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List of Abbreviations

AACB	Association of African Central Banks
ACIRC	African Capacity for Immediate Response to Crises
ACSRT	African Centre for the Study and Research on Terrorism
AFDB	African Development Bank
AFRICOM	United States Africa Command
AIM	Africa's Integrated Maritime Strategy
ALG	Liptako Gourma Authority
AMIS	African Union Mission in Sudan
APSA	African Peace and Security Architecture
AQLIM	Al-Qa'ida in the Lands of the Islamic Maghreb
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ASF	African Standby Force
AU	African Union
AUCISS	African Union Commission of Inquiry on South Sudan
AUHIP	African Union High-Level Implementation Panel
BRICS	Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa
CADSP	Common African Defense and Security Policy
CEMOC	Comité d'Etat-Major Opérationnel Conjoint
CEMZA	Combined Exclusive Maritime Zone of Africa
CEWS	Continental Early Warning System
CNRS	National Center for Scientific Research
COMESA	Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa
CPI	Consumer Price Index
EAC	East African Community
ECA	Economic Commission for Africa
ECCAS	Economic Community of Central African States
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
EU	European Union

FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FAZOI	Forces in the Southern Zone of the Indian Ocean
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
FRONTEX	From French: “Frontières extérieures” for external borders
FTF	Foreign Terrorist Fighters
G-20	Group of 20
GCTF	The Global Counter-Terrorism Forum
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
ICJ	The International Court of Justice
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
IFC	Irving Fisher Committee on Central Bank Statistics
IMB	International Maritime Bureau
IMF	International Monetary Fund
ISIL	Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant
ITC	International Trade Center
ITLOS	International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea
MERCOSUR	Southern Common Market
MINUSCA	United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic
MINUSMA	United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali
MNJTF	Multinational Joint Task Force
MNLA	National Movement for the Liberation of Azawad
MONUSCO	United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
MUJAO	Movement for Oneness and Jihad in West Africa
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
OAS	Organization of American States
OAU	Organisation of African Unity
ODA	Official Development Assistance
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OEF-HOA	Operation Enduring Freedom – Horn of Africa
OEF-TS	Operation Enduring Freedom – Trans Sahara
PKO	Peacekeeping Operations
PREACT	Partnership for Regional East African Counterterrorism

PSC	Peace and Security Council
PSI	USA's Pan-Sahel Initiative
REC	Regional Economic Communities
RM	Regional Mechanisms
SACU	Southern African Customs Union
SADC	Southern African Development Community
SARB	South African Reserve Bank
SSR	Security Sector Reform
TFP	Total Factor Productivity
TSCTP	Trans-Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership
UDEAC	Central African customs and economic union
UN	United Nations
UNAMID	United Nations and African Union Mission in Darfur
UNCLOS	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNISFA	United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei
UNMIL	United Nations Mission in Liberia
UNOWAS	United Nations Office for West Africa
UNPKO	United Nations Peacekeeping Operations
UNSC	United Nations Security Council
UNSC	United Nations Security Council
USA	United States of America
USD	United States Dollar
WAEMU	West African Economic and Monetary Union
WB	World Bank

Forward

We are delighted to present this year's edition of the Atlantic Currents, an annual report charting the wider Atlantic patterns and perspectives. This report, the fourth edition of its kind, opens up the Atlantic Dialogues conference, an annual high-level conference gathering nearly four hundred experts, policy makers, business leaders, and government officials from around the World. This conference is an opportunity for policy shaping conversations focused on the restructuring of the Atlantic space while also promoting dialogue and analysis of key issues affecting the wider Atlantic — Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean, Europe, and North America.

As a significant complement to the Atlantic Dialogues conference, the following publication allows for in-depth analyzes of the potential contributions from the above-mentioned “Dialogues”. The objective being to broaden the discussions pertaining to social, economic, political, and security dimensions within the wider Atlantic space, always favoring the elaboration of new and contextualized geopolitical strategies. OCP Policy Center is proud of the role it has played in extending the transatlantic debate, which embraces both Northern and Southern regions of the Atlantic Basin. The year's Atlantic Dialogues will focus on the need for wider and more effective action within the African continent.

The 2017 editions of both the “Dialogues” and “Currents” have dedicated special attention to Africa and its various perspectives and roles in the Atlantic and global contexts. Indeed, Africa's past and present development approaches bring hope for a promising future that should benefit from the continent's diverse regions and economies. Such recent progress will also allow for shared benefits in the Atlantic region in terms of growth, governance and international relations. Furthermore, this year's edition also attempts to bring new meaning to the potential role that a united and effective civil society could trigger in terms of development. In this context, a special thank you goes out to the various authors and experts that have contributed to the fourth edition of the Atlantic Currents and the dedicated staff at OCP Policy Center who made its timely publication possible. Comments on Atlantic Currents are most welcome, and may be addressed to the editors at OCP Policy Center.

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