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#### List of Acronyms

ACHPR African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights

ACRWC African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child

AWACC Anti-Witchcraft Campaign Coalition-Ghana

CAT Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or De-

grading Treatment or Punishment

CEDAW Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination

against Women

CESCR Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
CGT Constructionist/Constructivist Grounded Theory
CGTM Constructionist Grounded Theory Methodology

CHRAJ Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice

CRC Convention on the Rights of the Child

CSOs Civil Society Organisations
CSPS Centre for Social Policy Studies

DANIDA Danish International Development Agency
DESA Department of Economic and Social Affairs

DSW Department of Social Welfare

ECHR European Convention of Human Rights

ECOSOC Economic and Social Council

EU European Union

ESR Economic and Social Rights

FCUBE Free Compulsory Universal Basic Education

FGM Female Genital Mutilation GAD Gender and Development

GC General Comments
GT Grounded Theory
GTs Grounded Theories

GTM Grounded Theory Methodology
GTMs Grounded Theory Methodologies
HDR Human Development Report

IDLA International Development Law Organization

#### List of Acronyms

ICC International Criminal Court

ICCPR International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

ICESCR International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

ILO International Labour Organisation

LEAP Livelihood Empowerment against Poverty

MDGs Millennium Development Goals

MMDAs Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies

MPLs Minimum Proficiency Levels
NGOs Non-Governmental Organisations
NHRI National Human Rights Institution
NHRIs National Human Rights Institutions

NHIS National Health Insurance Scheme

HRW Human Rights Watch
OD Open Defecation

OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human

Rights

OVCs Orphan and Vulnerable Children
PHC Population and Housing Census
PNDC Provisional National Defence Council

PRI Penal Reform International
PRR Protect, Respect and Remedy
PWDs People with Disabilities

UDHR Universal Declaration of Human Rights

UIS UNESCO Institute for Statistics

UNHRC United Nations Human Rights Council

UNHCR United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

UN United Nations

UNICEF United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund

UNO United Nations Organisation.
UNFPA United Nations Population Fund

USA United States of America

US United States

SLR Standard of Living Rights
SDG Sustainable Development Goal
SDGs Sustainable Development Goals
TJSs Traditional Justice Systems

#### List of Acronyms

TV Television

WWII Second World War

WHO World Health Organisation