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## **List of abbreviations**

ACC – Accessibility  
AGFI - Adjusted Good of Fit  
AMOS - Analysis of Moment Structure  
ASV - Average Shared Variance  
AVE - Average Variance Extracted  
BI -Behavioural Intent  
CAGR - Compound Annual Growth Rate  
CBT –Community Based Tourism  
CFA – Confirmatory Factor Analysis  
CFI - Comparative Fit Index  
CR - Composite Reliability  
DI - Destination Image  
ECER - East Coast Economic Region  
EFA - Exploratory Factor Analysis  
EFE - External Factor Evaluation  
FEE- Foreign Exchange Earnings  
FTA- Foreign Tourists’ Arrival  
GDP- Gross Domestic Product  
GFI - Goodness of fit statistic  
GOI- Government of India  
HOLSAT –Holiday Satisfaction  
IBEF- Indian Board Equity Foundation  
IFE - Internal Factor Evaluation  
KECOBA - Kenya Community-Based Tourism Network Database  
KSPN - Strategic Areas of Indonesian National Tourism  
LED - Local Economic Development Programme  
MI - Modification indices  
MLE - Maximum Likelihood Estimation  
MM - Measurement Modeling  
MSV - Maximum Shared Variance  
MTE - Memorable Tourism Experience  
NFI - Normed Fit Index  
NGO –Non-Government Organisation  
PCA - Principal Component Analysis  
PGFI - Parsimony Fit Indices  
PLS –Partial Least Square  
RMR - Root Mean Square Residual  
RMSEA - Root Mean Square of Approximation  
SAF -Safety & Security  
SAT - Tourists’ Satisfaction  
SEM –Structural Equation Modeling  
SQ - Service Quality

SRMR - Standardised Root Mean Square Residual

SWOT - Strength, Weakness, Opportunities, and Threats

TOWS - Threats, Opportunities, Weaknesses and Strengths

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UNESCO -United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

UNWTO- United Nations World Tourism Organization

WTO –World tourism organisation



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