

Oceania's Shifting Tides: Climate, Security, and Economic Futures in the Pacific

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1. In the context of climate change adaptation, which Pacific island nation is actively working with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) to prepare a National Adaptation Plan (NAP) with funding from the Green Climate Fund, focusing on strengthening resilience across its states?

- A) Vanuatu
- B) Fiji
- C) Federated States of Micronesia**
- D) Solomon Islands

2. Which Pacific island nation's newly elected Prime Minister announced in June 2026 an intention to 'review' a secretive 2022 security pact with Beijing, signaling a potential shift in geopolitical alliances and a desire to strengthen ties with Australia?

- A) Papua New Guinea
- B) Solomon Islands**
- C) Fiji
- D) Tonga

3. As of 2025, what percentage of New Zealand's electricity generation is projected to come from renewable sources, reflecting its rapid expansion in clean energy?

- A) Approximately 75%
- B) Approximately 87%**
- C) Approximately 95%
- D) Approximately 99%

4. In July 2025, Australia and China signed a Memorandum of Understanding to deepen the scope of their Free Trade Agreement (ChAFTA) as part of its 10th anniversary, with a key focus on enhancing trade liberalization and institutional cooperation. In 2024, what was the approximate value of Australian exports to China?

- A) AUD \$100 billion
- B) AUD \$150 billion
- C) AUD \$196 billion**
- D) AUD \$250 billion

5. Which Pacific island nation is set to leverage eco-tourism as a cornerstone of its economic diversification strategy in 2025, focusing on sustainable accommodations and promoting local artisans?

A) Papua New Guinea

B) Vanuatu

C) Fiji

D) Samoa

6. Papua New Guinea's Prime Minister James Marape has emphasized political stability as crucial for economic development. During the period from 2002 to 2025, what was the average duration of governments in Papua New Guinea, allowing for longer-term policy implementation?

A) Approximately 2 years and 4 months

B) Approximately 5 years

C) Approximately 8 years and 6 months

D) Approximately 10 years

7. In the context of international climate law, a coalition of countries, led by Vanuatu, is pushing for a UN General Assembly resolution to reinforce countries' legal obligations and back a July 2025 climate advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice. What is the primary goal of this initiative?

A) To establish a global carbon tax

B) To recommend a UN process to document climate-related losses and damages

C) To mandate immediate cessation of all fossil fuel exploration

D) To create a new international climate court

8. According to IMF staff estimates for 2024, Fiji's GDP growth reached approximately 3.7 percent. Despite this strong recovery, what remains a significant challenge for Fiji's economic diversification due to geographical isolation, weak infrastructure, and limited human capital?

A) Over-reliance on remittances

B) High levels of foreign direct investment

C) Dependence on tourism

D) A rapidly declining birth rate