

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