# **Global Tropics Hazards And Benefits Outlook**

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# <u>Outline</u>

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- 3. GTH Outlook and Forecast Discussion
- 4. Connections to U.S. Impacts

# **Outlook Review – Tropical Cyclones**







# Synopsis of Climate Modes

## ENSO:

- Current: El Niño Advisory
- Nino 3.4 1.8°C above normal Continuing to decrease.
- Outlook: A transition to ENSO-neutral is likely during late Northern Hemisphere spring or early summer 2016, with close to a 50 percent chance for La Niña conditions to develop by the fall.

### MJO and other subseasonal tropical variability:

• A complex pattern has taken shape, with a remnant intraseasonal signal now over Africa and the far western Indian Ocean, and a zonally narrow but strong couplet of enhanced (suppressed) convection over the West Pacific (Maritime Continent).

• Most dynamical model MJO index forecasts depict weakening of the MJO Index during the next two weeks.

### Extratropics:

• Recent MJO activity, coupled with persistent convection over the West Pacific has played a substantial role in the evolution of the extratropical pattern, with much above normal temperatures over Alaska, and deep troughing over eastern North America.



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#### IR Satellite & 200-hpa Velocity Potential Anomalies Green: Enhanced Divergence Brown: Enhanced Convergence 21 MAR 2016 50N 40N 30N 20N 10N A fast eastward EQ 105 signal is evident 20S (blue lines) -30S 40S enhanced phase .... 8 MÁR 2016 now over 60N 50N Africa/western 40N **I.O** 30N 20N 10N Persistent convection over 305 40S the West Pacific 50S is NOT ENSO 60S 04 APR 2016 60N related (red line) 50N 40N 30N 20N 10N EQ 10S 20S 305 40S 50\$ 60S

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#### NOAA CDR HIRS OLR anomalies: 7.5°S - 7.5°N

El Niño enhanced convective anomalies are highlighted with the red box.

Constructive interference with 21-Feb MJO in early March.

Equatorial Rossby Wave (ERW) activity was observed during late March near the Date Line (green box).

During early April, the ERW interacted with an eastward-moving feature.



# **MJO Observation/Forecast**



Wheeler-Hendon based analyses of model forecasts indicate a fastmoving signal over the Indian Ocean.

Most models depict weakening.



April Tropical Storm Formation by MJO phase





# **Connections to U.S. Impacts**





Enhanced convection over the West Pacific is producing a very MJO-like atmospheric response







**90**% **90**% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 33% 33% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% Probability of Below Normal Probability of Above



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