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List of Acronyms

ACA, Agency for Cultural Affairs (Japan)
DFID, Department for International Development (UK)
DRR, Disaster Risk Reduction
DRM, Disaster Risk Management
FAO, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
ICCROM, International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property
ICOM, International Council of Museums
ICOM-DRTF, ICOM Disaster Relief Task Force
ICOMOS, International Council on Monuments and Sites
ICOMOS-ICORP, ICOMOS International Committee on Risk Preparedness
IFRC, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
IOM, International Organization for Migration
MDGs, Millennium Development Goals
NICH, National Institutes for Cultural Heritage (Japan)
PDNA, Post Disaster Needs Assessment
UNDP, United Nations Development Programme
UNIDO, United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UNESCO, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNICEF, United Nations Children's Fund
UNISDR, United Nations Secretariat for International Strategy for Disaster Reduction
UN-Habitat, United Nations Human Settlements Programme

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