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Abbreviations

ACP	African, Caribbean and Pacific countries
ARENA	Alianza Republicana Nacionalista (El Salvador)
CACM	Central American Common Market
CARICOM	Caribbean Community and Common Market
CBI	Caribbean Basin Initiative
CDR	Committee for the Defence of the Revolution (Cuba)
CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States
CUC	Comité de Unidad Campesina (Guatemala)
ECLA/ECLAC	Economic Commission for Latin America/ Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
DLP	Democratic Labour Party (Trinidad and Tobago)
EGP	Ejército Guerrillero de los Pobres (Guatemala)
EU	European Union
FDR	Frente Democrático Revolucionario (El Salvador)
FMLN	Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional (El Salvador)
FSLN	Frente Sandinista de Liberación Nacional (Nicaragua)
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
IMF	International Monetary Fund
JLP	Jamaican Labour Party
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Area
NJM	New Jewel Movement (Grenada)
OAS	Organization of American States
OECS	Organization of Eastern Caribbean States
PCN	Partido de Conciliación Nacional (El Salvador)
PDC	Partido Democrata Cristiano (El Salvador)
PDP	Popular Democratic Party (Puerto Rico)
PL	Partido Liberal (Honduras)

PLN	Partido de Liberación Nacional (Costa Rica)
PN	Partido Nacional (Honduras)
PNM	People's National Movement (Trinidad and Tobago)
PNP	New Progressive Party (Puerto Rico)
PR	Partido Reformista (Dominican Republic)
PRD	Partido Revolucionario Dominicano (Dominican Republic)
PRG	People's Revolutionary Government (Grenada)
PRUD	Partido Revolucionario de Unificación Democrática (El Salvador)
PSD	Partido Social Democrata (Costa Rica)
PUSC	Partido Unidad Social Cristiano (Costa Rica)
ULF	United Labour Front (Trinidad and Tobago)
UNO	Unión Nacional de la Oposición (Nicaragua)
USAID	US Agency for International Development

Map of Central America and the Caribbean Basin