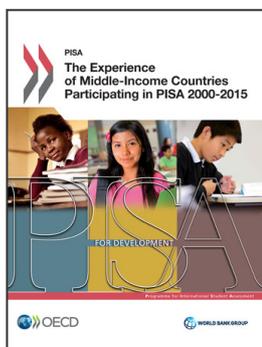




Abbreviations and acronyms

ACER	Australian Council for Education Research
APA	American Psychological Association
CEQE	Center of Education Quality Evaluation
CNA	Capacity Needs Analyses
CONFEMEN	Conférence des Ministres de l'Éducation des Pays Ayant le Français en Partage
ERCE	Estudio Regional Comparativo y Explicativo (Regional Comparative and Explanatory Study); also shown as First ERCE, (or PERCE), Second ERCE (SERCE), and Third ERCE (TERCE)
ERDD	Educational Research and Development Department
ERfKE	Education Reform for the Knowledge Economy
ETS	Educational Testing Service
EU	European Union
FYROM	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
GDN	Global Development Network
GDP	Gross domestic product
GRADE	Grupo de Analisis para el Desarrollo (Analysis for Development Group)
IAEP	International Assessment of Education Progress
ICCS	International Computer Competence Study
ICFES	Colombian Institute for Educational Evaluation
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
IEA	International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement
IERI	IEA-ETS Research Institute
IIEP	International Institute for Educational Planning
ILSA	International large-scale assessments
IMF	International Monetary Fund
INEP	Instituto Nacional de Estudos e Pesquisas Educacionais (National Institute of Educational Studies and Research)
IRLS	International Reading Literacy Study
ISCED	International Standard Classification of Education
LLECE	Laboratorio Latinoamericano de Evaluación de la Calidad de la Educación (Latin American Laboratory for the Evaluation of Educational Quality)
MCC	Millennium Challenge Corporation
NAEC	National Assessment and Examinations Center
NCHRD	National Center for Human Resources Development
NLSA	National large-scale assessment
NPM	National Project Manager
NRC	National Research Co-ordinator
PASEC	Programme d'Analyse des Systèmes Educatif de CONFEMEN
PIAAC	Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies
PIRLS	Progress in International Reading Literacy Study
PISA	Programme for International Student Assessment
PREAL	Partnership for Educational Revitalization in the Americas
RCT	Randomised Control Trial
RLSA	Regional large-scale assessment
SABER	Systems Approach for Better Education Results
SACMEQ	Southern and Eastern Africa Consortium for Monitoring Educational Quality
SAEB	Sistema de Avaliação da Educação Básica (Basic Education Evaluation System)
SIMCE	Sistema de Medición de la Calidad de la Educación (Education Quality Measurement System)
TALIS	Teaching and Learning International Study
TIMSS	Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study
UNDP	United National Development Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Education, Science and Culture Organization
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
VNIES	Vietnam National Institute for Education Sciences



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