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Role of CTBTO in Global Climate Change Governance: Prospects for the Pacific Island States

Global Climate Governance is an emerging arena of policy-making with the primary objective of formulating practical alternatives to deal with the adverse consequences of climate change along with creating an agile mechanism that is adequate from a scientific perspective and also encourages universal participation. Countries are experiencing frequent natural disasters due to climate change, particularly in small island states where sea level rise is endangering whole communities and means of subsistence. The CTBT has been signed and ratified by several Pacific Islands states, the most recent additions are Solomon Islands and Tuvalu. CTBTO's substantial long-term engagement and capacity-building initiatives could better assist these small island states in the Pacific to deal with climate change. The paper intends to highlight two verticals. Firstly, the paper will navigate the emerging role of the CTBTO in the context of Global Climate Change Governance and reflect on how the CTBTO is going to play a significant role in capacity-building measures in the Pacific Island Nations to deal with the effects of climate change. Secondly, the paper will highlight how this would help CTBTO to foster multilateral partnerships with developing nations and become a bridge between the global south and the global north.

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