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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

A	Answer
AAT	Architects Association of Tanzania
ACET	Association of Civil Engineers
ACSP	Anti-Corruption Strategy in Public Procurement
ADB	Asian Development Bank
AECT	Association of Electrical Contractors Tanzania
AEO	African Economic Outlook
AfDB	African Development Bank
AG-CS	Advisory Group on Civil Society and Aid Effectiveness
AGM	Annual General Meeting
approx.	approximately
AQSRB	Architects and Quantity Surveyors Registration Board
Art	Article
AusAID	Australian Government Overseas Aid Programme
BEST	Business Environment Strengthening for Tanzania
BPI	Bribe Payers Index
CCM	Chama Cha Mapinduzi (Revolutionary Party)
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CHRGG	Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance
CIP	Construction Industry Policy
CPAR	Country Procurement Assessment Report
CPIA	Country Policy and Institutional Assessment
CPI	Corruption Perceptions Index
CRB	Construction Registration Board
CRU	Conflict Research Unit
CSO	Civil Society Organisation
DAC	Development Assistance Committee
DANIDA	Danish International Development Agency
DFID	Department of International Development
DPP	Directorate of Public Prosecutions
EABI	Eastern Africa Bribery Index
Eng.	Engineer
EPA	External Payment Arrears
ERB	Engineers Registration Board
est.	established

EU	European Union
FACEIT	Front Against Corrupt Elements in Tanzania
FIDIC	International Federation of Consulting Engineers
ForDIA	Forum for Democracy, Integrity and Accountability
F/Y	Financial Year
GAO	General Accounting Office
GAP	Global Accountability Project
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GGCU	Good Governance Coordination Unit
GNP	Gross National Product
HDI	Human Development Index
IACC	International Anti-corruption Conference
IAP	Implementation Action Plan
ICC	International Chamber of Commerce
IET	Institute of Engineers Tanzania
IFES	International Foundation for Electoral Systems
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IPTL	Independent Power Tanzania Limited
LGA	Local Government Authorities
LSE	London School of Economics
MASP	Multi-Annual Strategic Plan
MDA	Ministries, Departments and Agencies
MID	Ministry of Infrastructure Development
MKUKUTA	Mkakati wa Kukuza Uchumi na Kupunguza Umaskini Tanzania (National Strategy for Growth and Poverty Reduction Tanzania)
MMDGPR	Mid-term Millennium Development Goal Progress Report
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MOW	Ministry of Works
MP	Member of Parliament
n/a	not available
NACSAP	National Anti-corruption Strategy and Action Programme
NCC	National Construction Council
NEC	National Executive Committee
NGCS	National Governance and Corruption Survey (Tanzania)
NGO	Non-governmental Organisation
ODA	Official Development Assistance
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OSHA	Occupational Health and Safety Authorities
PACI	Partnership Against Corruption Initiative

p/c	per capita
PCA	Prevention of Corruption Act
PCCA	Prevention and Combating of Corruption Act
PCB	Prevention of Corruption Bureau
PCCB	Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau
PM	Prime Minister
PPA	Public Procurement Act
PPAA	Public Procurement Appeals Authority
PPRA	Public Procurement Regulatory Authority
REPOA	Research on Poverty Alleviation
SDC	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
SGACA	Framework for Strategic Governance and Corruption Analysis
SIDA	Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency
TACA	Tanzania Contractors Association
TACECA	Tanzania Association of Civil Engineers
TACO	Tanzania Association of Consultants
TADREG	Tanzania Development Research Group
TAICO	Tanzania Association of Informal Construction Workers
TANU	Tanganyika National Union
TI	Transparency International
TIQS	Tanzania Association of Quantity Surveyors
TIVEA	Tanzania Association of Valuers and Estate Agents
TLS	Tanzania Law Association
TOR	Terms of Reference
Tsh	Tanzania Shillings
TUCTA	Trade Union Congress of Tanzania
TZ	Tanzania
UN	United Nations
UNCAC	United Nations Convention Against Corruption
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNODC	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
USD	United States Dollar
U4	Utstein Anti-Corruption Resource Centre
Q	Question
v	versus
WB	World Bank