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## **Abbreviations**

ACAP Annapurna Conservation Area Project

BDC Bandipur Development Committee

MOCTCA Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation

R&D Research and Development

EIA Environmental Impact Assessment

CBT Community Based Tourism

PGS Paying Guest System

PGH Paying Guest House

NGOS Non Government Organizations

INGOS International Non Government Organizations

TMC Tourism Management Committee

TDMC Tourism Development Management Committee

NTB Nepal Tourism Board

NPC National Planning, Commission

TU Tribhuvan University

NATHM Nepal Academy of Tourism and Hotel Management

WTO World Tourism Organization

ECTP Eco cultural Tourism Project

CCODER Centre for Community Development and Research

MOF Ministry of Finance

WTO World Trade Organization

WB World Bank