM	Brazilian Association of Municipalities (*Associação Brasileira de Municipios*)
ACOA	Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency
AIF	Atlantic Innovation Fund
ANATEL	National Telecommunications Agency
ANEEL	National Electricity Regulatory Agency
ANOREG	Notary Association (*Associação dos Notários e Registradores do Brasil*)
APL	Local production system (*arranjo produtivo local*)
BASA	Bank of Amazonia (*Banco da Amazônia S.A.*)
BCIS	Brazil, China, India and South Africa
BNB	Bank of the Northeast (*Banco do Nordeste do Brasil*)
BNDES	National Bank for Economic and Social Development (*Banco Nacional do Desenvolvimento Económica e Social*)
BRL	Brazilian real
CAF	Council for the Australian Federation
CAF	Federal Co-ordination Committee (*Comitê de Articulação Federativa*)
CAPES	Brazilian Federal Agency for the Support and Evaluation of Graduate Education (*Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior*)
CEDEPLAR	Centre for Regional Development and Planning (*Centro de Desenvolvimento e Planejamento Regional*) (Minas Gerais)
CEPAL	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (*Comisión Económica para América y el Caribe*)
CGEE	Centre for Management of Strategic Studies (*Centro de Gestão e Estudos Estratégicos*)
CGPAC	Committee for the Management of PAC (*Comité de Gestão do Plano de Aceleração do Crescimento*)
CIB	Bipartite multi-level commission (*Comissões intergestores bipartite*)
CIT	Tripartite multi-level commission (*Comissão intergestores tripartite*)
CNDI	National Council for Industrial Development (*Conselho Nacional do Desenvolvimento Indústrial*)
CONDEL	Deliberative Council of the SUDENE (*Conselho Deliberativo da SUDENE*)
CNI	National Confederation of Industry (*Confederação Nacional da Indústria*)

CNM	National Confederation of Municipalities (*Confederação Nacional de Municipios*)
COAG	Council of Australian Governments
CONASEMS	National Council of Municipal Secretaries of Health (*Congresso Nacional de Secretárias Municipais de Saúde*)
CONASS	National Council of State Secretaries of Health (*Conselho Nacional de Secretários de Saúde*)
COREDES	Regional development councils (*Conselhos regionais de desenvolvimento*)
CORETT	Mexican Commission for the Regularisation of Land Tenure (*Comisión para la Regularización de la Tenencia de la Tierra*)
COSEMS	Council of Municipal Secretaries of Health (*Conselho de Secretários Municipais de Saúde*)
CRC	COAG Reform Council
CSG	European Union Community Strategic Guidelines
DBDG	Brazilian Directory of Geospatial Data (*Diretório Brasileiro de Dados Geoespaciais*)
DNIT	National Department of Transport Infrastructure (*Departamento Nacional de Infraestrutura de Transportes*)
EDA	Economic Development Administration (United States)
EMBRAPA	Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation (*Empresa Brasileira de Pesquisa Agropecuária*)
ENEM	High-school examination (*Examen Nacional do Ensino Médio*)
EFRD	European Fund for Regional Development (original name)
ERDF	European Regional Development Fund (current name)
ESF	European Social Fund
ETENE	Technical Office of Economic Studies of the Northeast (*Escritório Técnico de Estudos Econômicos do Nordeste*)
FAPEAM	Foundation for R&D support of Amazonia
FAPEMIG	Foundation for R&D support of Minas Gerais
FAPERJ	Foundation for R&D support of Rio de Janeiro
FAPESC	Foundation for R&D support of Santa Catarina
FAPESP	Foundation for R&D support of São Paulo
FAPESPA	Foundation for R&D support of Pará
FAT	Workers' Assistance Fund (*Fundo de Amparo ao Trabalhador*)
FCO	Centre-West Constitutional Fund (*Fundo Constitucional de Financiamento do Centro-Oeste*)
FDI	Foreign direct investment
FIOCRUZ	Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (*Fundação Oswaldo Cruz*)
FNDF	National Fund for Forestry Development (*Fundo Nacional de Desenvolvimento Florestal*)
FNDR	National Fund for Regional Development (*Fundo Nacional de Desenvolvimento Regional*)

FNE	Northeast Constitutional Fund (*Fondo Constitucional de Financiamento do Nord-Este*)
FNO	North Constitutional Fund (*Fundo Constitucional de Financiamento do Norte*)
FNP	National Association of Prefects (*Frente Nacional dos Prefeitos*)
FPE	State Participation Fund (*Fundo de Participação Estadual*)
FPM	Municipality Participation Fund
FUNDEB	Fund for Maintenance and Development of Basic Education (*Fundo de Manutenção e Desenvolvimento da Educação Básica*)
FUNDEF	Fund for Maintenance and Development of Education (*Fundo para Manutenção e Desenvolvimento do Ensino Fundamental*)
GDP	Gross domestic product
GERD	Gross domestic expenditure on research and development
GPRA	US Government Performance and Results Act
GST	Goods and Services Tax
GTDN	Working Group for the Development of the Northeast (*Grupo de Trabalho para o Desenvolvimento do Nordeste*)
GTPAPL	Permanent Working Group for APLs (*Grupo de Trabalho Permanente* – APLs)
IBAMA	Brazilian Institute for Environment and Renewable Natural Resources (*Instituto Brasileiro do Meio Ambiente e dos Recursos Naturais Renováveis*)
IBGE	Brazilian Geographical and Statistical Institute (*Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística*)
ICMS	State value-added tax on goods and services (*Impostos sobre Comercialização de Mercadorias e Serviços*)
ICS	Social Control Council (*Instância de Controle Social*)
ICT	Information and communications technology
IDEB	Basic Education Development Index (*Índice de Desenvolvimento da Educação Básica*)
IFM	Average annual inflation rate
IGDE	State Decentralised Management Index (*Indice de Gestão Descentralizada Estadual*)
IICA	Inter-American Institute for Co-operation in Agriculture
ILPES-CEPAL	Institute for Economic and Social Planning of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
INCRA	Institute for Colonisation and Agrarian Reform (*Instituto Nacional de Colonização e Reforma Agrária*)
INDA	National Spatial Data Infrastructure of Brazil (*Infraestrutura Nacional de Dados Espaciais*)
INEP	National Institute of Research on Education (*Instituto Nacional de Estudos e Pesquisas Educacionais*)
IOC	International Olympic Committee

IPEA	Institute for Applied Economic Research (*Instituto de Pesquisa Econômica Aplicada*)
IPVA	Vehicle tax (*Imposto Propriedade sobre Veiculos Automotores*)
IRS	Increasing returns to scale
LGT	Regional spending indicators (*Localizadores de Gastos Territoriais*)
MCT	Ministry of Science and Technology (*Ministério da Ciência e Tecnologia*)
MCT-FINEP	Ministry of Science and Technology/Research and Project Financing (*Ministério da Ciência e Tecnologia/Financiadora de Estudos e Projetos*)
MDA	Ministry of Agrarian Development (*Ministério do Desinvolvimento Agrario*)
MDGs	United Nations Millennium Development Goals
MDS	Ministry of Social Development and the Fight Against Hunger (*Ministério do Desinvolvimento Social e Combato à Fome*)
MEC	Ministry of Education (*Ministério da Educação*)
MF	Ministry of Finance (*Ministério da Fazenda*)
MIDIC	Ministry of Industrial Development and Trade (*Ministério do Desinvolvimento, Indústria e Comércio Exterior*)
MIN	Ministry of National Integration (*Ministério da Integração Nacional*)
MME	Ministry of Mining and Energy (*Ministério de Minas e Energia*)
MPOG	Ministry of Planning, Budget and Management (*Ministério do Planejamento, Orçamento e Gestão*)
NGO	Non-governmental organisation
NIT	Nuclei for Technological Innovation (*Núcleos de Inovação Tecnológica*)
NSRF	European Union National Strategic Reference Framework
OCA	Olympic Co-ordinating Authority (Sydney Olympics, 2000)
OEMAs	State environmental agencies (*Órgãos estaduais de meio ambiente*)
OGU	Federal budget (*Orçamento Geral da União*)
PAC	Growth Acceleration Programme (*Programa de Aceleração de Crescimento*)
PAIF	Integrated Support to Families Programme (*Programa Atenção Integral a Família*)
PAPPE	Research Support in Enterprises Programme (*Programa de Apoio à Pesquisa em Empresas*)
PBF	Programa Bolsa Família
PCT	Patent Co-operation Treaty
PDE	Plan for Education Development (*Plano de Desenvolvimento da Educação*)
PDP	National Production Development Policy (*Política de Desenvolvimento Produtivo*)
PDR	Regional Dynamisation Policy (*Política de Dinamização Regional*)

PETI	Fight Against Child Labour (*Programa de Erradicação do Trabalho Infantil*)
PII	Minas Gerais Programme for Incentives to Firms (*Programa de Incentivo à Inovação*)
PISA	Programme for International Student Assessment
PITCE	National Strategy for Production Development, Trade and Innovation (*Política Industrial, Tecnológica e de Comércio Exterior*)
PNAD	Brazilian Census (*Pesquisa Nacional por Amostra de Domicílios*)
PNDR	National Policy for Regional Development (*Política Nacional de Desenvolvimento Regional*)
PPI	Integrated and Agreed Plans (*Programação Pactuada e Integrada*)
PPP	Purchasing power parity
PROGER	Employment and Income Generation Programme (*Programas Geração de Emprego e Renda*)
PRONAF	National Programme for Strengthening Family Farming (*Programa Nacional de Fortalecimiento da Agricultura Familiar*)
R&D	Research and development
RDA	Regional development agency
RENAPI	National Network of Industrial Policy Agents
RIDE	Integrated Development Region (*Região Integrada de Desinvolvimento*)
RMI	Minas Gerais Innovation Network (*Rede Mineira de Inovação*)
RMPI	Minas Gerais Intellectual Property Network (*Rede Mineira de Propiedad Intelectual*)
SAE	Secretary for Strategic Affairs (*Secretaria de Assuntos Estratégicos*)
SAF	Sub-Secretariat of Federal Issues (*Subchefia de Assuntos Federativos*)
SASF	System of Federal Advising (*Sistema da Assesoramento Federativo*)
SDLR	Secretary for Local and Regional Development (*Secretaria Desenvolvimento Local e Regional*)
SEBRAE	Support Service for Micro and Small Enterprises (*Agência de Apoio ao Empreendedor e Pequeno Empresário*)
SENAI	National Service for Industrial Training (*Serviço Nacional de Aprendizagem Indústria*)
SENAR	National Service for Rural Learning
SENARC	National Secretariat of Citizen Revenues (*Secretaria Nacional de Renda de Cidadania*)
SESI	Social Services for Industry (*Serviço Social da Indústria*)
SIAB	Primary Care Information System (*Sistema de Informação da Atenção Básica*)
SIAFI	Federal Financial Administration System (*Sistema de Administração Financeira*)
SIBEC	Benefits Management System (*Sistema de Benefícios ao Cidadão*)
SIBRATEC	Brazilian System for Technology (*Sistema Brasileira do Tecnologia*)

SIMI	Innovation System of Minas Gerais State (*Sistema Mineiro de Inovação*)
SMEs	Small and medium-size businesses
SNPA	National System of Agricultural Research
SPR	Special Secretariat for Regional Policies (*Secretaria Especial de Políticas Regionais*)
SPU	Federal Assets Office (*Secretaria do Patrimônio da União*)
SRI	Secretariat of Institutional Relations (*Secretaria de Relações Institucionaes*)
SUDAM	Superintendency for the Development of Amazonia (*Superintendência de Desenvolvimento da Amazônia*)
SUDECO	Superintendency for the Development of the Centre-West (*Superintendência de Desenvolvimento do Centro-Oeste*)
SUDENE	Superintendency for the Development of the Northeast (*Superintendência de Desenvolvimento do Nordeste*)
SUFRAMA	Superintendency of the Free Zone of Manaus (*Superintendência da Zona Franca de Manaus*)
SUS	Unified Health System (*Sistema Único de Saúde*)
TCU	Federal Audit Authority (*Tribunal de Contas da União*)
TL2	Territorial level 2
TL3	Territorial level 3
USD	United States dollar
VAT	Value added tax

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