Special Economic Zone at Duqm — Oman's $20 Billion Bet on Economic Diversification

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Quality score: 67/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Oman's Duqm Special Economic Zone had drawn over $20 billion in cumulative investment and 100+ projects by 2025, employing 12,400+ workers — but Omani nationals still held barely a quarter of those jobs, up from one-fifth a year earlier.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	2/3
Evidence of impact / measured results	3/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability	3/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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