

RESEARCH REPORT

Regional Trade Integration in the Horn of Africa

A comparative analysis of port competition, corridor development and regulatory harmonisation across the Horn of Africa.

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Port and corridor investment across the Horn of Africa is intensifying competition for transit trade, with significant implications for landlocked states.

Methodology

The study draws on trade flow data, tariff schedules and interviews with logistics operators across three major corridors.

Key findings

Regulatory harmonisation, rather than infrastructure alone, is identified as the primary determinant of corridor competitiveness.