



Weeks 2-3 Global Tropics Hazards Outlook 2/27/2024

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Outlook Review: TC development & anomalous precipitation during the past week

No new tropical cyclones developed during the past week.



ENSO: (Feb 8, 2024 Update) next update on Thursday, Mar 14th

- ENSO Alert System Status: El Niño Advisory / La Niña Watch
- A transition from El Nino to ENSO-neutral is likely by April-June 2024 (79% chance), with increasing odds of La Nina developing in June-August 2024 (55% chance).

MJO and other subseasonal tropical variability:

- RMM-based observations depict the MJO weakening into the unit circle during the past week.
- However, removal of the 120-day running mean may be skewing the RMM-based plots to the right, and the observed upper-level velocity potential anomaly fields are more indicative of an active MJO across Africa and crossing into the western Indian Ocean.
- There is good agreement in the dynamical model guidance that the MJO will quickly propagate through the Indian Ocean and into the Maritime Continent during the next 2 weeks, with some uncertainty in its amplitude due to the aforementioned bias in the RMM-based forecasts.

GTH Outlook:



Forecaster: Collow

200-hPa Velocity Potential Anomaly Maps:

- Global upper-level velocity potential pattern has become more incoherent compared to earlier in February.
- Enhanced divergence aloft is noted across the Atlantic and Africa during the past week consistent with the MJO location.
- The ECMWF ensemble depicts a fast eastward propagation of the convective envelope across the Indian and Pacific Oceans through the next several weeks.



RMM Index Observations & Forecasts:



- The CFSv2, GEFS, and ECMWF RMM-based forecasts indicate a quick eastward propagation of the MJO, with a full circumnavigation of the globe possible by the end of March.
- A removal of the 120-day running mean in RMM computation may be resulting in a rightward shift in the RMM-based forecasts, suggesting that the current forecast may be over-amplifying the MJO signal.

Outgoing Longwave Radiation (OLR) Anomaly Time/Lon Plots:





Consolidated Probabilistic Precipitation: Weeks 2 & 3

CONS 00z: Week2 Probability for Total Rainfall Below(Above) Lower(Upper) Tercile (%) Valid: 06Mar2024-12Mar2024



CONS 00z: Week3 Probability for Total Rainfall Below(Above) Lower(Upper) Tercile (%) Valid: 13Mar2024-19Mar2024

CFS/ECMWF/GEFS Correlation Weighted: Week2 Probability for Tmax Above Upper Tercile (%) Valid: 06Mar2024-12Mar2024

CFS/ECMWF/GEFS Correlation Weighted: Week2 Probability for Tmin Below Lower Tercile (%) Valid: 06Mar2024-12Mar2024

CFS/ECMWF/GEFS Correlation Weighted: Week3 Probability for Tmax Above Upper Tercile (%) Valid: 13Mar2024-19Mar2024

CFS/ECMWF/GEFS Correlation Weighted: Week3 Probability for Tmin Below Lower Tercile (%) Valid: 13Mar2024-19Mar2024

Historical Precipitation Anomalies By MJO Phase:

Historical TC Origin Anomalies By MJO Phase & Weeks 2+3 Genesis Climo:

Experimental

Tropical Cyclone Monitoring/Forecast: JTWC

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01 Nov

15 Nov

01 Dec

15 Dec

01 Jan

15 Jan

01 Feb

15 Feb

01 Mar

PNA Index: Observed & GEFS Forecasts

AO Index: Observed & GEFS Forecasts

Historical 500-hPa Height & U.S. Temperatures By MJO Phase:

Mean 500-hPa Height Anomaly Forecasts: Weeks 2+3

Official Temperature & Precipitation Forecasts:

