

## Abbreviations

- AGN General Archive of the Nation  
AMC Mexican Academy of Sciences  
ANEC National Association of Rural Commercialization Enterprises  
APPO Popular Assembly of the Peoples of Oaxaca  
BANRURAL National Rural Credit Bank  
Bt *bacillus thuringiensis* (soil bacterium that produces insecticide)  
CASIFOP Center for Social Analysis, Information and Training  
(nonprofit civil association or NGO)  
CBD UN Convention on Biological Diversity  
CEC Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CCA in Spanish)  
CECCAM Center for Studies of Rural Change  
CENAMI National Support Center for Indigenous Missions  
CGIAR Consultative Group on International Agriculture Research  
CIBIOGEM Inter-ministerial Commission on Biosafety  
CIMMYT International Corn and Wheat Institute  
CINVESTAV Center for Research and Advanced Studies,  
National Polytechnic Institute  
CNA National Water Commission  
CNBA National Agricultural Biosafety Committee  
CNC National Confederation of Peasants  
CNM National Maize Commission  
CODEX Codex Alimentarius Commission  
COMPITCH Council of Indigenous Midwives and Healers (an NGO)  
CONABIO National Biodiversity Commission  
CONACULTA National Council for Culture and the Arts  
CONACYT National Council for Science and Technology  
CONAPO National Population Council  
CONASUPO National Basic Foods Company  
CROM Regional Confederation of Mexican Workers  
CTM Workers' Central (Union) of Mexico

DGSV General Directorate of Plant Health  
 Diario Oficial Federal Register  
 DICONSA CONASUPO's distributor and importer  
 DNA deoxyribonucleic acid  
 ETC Group Action Group on Erosion, Technology and Concentration  
 (formerly RAFI)  
 EU European Union  
 EZLN Zapatista Army of National Liberation  
 FAO Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN  
 PROC-CROC Revolutionary Confederation of Workers and Peasants  
 (labor union)  
 GATT General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade  
 GDP gross domestic product  
 GE genetically engineered (also GM, or genetically modified)  
 GEA Environmental Studies Group (an NGO)  
 GM genetically modified (also GE, or genetically engineered)  
 GMO genetically modified organism  
 GRAIN an international NGO  
 IMF International Monetary Fund  
 INAH National Institute of Anthropology and History  
 INE National Ecology Institute  
 INEGI National Institute of Statistics, Geography, and Informatics  
 INI National Indigenist Institute (defunct)  
 INIFAP National Institute of Forestry, Agricultural, and Livestock  
 Research  
 iPCR inverse polymerase chain reaction  
 LBOGM Biosafety and Genetically Modified Organisms Law  
 LMO living modified organism  
 lps liters per second  
 MAP Mexican Agricultural Program of the Rockefeller Foundation  
 NAFTA North American Free Trade Agreement  
 NGO nongovernmental organization (and in Mexico, nonprofit civil  
 association)  
 OEE Oficina de Estudios Especiales  
 PA Office of the Attorney General for Agrarian Affairs  
 PAN National Action Party  
 PCM Mexican Communist Party  
 PCR polymerase chain reaction  
 PMS Mexican Socialist Party  
 PNA Private Newspaper Archives (of Juan Manuel Gámez Andrade, and  
 the Barroso Archive of the Tehuacán Chronicle newspaper)  
 PRD Party of the Democratic Revolution  
 PRI Institutional Revolutionary Party

Procampo direct rural support program  
 PROCEDE Program for the Certification of Ejido Rights and the Titling  
 of Urban House Plots  
 PROFEPA Federal Environmental Protection Agency  
 PROGRESA Education, Health, and Nutrition Program  
 PRONASE National Seed Producer  
 PRONASOL National Solidarity Program  
 PSUM Unified Socialist Party of Mexico  
 PVEM Ecological Green Party of Mexico  
 RAN National Agrarian Registry  
 rDNA recombinant DNA  
 SAGAR former name of SAGARPA  
 SAGARPA Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, and Fisheries  
 SAM Mexican Food System (policy)  
 SARH former name of SAGARPA  
 SEDESOL Ministry of Social Development  
 SEMARNAT Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources  
 SENASICA National Service of Agriculture, Food, and Animal Health,  
 Safety, and Quality (a branch of the Ministry of Agriculture)  
 SIAP Agri-Food and Fishery Information Service  
 SRA Ministry of Agrarian Reform  
 SUITTA Independent Workers Union of the Tarrant Company  
 TRIPS WTO agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property  
 Rights  
 UN United Nations  
 UNAM National Autonomous University of Mexico  
 UNORCA National Union of Autonomous Peasant Organizations  
 UNOSJO Union of Organizations of the Sierra Juárez of Oaxaca  
 WTO World Trade Organization