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Insights from the Israel 2020 Planning Process

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The starting point of this program in national physical spatial development was essentially a national, inclusive, multidisciplinary vision, considering all the social, technological, political, security and environmental trends taking place in the region. The optimal allocation of physical space for the various uses in the distant future was influenced by estimates of expected changes in areas such as: expected regional geopolitical scenarios, economic development of the country, characteristics of the markets, the mix of industrial products and trade and services entities, long-term demographic changes predicted on all relevant parameters; technological innovations and the implications of security system activities. The "Israel 2020" team made an effort to base planning on a holistic and unified approach to all the required assumptions and relating to the various development trends. From this concept, detailed and coordinated strategies were constructed to address the specific planning issues.

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