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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ABC	- Annapurna Base Camp
ACAP	- Annapurna Conservation Area Project
CBS	- Central Bureau of Statistics
CPN	- Communist Party of Nepal
DAWN	- Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era
DOT	- Department of Tourism
E	- East
EWN	- Empowering Women of Nepal
GEM	- Gender Empowerment Measure
HMG	- His Majesty's Government
ICIMOD	- International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development
MASTA	- Marketing Assistance for Sustainable Tourism
MoTCA	- Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation
N	- North
NGO	- Non-governmental Organization
NMA	- Nepal Mountaineering Association
NRB	-Nepal Rastra Bank
NTB	- Nepal Tourism Board
NTHM	- Nepal Academy of Tourism and Hotel Management
RS	- Rupees
TAAN	- Trekking Agent Association of Nepal
UK	- United Kingdom
UN	- United Nations
UNITRAV	- Union of Trekking Travel Rafting Workers, Nepal
USA	- United State of America
WID	- Women in Development
WTO	- World Tourism Organization
WTTC	- World Travel and Tourism Council