

# 2025 Diplomatic Calendar: ASEAN, UNGA, and Pacific Pacts Shape Global Relations

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**1. Which significant diplomatic event, involving leaders from Southeast Asian nations and global partners including the US and China, took place in Malaysia in October 2025?**

- A) The 80th Session of the UN General Assembly
- B) The 47th ASEAN Summit**
- C) The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit
- D) The East Asia Summit (EAS)

**2. During the 47th ASEAN Summit in October 2025, a historic milestone was achieved with the formal admission of which country as ASEAN's eleventh member, marking its first expansion since 1999?**

- A) Papua New Guinea
- B) Timor-Leste**
- C) The Solomon Islands
- D) Fiji

**3. In September 2025, the 80th session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA 80) convened in New York. Which theme was outlined by the President of the 80th session, Her Excellency Annalena Baerbock, for the High-Level General Debate?**

- A) Global Health Security
- B) Sustainable Development Goals
- C) Better Together**
- D) Climate Action Now

**4. Australia and Fiji are set to sign a landmark security and economic agreement in May 2026, known as the Vuvale Union. What is a primary strategic objective of this agreement for Australia in the Pacific region?**

- A) To promote cultural tourism
- B) To contain China's growing influence**
- C) To facilitate humanitarian aid distribution
- D) To expand renewable energy projects

**5. In October 2025, the 47th ASEAN Summit in Kuala Lumpur witnessed the signing of the 'Kuala Lumpur peace accord' between Thailand and Cambodia. Who served as witnesses to this agreement aimed at easing border tensions?**

- A) US President Donald Trump and Chinese Premier Li Qiang
- B) UN Secretary-General António Guterres and ASEAN Secretary-General Dato Lim Jock Hoi
- C) Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and New Zealand Prime Minister Christopher Luxon

**D) US President Donald Trump and Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim**

**6. The India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (FTA), signed in April 2026, aims to boost bilateral trade to \$5 billion over five years. Beyond bilateral trade, what broader strategic role is this FTA intended to serve for India in the Oceania region?**

- A) To establish a regional military alliance
- B) To facilitate a gateway to Oceania, positioning India as a primary partner**
- C) To promote a shared environmental protection initiative
- D) To foster a unified tourism promotion strategy

**7. In September 2025, the UN General Assembly's 80th session will include a High-level Meeting on the 30th Anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women. This meeting underscores the ongoing global emphasis on which crucial diplomatic and developmental area?**

- A) Global financial stability
- B) Nuclear disarmament
- C) Gender equality and women's empowerment**
- D) International space law

**8. Papua New Guinea and Australia signed a mutual defense treaty in October 2025. What key aspect did Papua New Guinea's Prime Minister James Marape emphasize regarding this treaty in response to potential concerns from China?**

- A) It is a treaty to form an alliance against specific nations.
- B) It is a treaty that aims to create regional enemies.
- C) It is a treaty that consolidates friendships and that China has been informed of Australia's role as a security partner of choice.**
- D) It is a treaty that precludes relations with other states.

**9. The EU and Australia finalized negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement in March 2026. This agreement is part of a broader EU strategy of striking similar accords in the Indo-Pacific region, following agreements with which other countries in 2025?**

- A) Japan and South Korea
- B) Indonesia and India**
- C) Singapore and Malaysia
- D) China and Vietnam

**10. The 47th ASEAN Summit in October 2025 in Kuala Lumpur highlighted the bloc's challenge of balancing its principle of non-interference with internal issues. Which member state's exclusion from the summit underscored these internal divisions?**

- A) Myanmar**
- B) Cambodia
- C) Laos
- D) Vietnam