

# Oceania & Pacific Pulse: Key Events in Climate, Politics, and Disasters

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**1. Which Pacific island nation is implementing a US\$20 million project, approved by the World Bank, to enhance climate resilience in its outer islands through improved water access and coastal protection?**

- A) Fiji
- B) Vanuatu
- C) Kiribati**
- D) Tonga

**2. In the Solomon Islands' recent general election, what was a key electoral issue that influenced campaign platforms and discussions?**

- A) The price of fish
- B) Relationship with China**
- C) The national football league
- D) Tourism development projects

**3. Palau is recognized as a leader in environmental conservation. Which of these innovative policies has Palau implemented to protect its marine environment?**

- A) Establishing the world's first shark sanctuary**
- B) Banning all fishing activities
- C) Creating artificial coral reefs
- D) Implementing a strict hunting season for marine life

**4. Australia has committed significant climate finance to the Pacific. What is the approximate total amount Australia aims to deliver towards global climate efforts between 2020-2025, with a substantial portion allocated to the Pacific?**

- A) \$1.3 billion
- B) \$3 billion**
- C) \$350 million
- D) \$20 billion

**5. Tonga is working on economic recovery following a volcanic eruption and tsunami. What has been a significant challenge to its recovery, as noted by the IMF?**

- A) A surplus of labor
- B) Declining tourism
- C) Labor shortages**
- D) Low inflation

**6. Which Pacific nation is working on a free trade agreement with the Pacific Alliance, a Latin American bloc comprising Chile, Colombia, Mexico, and Peru?**

A) Fiji

**B) New Zealand**

C) Papua New Guinea

D) Solomon Islands

**7. In early March 2023, Vanuatu experienced devastating twin tropical cyclones. Approximately what percentage of the country's population was estimated to be affected by these cyclones?**

A) Less than 20%

B) Around 50%

**C) Over 80%**

D) Exactly 30%

**8. Papua New Guinea is particularly vulnerable to natural disasters. Which of the following is a significant hazard the country faces due to its location on the Pacific Ring of Fire?**

A) Hurricanes

**B) Tsunamis**

C) Volcanic eruptions

D) Droughts

**9. The 'Palau Pledge' is a unique initiative requiring visitors to make a promise upon entry. What is the primary focus of this pledge?**

A) To support local businesses

**B) To respect and preserve the environment**

C) To learn the Palauan language

D) To participate in cultural events

**10. Fiji's political landscape saw a significant change in December 2022 with a general election. Who was elected prime minister, taking over from Frank Bainimarama?**

A) Biman Prasad

**B) Sitiveni Rabuka**

C) Ratu Wiliame Katonivere

D) Aseri Radrodro