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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
CSIR	Council of Scientific and Industrial Research
ESCAP	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
GI	Grassroots innovation
GIAN	Grassroots Innovations Augmentation Network
ICRISAT	International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-arid Tropics
ICT	Information and communications technology
IP	intellectual property
IPR	intellectual property rights
JKUAT	Jomo Kenyata University of Agricultural Technology
NABARD	National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
NIF	National Innovation Foundation - India
R&D	research and development
SRISTI	Society for Research and Initiatives for Sustainable Technologies and Institutions
STI	Science, technology and innovation
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
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