Global Tropics Hazards And Benefits Outlook

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<u>Outline</u>

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- 2. Synopsis of Climate Modes
- 3. GTH Outlook and Forecast Discussion
- 4. Connections to U.S. Impacts



Hurricane/Typhoon (w/ category)

<u>Outlook</u> <u>Review</u>

TC Amphan (5/16) TC Arthur (5/17)





Cool shading More clouds/rain

Warm shading Less clouds/rain



Synopsis of Climate Modes

ENSO: (May 14, 2020 Update)

- ENSO Alert System Status: Not Active
- There is a ~65% chance of ENSO-neutral during the Northern Hemisphere summer 2020, with chances decreasing through the autumn (to 45-50%).

MJO and other subseasonal tropical variability:

- Following the weakening of the MJO during early May, recent RMM indices indicate a strengthening of the intraseasonal signal over the Indian Ocean. Currently, much of the enhanced convection is tied to Tropical Cyclone Amphan peaking as Cat 5 system over the Bay of Bengal.
- Dynamical models suggest a rapid eastward propagation of this feature over the eastern Indian Ocean/Maritime Continent during Week-1, with some decay in amplitude over the West Pacific and Western Hemisphere during Week-2.
- Kelvin and Rossby wave activity expected to increase chances for tropical cyclone development during the next two weeks.



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Below-average rainfall

Above-normal temperatures

Below-normal temperatures

High Moderate

Forecaster: Novella Development of a tropical cyclone (tropical depression - TD, or greater strength).

Weekly total rainfall in the upper third of the historical range.

Weekly total rainfall in the lower third of the historical range.

7-day mean temperatures in the upper third of the historical range.

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IR Satellite & 200-hpa Velocity Potential Anomalies

Green: Enhanced Divergence

Wave-1 pattern weakened as the MJO weakened.

A noisy Wave-2 pattern, largely forced by high frequency tropical waves.

Strong convective envelope where Amphan is currently embedded within the dominant anomalous divergence pattern.



MJO Observation/Forecast



After a quasi-stationary increase in amplitude, all models show renewed eastward propagation that looks to follow the dissipation of Amphan in the Indian Ocean.

Similar to last week, ECMWF ensemble mean suggests a higher amplitude signal than GEFS/CFS.

However, the rapid phase speed (3-4 days per phase) is suggestive of a convectively coupled Kelvin wave than MJO. Though, deceleration is quite possible into late May.



CAVEAT: These panels are representative of robust MJO events.

Convectively coupled Kelvin wave apparent over next two weeks

VP filters detecting low frequency enhanced signal over Africa since March.







ARC2 90-Day Rainfall Percentile (%) Period: 18Feb2020 - 17May2020



Climate Prediction Center's Africa Hazards Outlook May 14 - May 20, 2020





Date



NCEP/NCAR Reanalysis 600mb Vector Wind (m/s) Climatology 1981–2010 climo





16

14

12

10



20W15W10W 5W 0 5E 10E 15E 20E 25E 30E 35E 40E 45E 50E 55E 600mb Vector Wind (m/s) Composite Anomaly (1981-2010 Climatology) 5/16/20 NCEP/NCAR Reanalysis



CFS Precipitation Anomalies (mm) Issued 18May2020 Week—2 Forecast Ending 02Jun2020



May Tropical Storm Formation by MJO phase





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Connections to U.S. Impacts





Week 2 – Temperature and Precipitation





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