

# Risk Mitigation for Free Port Settlement Planning and Development in the Context of Global Trade Network Reorganisation



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As economic powers compete to redraw the global trade network, new economic corridors, sea routes and port expansion projects emerge. For some regions this process is simply a means of strengthening an already robust system of rail tracks, roads, and cities. For others it is a means of establishing relationships with foreign markets and fighting poverty locally. Nearly 80% of global trade is transported by sea, making the operation of port cities and their respective transport networks an increasingly disputed topic. Geospatial data and urban form analysis can aid in the conceptualisation of a comprehensive risk assessment framework to ensure the appropriate management of free port projects.

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