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Week 1 Outlook - Valid: Dec 14, 2010 - Dec 20, 2010



Synopsis:

- 1. <u>An increased chance for below-average rainfall for portions of the eastern Indian Ocean and sub-Saharan Africa.</u> Numerical weather forecast guidance, La Nina, and MJO related variability support suppressed rainfall in this region. <u>Confidence: Moderate</u>
- 2. <u>An increased chance for tropical cyclogenesis in the south-central Indian Ocean.</u> Numerical weather forecast guidance favors development in this region during the period. <u>Confidence: Moderate</u>
- 3. <u>An increased chance for above-average rainfall from the Philippines, across northern Australia to northern New Zealand</u>. La Nina conditions, the enhanced phase of an MJO, above-normal SSTs, and numerical weather forecast guidance support enhanced rainfall. <u>Confidence</u>: <u>High</u>
- **4.** <u>An increased chance for tropical cyclogenesis in the southeastern Indian Ocean.</u> Above-normal sea surface temperatures and favorable low-level winds related to La Nina and the MJO favor an enhanced threat for tropical cyclone formation. <u>Confidence: Moderate</u>
- 5. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for the equatorial west-central Pacific Ocean. La Nina conditions favor suppressed rainfall in this region during the period. Confidence: High
- **6.** <u>An increased chance for above-average rainfall for Hawaii.</u> Numerical weather forecast guidance supports enhanced rainfall in this region as tropical moisture is expected to interact with a mid-latitude frontal system. <u>Confidence: Moderate</u>
- 7. <u>An increased chance for below-average rainfall for portions of central South America.</u> Numerical forecast guidance favors anomalously dry conditions in this region. <u>Confidence: Moderate</u>

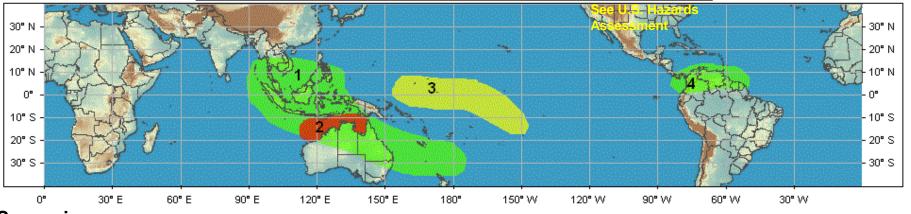
<u>Please note</u>: Confidence estimates are subjective in nature and are not based on an objective scheme. The estimates are given to provide additional information to the user.

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Week 2 Outlook - Valid: Dec 21, 2010 - Dec 27, 2010



Synopsis:

- 1. <u>An increased chance for above-average rainfall from the Philippines, across northern Australia to northern New Zealand</u>. La Nina conditions, the enhanced phase of an MJO, above-normal SSTs, and numerical weather forecast guidance support enhanced rainfall. <u>Confidence: High</u>
- 2. <u>An increased chance for tropical cyclogenesis for waters north of Australia.</u> Above-normal sea surface temperatures and favorable low-level winds related to La Nina and the MJO enhance the threat for tropical cyclone formation. <u>Confidence: Moderate</u>
- 3. <u>An increased chance for below-average rainfall for the equatorial west-central Pacific Ocean</u>. La Nina conditions favor suppressed rainfall in this region during the period. <u>Confidence: High</u>
- **4.** <u>An increased chance for above average rainfall across northern South America and southern Central America</u>. La Nina conditions and midlatitude influences favor enhanced rainfall in this region during the period. <u>Confidence: Moderate</u>