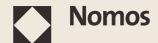
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List of Abbreviations

BVD Biometric Verification Device CI Constitutional Instrument

CODEO Coalition of Domestic Election Observers

CPP Convention People's Party
CVR Continuous Voter Registration

EC Electoral Commission

EMBs Electoral Management Bodies GGS Ghana Statistical Service

IDEA International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance

L.I Legislative Instrument

MFWA Media Foundation for West Africa

MMDAs Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies

MP Member of Parliament

NCA National Communication Authority
NCCE National Commission for Civic Education

NDC National Democratic CongressNGO Non-Governmental OrganisationNHIS National Health Insurance Scheme

NPP New Patriotic Party

PNC People's National Convention

PNDC Provisional National Defence Council

PPP Progressive People's Party

SN Social Networks

SMEs small and medium-sized enterprises

VAP Voting-Age Population

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