

ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS USED IN THE GAMBIA :

(PAST AND PRESENT)

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INTRODUCTION

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Anyone using Gambian material - newspaper, government reports etc. , will be struck by the number of abbreviations in use. Those which are special to The Gambia have been marked (G) in the following list. Others relate to international organizations which have proliferated to an incredible degree in recent years. Over 500 international organizations with an interest in the country are given in the Yearbook of International Organizations. To complicate matters these often have both French and English acronyms.

In American reports we find the jargon of Washington bureaucracies and have to decipher the PP, PPR, PID, PARs, and so on. (Project PaPer, Project Paper Review, Project Identification Document, Project Appraisal Report etc.)

Senegal, which surrounds The Gambia, has in addition a mass of sigles which is truly formidable. For these one can refer to Mbaye, S: Dictionnaire de Sigles, Acronymes et Timbres en usage au Senegal, Dakar 1990. 141 pp.

Newspapers are fond of abbreviations. ("B.O. leaves for O.A.U. meetings," and in Departmental Reports : "The Centre is set up in the HNC building and rented to ODM from BHC", there is a marked tendency to use abbreviations which are known to local people, but baffling to a stranger. Even in a general article on health education, one has to become familiar with MMIHP, ORT, URTNA, UNICEF, WSS, CARITAS, IOGT , GFPA, etc.

Changes in Government, with the reorganisation that follows, results in new names for almost every part of Government, and the officials concerned.

The earliest version (1981) concentrated on older material from the Colonial Period, many of the abbreviations used then were unfamiliar to the present generation of readers. No attempt has been made to cover all the possible degrees, diplomas, or medical abbreviations , which could be found in other reference works.

A vast number of new associations are locally known by their initials.

In the past three or four letters usually designated the title. In recent years five to nine letters are not unusual.

A.	e.g. A. gambiae = Anopheles gambiae, a variety of mosquito
AA	Agricultural Assistant (G) Agricultural Assistance (USA)
AAA	i Amateur Athletic Association ii Arab Aid Agencies
AAAC	African Amateur Athletic Confederation (Dakar, Senegal)
AACB	Association of African Central Banks (Dakar, Senegal)
AACC	All African Conference of Churches (Nairobi, Kenya)
AAPAM	African Association for Public Administration and Management (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia)
AAPC	All-African People's Conference
AATG	Action Aid The Gambia
AATO	All Africa Teachers Organization (Accra, Ghana)
AATUF	All African Trade Union Federation
ABECOR	[An association of European Banks]
ABEDA (also BADEA)	Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa
ABWE	Association of Baptist World Evangelism
AC	Area Council (G)
ACA	Age Care Association (G)
ACCA	Association of Certified & Corporate Accountants
ACCNO	Advisory Committee for the Coordination of Non-Governmental Organisations (G)
ACCDSCA	African Confederation of Cooperative Savings & Credit Associations (Nairobi, Kenya)
ACCT	Agence de Co-operation Culturelle et Technique (Francophone Africa)
ACDHRS	African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies
ACHPR	African Commission on Human & Peoples' Rights
ACI	African Cultural Institute (Dakar, Senegal)
ACO	African Curriculum Organisation (Ibadan, Nigeria)

ACP (Countries)	African, Caribbean, and Pacific (Group of States) (Brussels, Belgium)
ACRs	Annual Confidential Reports (G)
ACU	Agricultural Communications Unit (G)
AD	i Anno Domini (Latin) -in the year of our Lord ii Agricultural Demonstrator (G)
ADB = AfDB also BAD	i African Development Bank (Abidjan, Ivory Coast) ii Agricultural Development Bank (G)
ADC	i Aide-de camp ii Aviation Development Company (an airline)
ADF = AfDB	African Development Fund
ADP	Agricultural Development Project/Programme
ADRA	Adventist Development Relief Agency
AEC	African Economic Community
AECAWA	Association of Episcopal Conferences of Anglophone West Africa (Monrovia, Liberia)
AEU	Agricultural Engineering Unit (G)
AFC	i African Football Confederation (Cairo, Egypt) ii African Forestry Commission (Accra, Ghana)
AFCAC	African Civil Aviation Commission (Dakar, Senegal)
AfDB	African Development Bank (Abidjan, Ivory Coast)
AfDP	African Development Fund
AFET	Association of Farmers, Educators, & Traders (G)
AFGRAD	African Graduate Fellowship Program (Africa American Institute - USA)
AFP	Agence France Presse
AFPRC	Armed Forces Provisional Ruling Council (G)
AFRACAC	African Rural Agriculture Credit Association
AFROFEDOP	African Regional Organization of Public Services & Teachers
AFSA	African Statistics Association
AFSI	African Food Systems Initiative
AG	Attorney-General (G)
AGC	African Groundnut Council (Lagos, Nigeria)

AGE	Association of Gambia Entrepreneurs (G)
AGM	Annual General Meeting
AHPD	Animal Health & Production Department (G)
AI	Amnesty International (London, England)
AICOS	Association for Intervention, Cooperation and Development
AID (also USAID)	Agency for International ^{a1} Development (Washington, USA)
AIDBA	Association International pour le Développement des Bibliothèques en Afrique. (International Association for the Development of Libraries in Africa)
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
ALIC	Arid Lands Information Center
ALRI	Acute lower respiratory tract infection
a.m.	ante meridiem (Latin) = before noon
AMDG	ad majorem Dei gloria (Latin) = for the greater glory of God
AMDM	Anglican Mission Development Ministries
AMRC	Assets Management & Recovery Corporation (G)
AMU	Agriculture Mechanization Unit (G)
AN	Africa Now (UK organization ?)
ANC	i African National Congress (South Africa) ii Ante-Natal Clinic (G)
ANR	Agriculture and Natural Resources (G)
AO	Agricultural Officer (G)
AOB	Any Other Business
AOF	Afrique Occidentale Française = French West Africa
AOPD	African Oilseeds Producers Organization
AP	Associated Press (News Agency)
APGWA	Association for Promoting Girls' and Women's Development (G)
APSO	[Irish] Agency for Personal Service Overseas

ARDP	Agricultural Rice Development Project (G)
ARI	Acute respiratory infections
ARP	i Air Raid Precautions (Wold War II) ii Administrative Reform Programme
ASCOBIC	African Standing Conference on Bibliographic Control
ASPAU	African Scholarship Program of American Universities (USA)
AT	Appropriate Technology
ATA	Africa Travel Association
ATC	Anglican Training Centre (G)
ATDC	Applied Technology for Developing Countries
ATM	i Automatic Teller Machine ii Agricultural Technical Mission (G)
ATUC	African Trade Union Confederation
ATUU	African Trade Union Unity
AVTC	Anglican Vocational Training Centre (G)
AWM	Abiding Word Ministries
AYM	Anglican Youth Movement
AYPA	Anglican Young People's Association (UK),

b	butut (unit of coinage), e.g. 37b (G)
BA	Bachelor of Arts
BAC	Brikama Area Council (G)
BAD (also ADB)	Banque Africaine de Développement (African Development Bank)
BADEA	Banque Arabe pour le Développement Economique en Afrique (Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa)
BAYO	Banjul Youth Organisation (G)
BB	Boys' Brigade (UK)
BBC	British Broadcasting Corporation (London, England)
BBTC	Banjul Bible Training Centre (G)
BBWA	Bank of British West Africa (became Standard Bank)
BC	i British Council (London, England) ii British Columbia (Canada) iii With dates = Before Christ , e.g. 55 BC
B Cal	British Caledonian Airways (UK)
BCC	Bathurst/Banjul City Council (G)
BCEL	British Commonwealth Ex Service League
BCEOM	Bureau Centrale pour les Equipements d'Outre-Mer (French firm of Consulting Engineers)
BCG	Bacillus Calmette-Guérin- a vaccine against tuberculosis
BCS	Brotherhood of the Cross and Star (Nigeria)
BCEAO	Banque Centrale des Etats de l'Afrique de l'Ouest (Central Bank of the States of West Africa- Dahomey, Ivory Coast, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, Togo, Burkina Faso)
BEM	British Empire Medal (UK)
B&FBS	British and Foreign Bible Society (UK)
BHS	Basic Health Services (G)
BIA	Banjul International Airport (G)
BIAO	Banque Internationale pour l'Afrique Occidentale

BICI	International Bank for Commerce & Industry
BICIS	Banque Internationale pour le Commerce et l'Industrie de Sénégal
BMT	Black Mans' Time
BMTG	Baptist Mission The Gambia (G)
BOAC	British Overseas Airways Cor!oration (UK) [The area at Fajara where the old BOAC Transit Camp used to be- now the Club House for the Golf Course- is still sometimes referred to as the "BOAC" by old local inhabitants.]
BOAD	Banque Ouest Africaine de Développement
BOP	Balance of payments
BP	i British Petroleum (UK) ii In dates = Before Present, e.g. 1200 BP
bpd	barrels per day
BPMRU	Book Production and Material Resources Unit (G)
BREDA	A UNESCO Regional Office for Education in Africa (Dakar, Senegal)
BSP	Biodiversity Support Programme (G)
BTC	Bathurst Trading Company. [This title was assumed in 1880. The firm was taken over by Lever Bros in 1917.] (G)
BTC then became BCC	Bathurst Town Council (G) Banjul City Council (G)
BTU	i British thermalunits ii Bathurst Trade Union - now Banjul Trade Union (G)
BUA	British United Airways (UK) - later amalgamated with British Caledonian Airways
BVP	British Volunteer Programme (UK)
BWA	i British West Africa (obsolete) ii Bank of West Africa "
BYSA	Brikama Youth & Sports Association (G)

C	Copyright
c. ca	circa (Latin) = about
C	degree Centigrade/Celsius 32° C
C	Commissioner, e.g. CNBD =Commissioner (of) the North Bank Division (G)
CAA	Civil Aviation Authority (G)
CAB	Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux(The CAB consists of 10 Bureaux and 4 Institutes dealing with different fields of agricultural science (UK)
CABI	Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux International
CAF	Confédération Africaine de Football (African Football Confederation)
CAFRAD	Centre Africain de Formation et de Recherches Administratives pour le Développement (Tangiers, Morocco) African Training and Research Centre in Administration for Development
Cap.	= Chapter
CARITAS	A Catholic Relief Organization
CATC	Commonwealth Air Transport Council (London, England)
CATM	Chinese Agricultural Technical Mission (G)
CBA	Commonwealth Broadcasting Association (London)
CBE	Commander(of the Order) of the British Empire (UK)
CBG	Central Bank of The Gambia (G)
CBGE	Community Based Experimentation and Extension (G)
CBIRD	Community-based Integrated Rural Development (G)
CB&MU	Central Banking and Marketing Union (G)
CBO	Community Based Organizations (G)
CBPP	Contagious bovine pleuro-pneumonia
CCCD	Combatting Communicable Childhood Diseases (USA)
CCCE	Caisse Central de Coopération Economique
CCD	Commissioner, Central Division (G)
CCF	i Christian Children's Fund
	ii Civil Contingencies Fund (G)
CCFA	The Coalition for Fair Fisheries Agreements
CCI	Canadian Crossroaders International

ccm	cubic centimetre
CCTA	Commission de Coopération Technique pour l'Afrique au Sud du Sahara (Commission for Technical Cooperation in Africa South of the Sahara)
CCYC	Central Council of Youth Clubs (G- Colonial period)
CD	i Central Division (G) ii Community Development
CDA	i Cooperation for Development in Africa ii Community Development Assistant (G)
CDC	i Colonial Development Corporation - 1948 -became Commonwealth Development Corporation ii Curriculum Development Centre (G) iii Center for Disease Control (USA)
CDD	Community Development Department (G)
CDFC	Commonwealth Development Financial Company
CD&W	Colonial Development and Welfare (UK)
CDO	Community Development Office/ Officer (G)
C&E	Customs and Excise (G)
CEA	Commission Economique pour l'Afrique
CEAO	Communauté Economique de l'Afrique de l'Ouest (West African Economic Community)
CECAF	Committee of the East Central Atlantic Fisheries (Rome, Italy)
CEDAW	International Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women
CEE	i Common Entrance Examination (G) ii Communauté Economique Européenne
CEW	Cotton Extension Worker (G)
CFA	i Colonies Françaises d'Afrique ii Communauté Française Africaine iii Communauté Financière Africaine

[CFA is used to denote a West African currency , e.g. CFA francs]

CFAO	Compagnie Française d'Afrique Occidentale
CFD	Caisse Française de Développement
CFP	Common Fisheries Policy - (EU)
CFU	Colonial Film Unit (UK) - obsolete
CFTC	Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation (UK)
CGI	Corrugated galvanized iron (sheets)
CGIAR	Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research
CH	Certificate of Honour (G)
Ch	Chapter
CHIP	Community Health Improvement (G)
CHM	Caledonian Hotels Management (UK)
CHN	Community Health Nurse (G)(Nursery) (G)
CHS	Commonwealth Health Secretariat (UK)
CHW	Community Health Worker (G)
CI	Crab Island (G)
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency (USA)
CID	Criminal Investigation Department
CIDA	i Canadian International Development Agency ii Aids
CIDADS	Children in Development Awards
cif	cost, insurance and freight
CILSS	Comité (Permanente) Inter-états de Lutte contre la Secheresse dans le Sahel (Permanent Interstate Committee against drought in the Sahel)
CIS	Crab Island School (G)
CJ	Chief Justice (G)
CLRD	Commissioner, Lower River Division (G)
CLUSA	Co-operative League of the U.S.A.
CM	Coronation Medal
CMAG	Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group

CMG	Companion (of the Order) of St. Michael and St. George (UK)
CMID	Commissioner, MacCarthy Island Division (G)
CMIP	Commissioner, MacCarthy Island Province (G)
CMS	Church Missionary Society (UK)
CNBP	Commissioner, North Bank Province
CO	i Commanding Officer ii Colonial Office (UK)
c/o	in care of
COD	cash on delivery
CODE	Canadian Organization for Development through Education
CODESRIA	Conseil pour le développement de la recherche économique et sociale en Afrique (Council for the Development of Economic and Social Research in Africa) (Dakar, Senegal)
C of E	Church of England (UK)
COG	Commander of the National Order of the Republic of The Gambia (G)
COI	Central Office of Information (UK)
COLA	Cost of Living Allowance
COMLA	Commonwealth Library Association (Jamaica)
COPR	Centre for Overseas Pest Research (UK)
CP	Cooperation & Progress
CPA	i Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (London) ii Certified Public Accountant (USA) iii Catholic People's Association
CPD	Crop Protection Department (G)
CPHA	Canadian Public Health Association
CPI	Consumer Price Index
CPMS	Co-operative Produce Marketing Society (G)
CPS	Crop Protection Services (G)
CPU	Crop Protection Unit

CRC	Constitutional Review Commission	(G)
CRD	i. Central River Division	(G)
	ii. Central Revenue Department	(G)
CRED	Centre for Research on Economic Development	
CRG	Commander of the National Order of the Republic of The Gambia	(G)
CRP	i. Cost Recovery Programme	(G)
	ii. Chimpanzee Rehabilitation Project	(G)
CRS	Catholic Relief Services	
CS	Colonial Secretary	(G) (Colonial Period)
CSBP	Commissioner, South Bank Province	(G)
CSC	Commonwealth Science Council	
CSD	i. Central Statistics Division/ Department	(G)
	ii. Child Survival and Development	
CSE	Compagnie Sahelienne d'Entreprise (A Senegalese construction company)	
CSM	Cerebrospinal Meningitis	
CSRM	Cropping System and Resource Management	(G)
CTC	Cooperative Training Centre	(G)
CTCS	Cooperative Thrift and Credit Societies	(G)
CURD	Commissioner, Upper River Division	(G)
CURP	Commissioner, Upper River Province	(G)
CUSO	Canadian Universities Services Overseas	
CV	Curriculum vitae (Latin) - life history	
CVA	Commonwealth Veterinary Association (Canada)	
CVD	Cerebra Vascular diseases	
C & W	Cable & Wireless Ltd	
CWD	Commissioner, Western Division	(G)
cwt	hundredweight. 112 lbs (UK), 100 lbs (USA)	
CYP	Commonwealth Youth Programme (London, England)	
CYSARDA	Child Youth Support and Rural Development Agency	(G)

D	Dalasi (unit of currency) (G) e.g. D 2.30
DA	District Authority (G)
DAC	i Divisional Agricultural Coordinator (G)
	ii Day of the African Child
DAFCC	Demous Arts Foundation and Creation Centre (G)
DAHP	Department of Animal Health and Production (G)
DANIDA	Danish International Development Agency
DAR	Department of Agricultural Research (G)
DAS	Department of Agricultural Services (G)
DASH	[The Gambia Development Agency ?]
DC	i Demerrara Creole - a rice variety (G)
	ii Development Centre (G)
	iii District of Columbia (USA)
	iv In other parts of West Africa - District Commissioner
	v Deputy Chief (G)
DCA	i Department of Civil Aviation (G)
	ii Development Credit Association (G)
	iii Democratic Congress Alliance (Political Party) (G)
DCC	(Divisional Coordinating Committee (G)
	(Day Care Centre
DCD	Department of Community Development (G)
DCI	Defence for Children International
DCI00	Import Opportunities Office for Developing Countries
DCP	Democratic Congress Party (Political Party) (G)
DCPS	Department of Crop Protection Service (G)
DCS	Directorate of Colonial Surveys (UK) - now DOS
DD	Doctor of Divinity
DDC	Divisional Development Committee (G)
DDP	Divisional Development Programme (G)
DDS	[A drug used in the treatment of leprosy]

DDS	Domestic Development Service (G)
DES	District Extension Supervisor (G)
DHT	Divisional Health Team (G)
DIB	Director of Information and Broadcasting (G)
DJ	Disc Jockey
DLS	Department of Livestock Services (G)
DMS	Director of Medical Services (G)
DOA	Department of Agriculture (G)
DOAWTU	Democratic Organisation of African Workers Trade Unions
DOC	Department of Co-operation (G)
DOP	Department of Planning (G)
DOS	Directorate of Overseas Surveys (UK)
DOSE	Department of State for Education (G)
DOSH	" " " " Health (G)
DP	Democratic Party (Political Party) (G)
also GDP	Gambia Democratic Party
DPP	Director of Public Prosecutions (G)
DPSA	Diploma in Public and Social Administration
DPT	Diphtheria, Pertussis, & Tetanus (vaccine)
DPU	Director of Public Utilities (G)
DPRK	Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea)
DPW	Director of Public Works (G)
DPWM	Department of Parks and Wild Life Management (G)
DSE	Deutsche Stiftung fur Entwicklungsländer (German Foundation for International Development)
DSO	Distinguished Service Order (UK)
DTF	Divisional Task Force (G)
DV	Deo volente (Latin) = God willing
DWFN	Distant water fishing nation
DWHH	Deutsche Welthungerhilfe (German Agro-Action)

E	East
EAP	Environmental Action Plan (G)
EAU	Extensions Aids Unit (G)
EAVA	Ethnomusicological Audio Visual Archive (UK)
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
EC	European Community
ECA	Economic Commission for Africa (UN)
ECCE	Early childhood care and education (G)
ECGD	Export Credits Guarantee Department (UK)
ECG	electrocardiogram
ECM	European Common Market
ECOSOC	Economic and Social Council (UN)
ECOMOG	[UN Peace-Keeping Force in Liberia]
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States (Lagos)
ECU	European Currency Unit
ED	Elder Dempster (Shipping Line)
EDA	Elder Dempster Agencies
EDF	European Development Fund
EEC	European Economic Community (Common Market)
EFA	Education for All (G)
EFG	Evangelical Fellowship of The Gambia (G)
EFPA	Economic and Financial Policy Analyses Project (G?)
e.g.	exempli gratia (Latin) = for example
EIB	European Investment Bank
EIU	Economist Intelligence Unit (London)
ELBS	English Language Book Society (UK)
ELT	English Language Teaching (UK)
EMCBP	Economic Management Capacity Building Programme (G)

EMMAUS	[A Swedish Organization which helps the handicapped]
ENSA	Entertainments National Service Association. (A World War II Organization) (UK)
EO	Education Officer (G)
EPI	Expanded Programme of Immunization (G)
EPSHA	Environmental Protection and Social Help Association (G)
EPTC	Environment and Tree Planting Clubs (G)
ERP	Economic Recovery Programme
ESAF	Enhanced Structural Adjustment Facility (IMF)
et al.	et alii (Latin) = and others
etc.	et cetera (Latin) - and so on
ETIC	English Teaching Information Centre (G)
ETS	Education & Training section (G)
EUA	European Unit of Account (Finance)
EXCO	Executive Council (G)
EYGG	Ecumenical Youth Council, Gambia (G)

F	Fahrenheit, e.g. 72° F
FAC	i Fonds d'Aide et de Coopération (France) ii Food Aid Convention
FACES	Fund for African-American Cultural & Educational Solidarity
FAMA	Foundation for Mutual Assistance in Africa
FAO	Food and Agricultural Organization (UN)
FAPE	Financial and Private Sector Enterprise Project (G)
faq	fair average quality
FBC	Fourah Bay College (Sierra Leone)
FE	further education
FED	Fonds Europeens de Développement (European Development Fund)
FEF	Friedrich Ebert Foundation
FEGAMSO	Federation of Gambian Muslim Students (G)
FESTAC	World Black and African Festival of Arts' and Cultures (Nigeria)
ffa	free fatty acid
FFYP	First Five Year Plan (G)
FFHC	Freedom from Hunger Campaign (FAO)
FFPS	Fauna and Flora Preservation Society (UK)
FGM	Female Genital Mutilation
FHI	Family Health International
FHAGH	Foundation for Humanitarian Aid Gambia- Holland
FIAC	Fertilizer Industry Advisory Committee (G)
FIDES	Fonds d'Investissements pour le Développement Economique et Social et Territoires d'Outre Mer (est.1946) = Investment funds for social and economic development of overseas territories. (France)
FIFA	Federation Internationale de Football Associations (International Federation of Football Associations)
FIOH	Future in Our Hands (G)

FITT	Farmer Innovation and Technology Testing Programme (G)
FLS	i Fellow of the Linnean Society
	ii Functional Literacy Scheme (G)
	iii Family Life Education (G)
F & M	Foot and Mouth (Cattle disease)
FMC	Fish Marketing Corporation (G)
FNLG	Front Nationale de Libération de la Guinée (Guinea National Liberation Front)
FO	Foreign Office (UK)
fob	free on board
FOSFA	Federation of Oil Seeds and Fats Associations
FOTGA	Friends of The Gambia Association
FOWSEA	Foundation for Women's Socio-Economic Advancement (G)
FPMB	Fish Processing and Marketing Board (G)
FBMC	" " " " Corporation (G)
FPS	Fauna Preservation Society (UK) Now = FFPS
FPU	Film Production Unit (G)
FRCP	Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians
FRCS	Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons
FRG	Federal Republic of Germany
F.R.O.G.S.	Friends of Gambian Schools (England)
FSR	Food Strategy Report (G)
FSR/E	Farming Systems Research/ Extension (G)
FY	Financial Year (G)
FYP	Five Year Plan (G)

G	Glossina (tsetse fly). G.palpalis
GAAA	Gambia Amateur Athletic Association (G)
GAD	Gender & Development (G)
GAFA	Gambia American Friendship Association (G)
GAFNA	Gambia Food and Nutrition Association (G)
GAFTA	Grain and Feed Trade Association
GAMA	Gambia Artisans Marketing Association (G)
GAMCO	i Gambia Artisans Marketing Cooperative (G) ii Gambia Marketing Corporation (G)
GAMCOT	Gambia Cotton Company (G)
GAMCOTRAP	The Gambia Committee Against Traditional Practices (FGM)
GAMESCO	Gambian Agricultural, Managerial & Cultural Organisation
GAMFEDA	Gambia Fisheries Development Agency (G)
GAMNA	The Gambia News Agency (G)
GAMSU	Gambia Students Union (G)
GAMTEL	Gambia Telecommunications Company (G)
GAMWORKS	Gambian Agency for the Management of Public Works (G)
GAPD	Gambian Association of the Physically Disabled (G)
GARD	Gambia Agricultural Research & Diversification Project (G)
GARDA	The Gambia Rural Development Agency (G)
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (1947) - Geneva
GATA	Gambia Art Teachers Association (G)
GATE	Gambia Association of Teachers of English (G)
GAWA	Gambia Association of Writers and Artists (G)
GBA	Greater Banjul Area (G)
GBACC	Gambia Black Africa Arts Club (G)
GCA	Gambia Cricket Association (G)
GCAA	Gambia Civil Aviation Authority (G)
GCC	Gambia Christian Council (G)

GCCBMU	Gambia Central Cooperative Banking and Marketing Union (G)
GCCI	Gambia Chamber of Commerce & Industry (G)
GCDB	Gambia Commercial and Development Bank (G)
GCE	i General Certificate of Education (G) ii Global Campaign for Education
GCEE	Gambia Common Entrance Examination (G)
GCMG	(Knight) Grand Cross (of the Order) of St. Michael and St. George
GCP	Gambia Congress Party (Political Party) (G)
GCRG	Grand Commander of the National Order of the Republic of The Gambia (G)
GCU	i Gambia Cooperative Union (G) ii Gambia Credit Union (G)
GDA	Gambia-Rio Pongas Diocesan Association (UK)
GDF	Gambia Democratic Forum (G)
GDP	i Gross Domestic Product ii Gambia Democratic Party (G) iii German Democratic Reupulic
GEA	Gambia Employers' Association (G)
GEAP	The Gambia Environmental Action Plan (G)
GEDRES	Gambia External Debt Reporting System (G)
GEF	Gambia's Educational Future (G)
GFA	Gambia Football Association (G)
GFPA	Gambia Family Planning Association (G)
GFSC	Gambia Ferry Services Company (G)
GG	i Governor-General (G) ii Gambia Government (G) iii Girl Guides
GGA	Gambia-Guinea Association (UK - Anglican Church)
GGSM	Gambia Good Seed Mission (G)
GH	Government House. (Now known as State House) (G)
GHA	Gambia Hotel Association (G)
GHC	Gambia High Commission (G)

GHEA	Gambia Home Economics Association	(G)
GHS	Gambia High School	(G)
GIA	Gambia International Airlines	(G)
GIC	Gambia Insurance Corporation	(G) -formed 1979
GIFCO	Gambia Industrial Fisheries Company	(G)
GIMPA	Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration	
GINS	Gambia Information News Service	(G)
GIRLS	Gambia Islamic Relief Services	(G)
GIU	Gambia Islamic Union	(G)
GKF	The Gambia Karate Federation	(G)
GLC	i Gambia Labour Congress	(G) (G)
	ii Gunjur Link Committee	(G)
GLF	Gambia Local Financing	(G)
GLPTC	Gambia Libyan Public Transport Corporation	(G)
GLU	Gambia Labour Union	(G)
gm	gramme	
GMA	Gambia Muslim Association	(G)
GMAA	Gambia Martial Arts Association	(G)
GMC	Gambia Muslim Congress (Political Party)	(G)
GMT	Greenwich Mean Time	
GMTI	Gamtel Multi Media Training Institute	(G)
GNA	Gambia National Army	(G)
GNC	Gambia Nation Congress (Political Party)	(G)
GNDA	Gambia National Drama Association	(G)
GNG	Gambia National Gendarmerie	(G)
GNIC	Gambia National Insurance Corporation	(G)
GNOSC	Gambia National Olympic & Sports Committee	(G)
GNP	i Gambia National Party (1957) (Political Party)	(G)
	ii Gross National Product	
GNS	Gemini News Service	

GNTCA	Gambia National Transport Control Association (G)
GNU	Gambia National Union (1962) (Political Party) (G)
GNYC	Gambia National Youth Council (G)
GNYO	Gambia National Youth Organisation (G)
GO	Government Orders (G).....General Orders (G)
GOG	Government of The Gambia (G)
GOIC	Gambia Opportunities Industrialisation Centre (G)
GOMB	Gambia Oilseeds Marketing Board (G)
GOP	Gross operations profit
GOPMAC	Gambia Oilseed Processing and Marketing Company (G)
GORG	Grand Officer of the National Order of the Republic of The Gambia (G)
GOTG	Government of The Gambia (G)
GOVI	Gambia Organisation of the Visually Impaired (G)
GP	Government Printer
GPA	Gambia Ports Authority (G)
GPF	Gambia Police Force (G)
GPMB	Gambia Produce Marketing Board (G)
GPO	i General Post Office ii Government Printing Office (G)
GPP	i Gambia Progress Party (Political Party) (G) ii Gambia People's Party (Political Party) (G)
GPTC	Gambia Public Transport Corporation (G)
GPU	Gambia People's Union (G) ii Gambia Press Union (G)
GRBS	Gambia River Basin Studies
GRCS	Gambia Red Cross Society (G)
GRDP	Gambia River Development Project (G)
GRET	Groupe de Recherches et Echanges Technologiques
GRM	Medal of the National Order of the Republic of The Gambia

GRO	Gambia Records Office (Now - National Archives) (G)
G&RP	Gambia and the Rio Pongas
GRTC	Gambia River Transport Company (G)
GRTS	Gambia Radio and Television Services (G)
GRUDA	Gambia Rural Development Agency (G)
GSA	Gambia Scout Association (G)
GSC	General Supplies Company (formerly Harouns Supermarket) (G)
GSM	Good Seed Mission (G)
GSN	Gambia School of Nursing (G)
GSRP	Gambia Socialist Revolutionary Party (G)
GSSA	Gambia Secondary Schools Sports Association (G)
GSSS	Gambia Senior Secondary School (G)
GSU	Gambia Seaman's Union (G)
GTA	Gambia Teachers' Association (G)
GTGWU	Gambia Transport & General Workers Union (G)
GTOE	Gambia Technical & Office Equipment Ltd. (G)
GTSC	Gambia Tourist & Shipping Co. (G)
GTTI	Gambia Technical Training Institute (G)
GTU	Gambia Teachers' Union (G)
GTUC	Gambia Trade Union Congress (G)
GTWU	Gambia Transport Workers' Union (G)
GTZ	Deutschgesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (German Agency for Technical Development)
GUC	Gambia Utilities Corporation (G) (Those frustrated by breakdowns in the electricity system used to say that it stands for Gambia Useless Corporation of Gambia Uses Candles.)
GUNA	Gambia United Nations Association (G)
GVDTF	Gambia Village Development Trust Fund (G)
GWC	Gambia Workers Confederation (G)
GWCS	Gambia Women's Contemporary Society (G)

GWF

i Gambia Workers Federation (Formed 1960) (G)

ii Gambia Women's Federation

iii Gambia Wrestling Federation

GWFA

Gambia Women's Finance Association (G)

GWFC

" " " Company

GWU

Gambia Workers' Union (G)

GWW

Gambia Women War Workers (A World War II organization)

GYF

Gambia Youth Federation (G)

GYFC

Gambia Youth for Christ (G)

HAAG	Help Age Association of The Gambia (G)
HBCSD	Housing & Building Control Service Department (G)
HC	High Commissioner
HDI	Human Development Index
HE	His Excellency
HF	High Frequency
HFGC	Help for Gambian Children (G)
HIID	Harvard Institute for International Development
HIP	Horticulture Improvement Project (G)
HIV	Human immunodeficiency virus (causing AIDS)
HLSW	(Ministry of) Health, Labour & Social Welfare (G)
HMCS	His/Her Majesty's Colonial Steamer/Ship
HMS	His/Her Majesty's Ship
HMSO	His/Her Majesty's Stationery Office (UK)
hp	horse power
HPS	Hand-picked Selected (Groundnuts) (G)
HQ	Headquarters
Hr	hour
HRH	His/Her Royal Highness
HRPU	Human Resources Planning Unit (G)
HTC	Higher Teachers' Certificate (G)

IAC	Inter Africa Committee (on Traditional Practices)
IAL	International Aeradio Ltd
IAPES	International Association of Personnel in Employment Security
IATA	International Air Transport Association (Canada)
IATC	International Association of Technical Cooperation
IBAC	Indigenous Business Advisory Committee (G)
IBAS	" " " Service (G)
IBC	International Bank for Commerce
IBCI	International Bank for Commerce and Industry
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (UN) (Washington, DC)
i/c	in charge
ICA	International Co-operative Alliance (Geneva, Switzerland)
ICAM	Inner City and African Ministries (USA)
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organisation (Canada)
ICC	Interagency Coordination Committee (G)
ICCAF	Inter Church Coalition on Africa (Canada)
ICCO	
ICE	Institute of Continuing Education (G)
ICFTU	International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (Brussels, Belgium)
ICI	International Commission of Jurists
ICIFI	International Committee of Infant Food Industries
ICN	International Council of Nurses (Geneva, Switzerland)
ICO	Islamic Conference Association
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
ICRISAT	International Crops Research Institution for the Semi-Arid Tropics (Hydrabad, India)
ICS	Industrial Compensation Scheme (G)
ICVA	International Council of Voluntary Agencies

IDA	International Development Association (World Bank) (Washington ,DC)
IDB	Islamic Development Bank (Jedda, Saudi Arabia)
IDEP	Institut de Développement Economique et de Planification (UN). (Dakar Senegal) Institute for Economic Development & Planning
IDRC	International Development Research Center (Canada)
IDU	Industrial Development Unit (of the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation)
IEA	International Energy Agency
IEC	i Information, Education, & Communication (Services) (G) ii Independent Electoral Commission (G)
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development (Rome)
IFAN	Originally = Institut Francais d'Afrique Noire. Now: Institut Fondamental d'Afrique Noire (Dakar)
IFC	International Finance Corporation (UN-World Bank)
IFLAI	International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (Netherlands)
IFPRI	International Food Policy Research Institute (USA)
IFS	International Fertilizer Supply Scheme (FAO)
IG	Inspector General (of Police) (G)
IGC	Inter-Governmental Council (UNESCO)
IgE	Immuno-globulin E
IGOs	Inter-Governmental Organizations
IGP	Inspector General of Police (G)
IHA	International Humanitarian Assistance (CIDA)
ILCA	International Livestock Centre for Africa
ILO	International Labour Organisation (UN)
IMCC	International Medical Cooperation Committee
IMCO	Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization (UN)
IMF	International Monetary Fund (UN) - (Washington DC)
IMO	International Maritime Organization (London)

IMR	Infant Mortality Rate
INTERAF	Inter-African Universities Scholarships Programme
IOC	International Olympic Committee (Switzerland)
IOCH	Islamic Organisation for Cultural Heritage
IOGT	International Order of Good Templars (Oslo, Norway)
IPDC	International Programme for the Development of Communication (UNESCO)
IPM	Integrated Pest Management (G)
IPPF	International Planned Parenthood Federation (London)
IRC	International Red Cross (Geneva)
IRD	Integrated Rural Development (G)
IRDC	International Research Development Council
IRRI	International Rice Research Institute (Philippines)
ISAWA	Islamic Solidarity Association (of West Africa)
ISCTRC	International Scientific Council for Trypanosomiasis Research and Control
ISEA	Institut de Science économique appliquée
ISF	Islamic Solidarity Fund
ISHR	International Society for Human Rights
ISM	Imperial Service Medal (UK)
ISMC	(Senegal & Gambia) Interstate Ministerial Committee
ISOC	Internet Society
ISRA	Islamic Relief Association
ISSC	Inter-Service Sports Committee (G)
ita	Initial Teaching Alphabet
ITAF	Initial Teaching Alphabet Foundation (UK)
ITB ?	International Tourist Exchange
ITC	International Trypanosomiasis Centre
ITD	Income Tax Division (G)

ITDG	Intermediate Technology Development Group (UK)
ITU	International Telecommunications Union (UN) (Geneva)
IUSY	International Union of Socialist Youth (Vienna)
IWC	Infant Welfare Clinic (G)
IWY	International Women's Year
IYC	International Year of the Child (1979)
IYY	International Youth Year

JCF	Joint Colonial Fund	
JCSA	Junior Civil Servants' Association	(G)
JIC	Joint Industrial Council	
JICA	[A Japanese Fishing Program]	<i>Japanese International Cooperation Agency</i>
JM	Jubilee Medal	
JP	Justice of the Peace	
Jr	Junior	
JSC	Judicial Service Commission	(G)

KAC	Kerewan Area Council (G)
KAP	Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices (G)
KBE	Knight Commander of (the Order of) the British Empire (UK)
KCMG	Knight Commander of (the Order of) St. Michael & St. George (UK)
KDF	Kuwait Development Fund
KELT	Key English Language Teaching Scheme (UK)
KETA	Kombo East Tesito Association (G)
K&FP	Kombo and Fogni Province (G) - obsolete
kg	kilogram
KK	Kristi-Kunda (Location of former Anglican Mission and School In Kantora District) (G)
km	kilometre
KMC	Kanifing Municipal Council (G)
KStMD KSMD	Kombo St. Mary Division (G)
Kt.B	Knight Bachelor (UK)
KUDC	Kanifing Urban District Council (G)
KUFPEC	[National Oil Company of Kuwait]
KYSDA	Kombo St. Mary's Youth and Sports Association (G)
KWNP	Kiang West National Park (G)

LAB	Labour Advisory Board
LADEP	Lowlands Agricultural Development Project (G)
LAHS	Lend a Hand Society (G)
lb	pound (weight)
LBA	Licensed Buying Agents (G)
LC	Landing Craft
LCA	Le Commerce Africain. (A trading firm which ceased operations in 1965)
LCO	Leprosy Control Officer (G)
LDC	i Least Developed Country ii Livestock Development Centre (G)
LEGCO	Legislative Council (G)
LEPRA	(British)Leprosy Relief Association (UK)
LGA	Local Government Area (G)
LGID	Local Government Inspectorate Division (G)
LLDC	Least Developed Countries
LMB	Livestock Marketing Board (G)
LN	Legal Notice (G)
LO	Labour Officer (G)
LP	Long-playing (record)
LPO	Local Purchase Order (G)
LRD	Lower River Division (G)
LRD	Land Resources Division (of the British Overseas Development Ministry) (UK)
LRDC	Land Resources Development Centre (G?)
LRS	Land Resources Study
Lt	Lieutenant
Ltd	Limited
LTU	Local Training Unit (G)

MA	Master of Arts
MAA	Munazamat aldawa al Islamia
MAP	Mission Administered Fund (Canada)
MANR	Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources (G)
MASS	Management Advisory and Specialist Services
MB	Bachelor of Medicine
MBE	Member (of the Order) of the British Empire (UK)
MBG	Marlborough Brandt Group (Prominent in helping Gunjur)
MBHC	Methodist Boys High School (G)
MC	i Military Cross ii Muslim Congress (G) iii Master of Ceremonies
MCC	i Marylebone Cricket Club (England) ii Municipal Coordinating Committee (G)
MCH [C]	Maternal & Child Health [Clinic] (G)
MCWC	Maternal & Child Welfare Centre (G)
MD	Doctor of Medicine
MDI	Management Development Institute (G)
MDMU	Motor Drivers and Mechanics Union (G)
M & E	Monitoring & Evaluation Unit (G)
MEC	Member of the Executive Council (G)
MEPID	Ministry of Economic Planning & Industrial Development (G)
MEYS&C	Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports, & Culture (G)
MFC	Mixed Farming Centre (G)
MFDC	Mouvement de Force Democratique de Casamance
MFP	Mixed Farming Project (USAID)
MFT	Ministry of Finance & Trade (G)
MGHS	Methodist Girls High School (G)
Mgr	Monsignor
MHL&SW	Ministry of Health, Labour & Social Welfare (G)
M&H	Medical and Health [Department] (G)
MIBL	Meridien International Bank Ltd

MID	MacCarthy Island Division (G)
MIP	MacCarthy Island Province (G)
MIT	Ministry of Information & Tourism (G)
M/L	Motor Launch
MLC	Member of the Legislative Council (G)
MLGL	Ministry of Local Government & Lands (G)
MLPW	Ministry of Lands & Public Works (G)
MM	Methodist Mission
MMAP	" " Agricultural Programme (G)
MMIHP	Mass Media Infant Health Practice/Project (G)
MMR	Maternal mortality rate
MO	Medical Officer
MOA	Ministry of Agriculture (G)
MOD (now ODM)	Ministry of Overseas Development (UK)
MOFT	Ministry of Finance & Trade (G)
MOH	Medical Officer of Health (G)
MOJA	Movement for Justice in Africa (G)
MOO	Money Order Office
MOW	Ministry of Works (G)
MP	i Member of Parliament ii Minute Paper iii Military Police
MPLA	Movimento Popular de Liberacao de Angola (Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola)
MR	Mortality Rate
MRC	i Medical Research Council (UK) ii Monuments & Relics Commission (G)
MRCP	Member of the Royal College of Physicians (UK)
MRCS	Member of the Royal College of Surgeons (UK)
MRDG	Movement for the Restoration of Democracy in The Gambia (USA)
MRG	Member of the National Order of the Republic of The Gambia (G)

MSc	Master of Science
MSAs	Most Seriously Affected (countries)
MSF	Medicins sans frontières [Doctors without frontiers]
MSG	Management Services Gambia Ltd. (G)
MSS	Manuscripts
MT	Metric Ton(s)
MU	Mothers' Union (Anglican Church) (G)
MULPOC	Multinational Programming & Operation Centre (G)
MV	Motor vessel
MVO	Member of the (Royal) Victoria Order (UK)
MWC	Ministry of Works and Communications (G)
MWREF	Ministry of Water Resources, Forestry & Fisheries (G)
MWRFWC	Ministry of Water Resources, Forest and Wildlife Conservation (G)
MWREN	Ministry of Water Resources & Environment (G)
MY	Motor Yacht

N	i North ii Nitrogen
NA	i Native Authority (G) ii Not available iii Not applicable
NACCUG	National Association of Cooperative Credit Unions of The Gambia. (G)
NACP	National Aids Control Programme (G)
NARB - NARI	National Agricultural Research Board (G) /Institute
NATCAP	National Assessment of Technical Cooperation Programmes (G)
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
NATT	National Think Tank (G)
NAWEC	National Water & Electricity Company (G)
NAWFA	National Women Farmers' Association (G)
NAYCO	National Association of Youths & Childrens Organizations (G)
NB	nota bene (Latin) = note well
NBC	Nigerian Broadcasting Corporation
NBD	North Bank Division (G)
NBDP	North Bank Development Programme (G)
NBP	North Bank Province (G)
NBSFA	North Bank Sheep Fattening Association (G)
NCAC	National Council for Arts & Culture (G)
NCBWA	National Congress of British West Africa
NCC	i National Consultative Committee (G) ii National Climate Association (G)
NCCESP	National Consultative Council on Economic and Social Policy (G)
NCLR	National Council for Law Reporting (G)
NCO	Non-Commissioned Officer
NCP	National Convention Party (founded by S.M.Dibba) (G)
NCR	National Cash Register Co.
nd	no date

NDC	National Development Council (G)
NDL	National Development Levy (G)
NEA	National Environment Agency (G)
NEW	New Education Policy (G)
NFES	Non Formal Education Services (G)
NFHC	National Freedom from Hunger Campaign (G)
NFWP	Nutrition Field Working Party (which carried out work at Jenyer, Eastern Kiang) (G)
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organisations
NHDP	National Health Development Plan (Project ?) (G)
NIA	National Intelligence Agency (G)
NIB	National Investment Board (G)
NLAC	National Literacy Advisory Committee (G)
NLP	National Liberation Party (led by Papa Cheyassin Secka) (G)
NMCP	Netherlands Management Consultancy Programme
No.	Number
NOVIB	Nederlandse Organisatie voor Internationale Bijstand (Netherlands Organisation for International Assistance)
NP	National Party (Political Party 1958) (G)
NPE	National Partnership Enterprise (G) [fishing]
NPMC	National Project Monitoring Committee (G)
NPF	National Provident Fund (G)
NRP	National Reconciliation Party (G)
NS	New Series
NSA	National Sound Archives (UK)
NSC	National Steering Committee (G)
NTB	National Trading Board (G)
NTC	National Trading Corporation (G)
NUGS	National Union of Gambian Students (G)

NVT	B	National Vocational Training	Board (G)
	C		Centre
	D		Directorate
	P		Programme
NWC		National Women's Council	(G)
NYC		Nation/Youth Council	(G)
NYSS		National Youth Service Scheme	(G)

O.	Q.Sativa = Oryza sativa (rice)
O & M	Operations and Maintenance
OAU	Organization of African Unity (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia)
OATUU	Organization of African Trade Union Unity (Accra, Ghana)
OBE	(Officer of the) Order of the British Empire (UK)
OC	Other Charges
OCAM	Organisation Commune Africaine et Malagache
QCCGE	Organisation de Coordination et de Coopération dans la Lutte contre des Grands Endémies. (Organisation of coordination and cooperation against major epidemic diseases)
OCLALAV	Organisation Commune de Lutte Antiacridienne et de Lutte Antiaviaire (Organisation for the Control of the Desert Locust and Bird Pests), (Dakar, Senegal)
QCORA	Office de Coopération Radiophonique (France)
ODA	i Overseas Development Administration (UK) ii Official Development Assistance
ODI	Overseas Development Institute (UK)
ODM	Overseas Development Ministry (UK)
ODTA	Organization for the Development of Tourism in Africa
QECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development.
QEOA	Office of Emergency Operations in Africa (UN)
OERS	Organisation des Etats Riverains du Sénégal (Founded Mar 1968) -Organisation of the Senegal River States
OFR	On farm research (G)
OHAD	Oral History and Antiquities Division (G)
OHMS	On His/Her Majesty's Service
OIC(I)	Opportunities Industrialization Centers (International) (USA)
OIC	Organisation of the Islamic Conference (Jeddah, Saudi Arabic)
OICMA	Organisation Internationale Contre le Criquet Migrateur Africain (International African Migratory Locust Control Organisation)

O & M	Organization & Methods
OMVG	Organisation pour la Mise en Valeur du Fleuve Gambia (Organisation for the Utilisation of The River Gambia Basin)
OMVS	Organisation pour la Mise en Valeur du Fleuve Sénégal (Organisation for the Development of the Senegal River)
OPD	Out Patient Department
OPEC	Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
ORs	Other Ranks (Military)
ORF	Oral Rehydration Fluid
ORG	Officer of the National Order of the Republic of The Gambia (G)
ORSTOM	Office de la Recherche Scientifique et Technique d'Outre-Mer (Office of Overseas Scientific and Technical Research) (France)
ORS	Oral Dehydration Solution
ORT	Oral Dehydration Therapy
ORTS	Office of Radio Television Sénégalaise (Senegal)
QSAS	Overseas Service Aid Scheme (UK)
OSOGG	On the Service of The Gambia Government (G)
OSRO	Office for Special Relief Operations (FAO) Office of Sahelian Relief Operations
OT	Old Testament
OXFAM	Oxford Committee for Famine Relief (UK)

P.	Plasmodium
P/A	Put Away (Notation on files)
PADI	Partnership Development Initiative (G)
PAID	Pan African Institute for Development (Douala)
PAIGC	Partido Africano da Independencia de Guine a Cabo Verde (African Party for the Independence of Guinea Bissau & Cape Verde)
PAME	Participatory Assessment, Monitoring & Evaluation (G)
PANA	Pan African News Agency (Dakar, Senegal)
PAO	Principal Agricultural Officer (G)
PAP	Poverty Alleviation Programme (G)
PARC	Patriotic Alliance for Reorientation and Construction (Yayha Jammeh's party) (G)
PAS	Presidential Award Scheme (G)
PATW	Project Aid Third World
PAWC	Pan African Workers' Congress
PAYE	Pay as You Earn
PC	i Police Constable ii Peace Corps (USA) iii Programme Coordination
PCC	Project Coordinating Committee (G)
PCU	" " Unit
PCIAC	Petro Canada International Assistance Corporation
PCM	Protein Calorie Malnutrition (Medical)
PCO	Pest Control Office (G)
PCV	i Peace Corps Volunteer (USA) ii Packed cell volume (Medical)
PDOIS	People's Democratic Organisation for Independence & Socialism (Founded 1986) (G)
PDP	People's Democratic Party (G)
PDS	Parti Democratique Sénégalais
PE	i Physical Education ii Personnel Emoluments
PEM	Protein Energy Malnutrition (Medical)

PEO	Principal Education Officer	(G)
PEP	Public Expenditure Programme	(G)
PES	Personal Emoluments	
PFP	Policy Framework Paper	
PGVS	Presentation Girls' Vocational School	(G)
PHC	Primary Health Care	(G)
Ph D	Doctor of Philosophy	
PIA	People in Action	(G)
PIEC	Provisional Independent Electoral Commission	(G)
PIU	Police Intervention Unit	(G)
PIP	Public Investment Programme	(G)
PK	Points kilométriques	(Senegal)
PLO	Palestine Liberation Organisation	
pm	post meridiem (Latin) = after mid-day	
PM	i Prime Minister ii Post Mortem (Latin) = after death	
PMC	Project Monitoring Committee. (Succeeded Development Review Committee.. renamed NPMC National Project Monitoring Committee)	
PMG	Postmaster General	
PMO	Personnel Management Office	(G)
PMU	Project Management Unit	(G)
PO	i Post Office ii Postal Order iii President's Office	(G)
POSB	Post Office Savings Bank	
PPA	Progressive People's Alliance	(G)
PPBS	People's Progressive Alliance	
PPF	Planning & Programming Budgetary System	(G)
PPF	Project Preparation Facility	(G)
PPG	Partnership and Progress in The Gambia (Swedish sponsorship)	
PPMU	Project Planning & Monitoring Unit (Ministry of Agriculture)	(G)
PPQ	Project Planning Office	?

PPP	Originally = Protectorate People's Party, then People's Progressive Party (G)
PQS	Paper Qualification Syndrome
PRA	Participatory Rural Appraisal (G)
PRC	People's Republic of China
PRI	Penal Reform International
PRO	i Public Record Office (UK) ii Principal Registration Officer (Labour Dept) (G) iii Public Relations Officer
PROC	- see PRC
PS	Permanent Secretary (of Ministry) (G)
PSC	Public Service Commission (G)
PSD	Programme for Sustained Development (G)
PSIP	Pre-shipment Inspection Programme (G)
P&T	Posts and Telecommunications (G)
PT	Physical Education/Training
PTA	Parent/Teacher Association
PTC	Primary Teacher's Certificate (G)
PTD	i Posts and Telecommunications Department (G) ii Participatory Technology Development (G)
PUC	Public Utilities Commission (set up 1 July 1972) (G)
PUD	Public Utilities Department (G)
PVO	Private Voluntary Organization
PWD	Public Works Department (G)
PWDA	Patriotic Women's Development Association (G)
PWRDF	Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (Canada- Anglican Church)

QC

Queen's Council, Queen's Counsel

R.	Rhizophera ^a (mangrove)
RAC	Royal African Company
RAF	Royal Air Force
RAIT	Rural Adult Instructor Training Programme (G)
RAMC	Royal Army Medical Corps
RASCOM	Regional African Satellite Communication System
RBAE	Rural Broadcasting & Adult Education Unit (G)
R&CDTC	Rural and Community Development Training Centre (G)
RCSB	Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind (UK)
RDA	Recommended Dietary Allowances
RDI	Rural Development Institute (Dept. of Community Development) (G)
RDP	Rural Development Project/ Programme (G)
RE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i Royal Engineers (UK) ii Revised Estimate (G) iii Resident Engineer (G)
REDSO/WA	Regional Economic Development Service Office West Africa (USAID- Abijan, Ivory Coast)
RELU/O	(Dept of Agriculture) Research Extension Liaison Unit/ Officer (G)
REME	Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers (UK)
REO	Regional Education Officer (G)
RESADOC	Sahelian Scientific & Technial Information & Documentation Network. Sahel Instute, Bamako, Mali.
RFDSATF	Rural Farming Development Scheme and Trust Fund (G)
RG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i Radio Gambia ii River Gambia
RGM	Medal of the Order of the Republic of The Gambia (G)
RGNP	River Gambia National Park (G)
RHT	Regional Health Team (G)
RIPA	Royal Institute of Public Administration (UK)
RLF	Revolving Loan Fund

RN	Royal Navy (UK)
ROC	Republic of China
ROTG	Republic of The Gambia (G)
RP	Révérend Père (Reverend Father)
RPHN	Regional Public Health Nurse (G)
RPMEU	Research, Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation Unit (G)
RSA	Royal Society of Arts (UK)
RSH	Royal Society (for the Promotion) of Health (UK)
RTD	Retired
RVH	Royal Victoria Hospital (G)
RVTC	Rural Vocational Training Centre (G)
P	" " " Programme (G)
RWAFF	Royal West African Frontier Force

S	South
SAA	Senior Agricultural Assistant (G)
SAC	i Structural Adjustment Credit
	ii Scholarship Advisory Committee (G)
SAF	Structural Adjustment Facility
SAK	a Kuwait Investment Committee
SAL	Structural Adjustment Loan
SAP	i Structural Adjustment Policy ii Supplementary
SAR	Staff Appraisal Report appropriations
SAS	i Scandinavian Airlines System
	ii Special Air Services (British Commando Unit)
SB	Silver Brooch (an award) (G)
SBD	South Bank Division (G)
SBG	Standard Bank Gambia
SBP	South Bank Province (G)
SBWA	Standard Bank of West Africa
SCAAP	Special Commonwealth African Assistance Plan (UK)
SCB	Standard Chartered Bank
SCF	Save the Children Fund (UK ?)
	Save the Children Federation (USA ?)
SCM	State Certified Midwife
SD	Standard Deviation
SDA	i Seventh Day Adventists
	ii Social Dimensions of Adjustment
SDF	Saudi Development Fund
SDP	Sahel Development Program
SDR	Special Drawing Right (Banking)
SECAL	Sectoral Adjustment Loan
SECOM	Senior Commissioner (G)
SEDES	Societe d'Etudes pour le developpement économique et social

SESIMU	Socio Economic Survey Implementation and Monitoring Unit (G)
SESU	Socio Economic Survey Unit (G)
SFOM	Societe Financiere pour les Pays d'Outre Mer
SFP	Schools for Progress
SFYP	Second Five Year Plan (G)
SG	Secretary General
SGA	Sesame Growers' Association (G)
SGF	Stay Green Foundation
SGS	Senegalo-Gambian Secretariat (G)
SHIA	Swedish Handicap Organisation & International Aid Foundation
SIB	Soroptomists International, Banjul (G)
SIC	Supreme Islamic Council (Gambia) (G)
SIDA - see Aids	
SIDA	Swedish International Development Authority/Agency
SITC	Standard International Trade Classification
SKAT	Swiss Centre for Appropriate Technology
SLG	Scandinavian Leisure Group
SM	Silver Medallion (Awarded to Chiefs) (G)
SMA	Safe Motherhood Association (G)
SMO	Senior Medical Officer (G)
SMU	Seed Multiplication Unit (G)
SNR	Senior
SO	Station Officer (Police) (G)
SQDEVA	Société de Developpement et Vulgarisation Agricole (Society for the Development of Agricultural Extension) (Senegal)
SOE	Special Operations Executive (UK - World War II)
SONED	Société nationale des Etudes de Developpement (Senegal)
SOS	i Distress Call in the International Morse Code ii Secretary of State (G)
sp.	species

SP	i Sessional Paper (of the Legislative Council) (G) ii Société de Prévoyance (Senegal)
SPA	Strategy for Poverty Alleviation (G)
SPCK	Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge (UK)
SPG	Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts (UK)
SPLAJ	Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
SPW	Schools Partnership Worldwide
sq	square
SRN	State Registered Nurse
SS	Steamship
SSA	Sub-Saharan Africs
SSC	Small Scale Credit
SSHFC	Social Security & Housing Finance Corporation (G)
SSI/WA	Sight Savers International/West Africa
SSP	Single Super Phosphate
SSRC	Social Science Research Council (UK)
SS/RCSB	Sight Savers, Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind (UK)
SSSU	Statistics and Special Studies Unit (G)
St.	i Street ii Saint
STD	Sexually transmitted diseases
STS	Secondary Technical School (G)
SWAAGAM	Society for Women Against Aids [In Africa] -Gambia Branch (G)
SWAPO	South West Africa People's Organisation
SWECO	[A Swedish International Consultant Group]
SWMU	Soil and Water Management Unit (G).

t	metric tonne
TA	Technical Assistance
TAB	Tourism Advisory Board (G)
TADB	Tourist Area Development Board (G)
TAG	Technical Assistance Group of Commonwealth Secretariat
TANGO	Association of Non-Government Organisations
TARUD	Trust Agency for Rural Development
TBA	i To be arranged ii Traditional Birth Attendant (G)
TC	i Travelling Commissioner (G) obsolete
TCDC	Technical Cooperation for Developing Countries
TCO	Technical Cooperation Officers (UK)
TDA	Tourist Development Area (G)
TDR	Tropical Disease Research Program (WHO/UNDP/World Bank)
Tel.	Telephone (number)
TEDRO	Test Development and Research Office
TFTG	The Forbes Trust The Gambia
TGPFQFSAG	The Gambia Baden Powell Fellowship of former Scouts and Guides
TIN	Tax Identification Number
TIP	Tourism and Infrastructure Project
TIPE	Training Information Programme for the Environment
TLB	Tourism Liaison Board
TM	Transcendental Meditation
TO	Training Officer
TP	Travaux Publics (Public Works) (Senegal)
TPI	Tropical Products Institute (UK)
TPO	Travelling Post Office (on the old river steamers) (G)

TRIC	Trachoma Inclusion Conjunctivitis (Medical)
..TS	Technical School
TSG	i Traditional Support Group (G)
	ii Tactical Support Group
TSP	Triple Super Phosphate
TTC	Teachers' Training College
TUC	Trade Union Congress
TV	Television
TWI	Training Within Industry

UAC	United Africa Company (A Trading firm)
UAR	United Arab Republic
UCMCH	University of California Maternal & Child Health (Project)
UDI	Unilateral Declaration of Independence
UDP	United Democratic Party (G)
UE	University Extension
UHC	Utilities Holding Company (Gambia Utilities Corporation) Corporation (G)
UHF	Ultra High Frequency
UK	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
UKSCAAP	United Kingdom Special Commonwealth African Assistance Plan
UKOWLA	U.K. One World Linking Association
UMOA	Union Monetaire Ouest Africain = West African franc zone
UN	United Nations (New York)
UNCDF	United Nations Capital Development Fund
UNCED	UN Conference on Environment and Development (Rio de Janeiro, 1992)
UNCDF	UN Capital Development Fund
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade & Development (Geneva)
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme (New York)
UNDRO	United Nations Disaster Relief Office/Organisation ?
UNDTCD	United Nations Department of Technical Cooperation for Development
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme (Nairobi, Kenya)
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Paris)
UNFPA	United Nations Fund for Population Activities
UNHCR	United Nations High Commission for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNIDEP	United Nations Institute for Economic Development and Planning

UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization (Vienna)
UNIFEM	United Nations Voluntary Fund for Women
UNITAR	UN Institute for Training and Research
UNOTC	United Nations Office for Technical Cooperation
UNPF	United Nations Population Fund
UNSO	United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (New York)
UNTAA	United Nations Technical Assistance Administration
UNVP	United Nations Volunteer Programme
UP	United Party (Political Party) (G)
UPE	Universal Primary Education (G)
UPI	United Press International
UPU	Universal Postal Union (Switzerland)
UQ (Teachers)	Unqualified (Teachers) (G)
URD	Upper River Division (G)
URP	Upper River Province (G)
URTNA	Union des Radiodiffusions et Télévisions Nationales d'Afrique (Union of National Radio and Television Stations in Africa)
USA	United States of America
US AID	United States Agency for International Development
USCC	United States Catholic Confederation
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USIS	United States Information Service
USSR	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
USPG	United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (UK)

VAD	Voluntary Aid Detachment (of The Gambia Red Cross Society) (G)
VAO	Vision Aid Overseas (UK)
VC	Victoria Cross (UK) - Award for valour
VD	i Veterinary Department (obsolete) ii Venereal disease
VDC	Village Development Committee (G)
VFDW	Volunteer Fund for the UN Decade for Women
VHF	Very High Frequency
VHS	Village Health Services (G)
VHW	" " Worker (G)
VIDCO	Village Development Committee (G)
VIP	i Very Important Person ii Ventilated Improved Pit Latrine (G)
VISA	Village Initiative Support activities) (G) assistance)
VITA	Volunteers in Technical Assistance
viz	from Latin = namely
VNW	Village Nutrition Worker (G)
VQA	Voice of America (Radio Station) USA
VOLS	Village Opinion Leaders (G)
VP	Vice President
VPC	<u>V</u> illage <u>S</u> avings and Credit Association <u>P</u> romotion <u>C</u> entre (G)
VQP	V. Q. Petersen (A former trading firm)
vs	versus (Latin)- against
VSO	Voluntary Service Overseas (UK)
VTC	Vocational Training Centre (G)
VW	Volkswagen (German) -make of car

W	West
WA	West Africa
WAAC	West African Airways Corporation
WABA	West Africa Bankers Association (Sierra Leone)
WABSA	West Africa Bird Study Association
WACAF	West African Civil Aviation Federation
WACB	West African Currency Board
WACH	West African Clearing House (Banking) (Sierra Leone)
WACN	West African College of Nursing (Lagos, Nigeria)
WACRACT	West African Centre for Rural Agriculture Credit and Training
WAD	Women and Development
WAEC	i West African Examinations Council (Accra, Ghana) ii West African Economic Community
WAFF	West African Frontier Force
WAFU	West Africa Football Union
WAHC	West Africa Health Community (Lagos, Nigeria)
WAI	West Africa Insurance Institute
WAICA	West African Insurance Companies Association (Accra, Ghana)
WAJA	West African Journalists Association
WAM	West Africa Mission
WAMA	West African Monetary Authority
WAMC	West African Medical Council
WAMU	West African Monetary Union
WANGOD	Women and Non-Governmental Organizations and Development (G)
WAPA / WAPF	West African Pharmaceutical Association /Federation
WAPCB	West African Produce Control Board
WARDA	West Africa Rice Development Association (Liberia) (Ivory Coast ?)
WARHS	West African Regional Health Secretariat

WARRS	West African Rice Research Station (Rokupr, Sierra Leone)
WASC	West African School Certificate
WASU	West African Students' Union
WAWA	West Africa Wins Again (An expatriate cry of despair and frustration)
WAY	World Assembly of Youth (Denmark)
WB	World Bank
WCC	World Council of Churches (Geneva, Switzerland)
WCD	Wildlife Conservation Department (G)
WCL	World Confederation of Labour (Brussels, Belgium)
WCOTP	World Confederation of the Organizations of the Teaching Profession (Switzerland)
WD	Western Division (G)
WEC	World Evangelical Crusade
WECI	World Evangelism for Christ International
wef	with effect from
WFC	World Food Council
WFDCS	Weltfriedensdienst Community Services (Germany)
WFD	World Food Day
WFP	World Food Programme
WFTU	World Federation of Trade Unions (Czechoslovakia)
WGAR	Working Group for Administrative Reform (G)
WHO	World Health Organisation (UN) (Geneva, Switzerland)
WICS	World Islamic Call Society
WID	Women in Development
WIDF	Women's International Democratic Federation Foundation ?
WIF	Worldview International Foundation (NGO Sri Lanka)
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organisation (Switzerland)
WISDOM	Women in Service, Development, Organisation, & Management (G)
WMO	World Meteorological Organisation (Geneva)

WOPS	Widows and Orphans Pension Scheme
WPTL	World Peace Through Law (Centre) (Washington DC)
WSC	World Scout Conference
WSWG	Water and Sanitation Working Group (G)
WTO	World Tourism Organisation (Madrid, Spain)
WVS	Women's Voluntary Services (An organisation operating during World War II)
WWF	World Wildlife Fund
WWSC	Wiltshire World Studies Centre

YBK	Yoro-beri-kunda (Site of Agricultural Station, MacCarthy Island Province) (G)
YC	Yundum College (G) - now closed
YCSU	Yundum College Students' Union
YF	Yellow Fever
YFC	Young Farmers' Clubs
YMCA	Young Men's Christian Association
YMS	Young Muslim Society (G)
YWAM	Youth With a Mission (Christian Mission) (G)
YWCA	Young Women's Christian Association
Y2K	The year 2000