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Acronyms and Abbreviations

AAPO	All Amhara People's Organization
ADP	Amhara Democratic Party
AESM/MESION	All Ethiopian Socialist Movement (<i>Ye mela Itiyophiya socialist niqinaqe</i>)
AEUP	All Ethiopian Unity Party
AfDB	African Development Bank
ALDI	Agricultural Led Development Industrialization
ALF	Afar Liberation Front
ANDM	Amhara National Democratic Movement
ANLM	Afar National Liberation Movement
APDO	Afar People's Democratic Organization
ARDUF	Afar Revolutionary Democratic Union Forces
BGPDUF	Benishangul Gumuz People's Democratic Unity Front
BRICS	Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (emerging economies)
CSA	Central Statistical Agency
CUD	Coalition for Unity and Democracy
DDS	Democratic Developmental State
EDP	Ethiopian Democratic Party
EDORM	Ethiopian Democratic Officers' Revolutionary Movement
EDU	Ethiopian Democratic Union
EFFORT	Endowment Fund For Rehabilitation of Tigray
EPDM	Ethiopian People's Democratic Movement
EPLF	Eritrean People's Liberation Front

EPRDF	Ethiopian People’s Revolutionary Democratic Front
EPRP	Ethiopian People’s Revolutionary Party
ESDP	Ethiopian Somali Democratic party
ESM	Ethiopian Student Movement
ETB	Ethiopian Birr
FDRE	Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GERD	Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam
GPDM	Gambella People’s Democratic Movement
GTP I	Growth and Transformation Plan I
GTP II	Growth and Transformation Plan II
HPR	House of People’s Representatives
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
METEC	Metal and Engineering Technology Corporations
MLLT	Marxist-Leninist League of Tigray
MOFED	Ministry of Finance and Economic Development
NNP	Nations Nationalities and Peoples
NPC	National Planning Commission
ODF	Oromo Democratic Front
ODP	Oromo Democratic Party
OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
OFC	Oromo Federalist Congress
OLF	Oromo Liberation Front
ONLF	Ogaden National Liberation Front
OPDO	Oromo People’s Democratic Organization
PASDEP	Plan for Accelerated Sustainable Development to End Poverty
PINEs	Philippines, Indonesia, Nigeria and Ethiopia.

SALF	Somali Abo Liberation Front
SDPRP	Sustainable Development Poverty Reduction Program
SEPDM	Southern Ethiopian People's Democratic Movement
SLF	Sidama Liberation Front
SNLF	Sidama National Liberation Front
TGE	Transitional Government of Ethiopia
TLF	Tigray Liberation Front
TPLF	Tigray People's Liberation Front
UEDF/MEDREK (in Amharic)	Union of Ethiopian Democratic Forces
UN	United Nations
WSLF	Western Somali Liberation Front
WB	World Bank

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