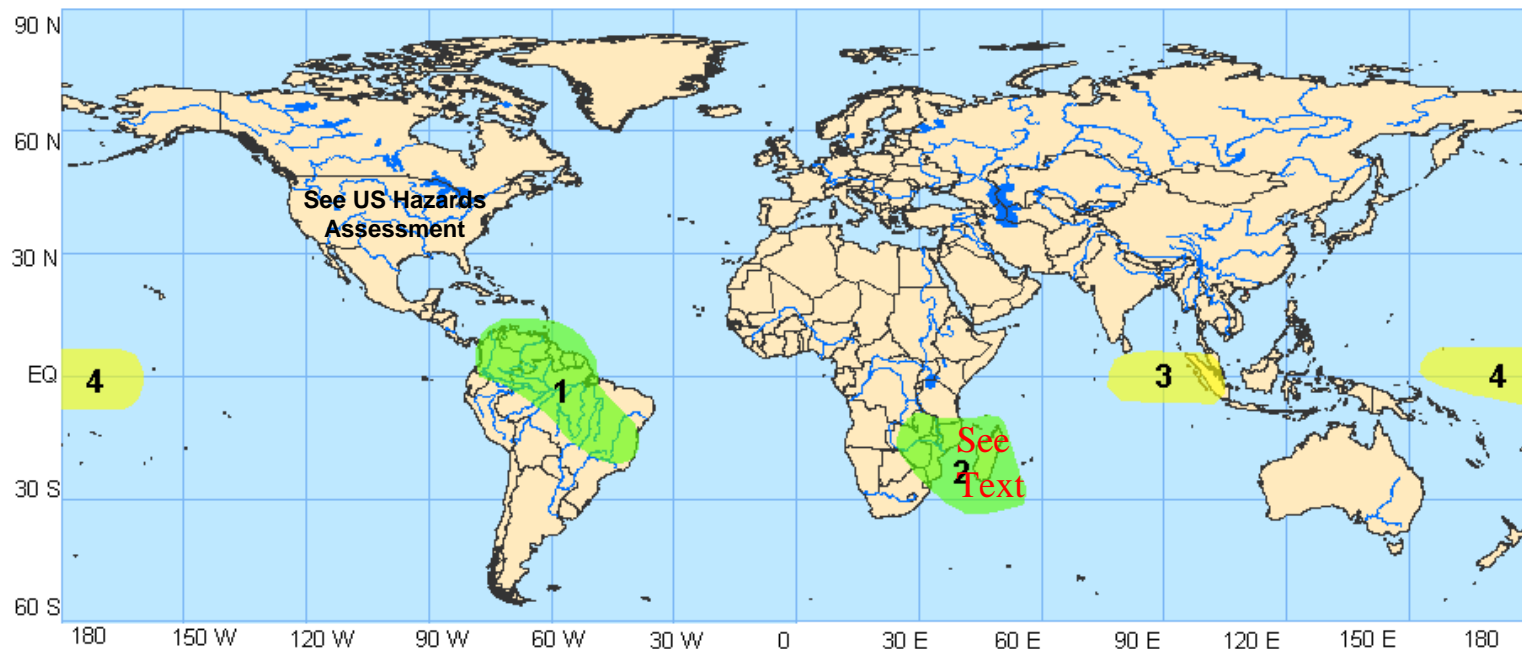


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Week 1 Outlook – Valid: January 20-26, 2009



- 1. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for northern South America and parts of Brazil.** The enhanced convective phase of the MJO and background La Nina conditions are expected to result in wet conditions in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 2. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for parts of Southeast Africa, Madagascar and nearby waters.** Enhanced rainfall is expected in this region due to the enhanced convective phase of the MJO, La Nina conditions, interaction with the extratropical circulation and tropical cyclone activity. **Confidence: High**
- 3. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for the eastern Indian Ocean and far western Indonesia.** The suppressed convective phase of the MJO is expected to result in dry conditions in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 4. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for the central Pacific Ocean.** Below average sea surface temperatures (SST) associated with La Nina is expected to contribute to dry conditions in this area. **Confidence: High**

TEXT ITEM: Tropical cyclone development will remain a threat during the period for areas in the southwest Indian Ocean due to above average SSTs and lingering frontal systems.

**** ACTIVE TROPICAL CYCLONES:**

Southwest Indian Ocean: Tropical Cyclone Eric (19.0S, 49.3E) → Consult updates from the Joint Typhoon Warning Center

Southwest Indian Ocean: Tropical Cyclone Fanele (21.9S, 41.0E) → Consult updates from the Joint Typhoon Warning Center

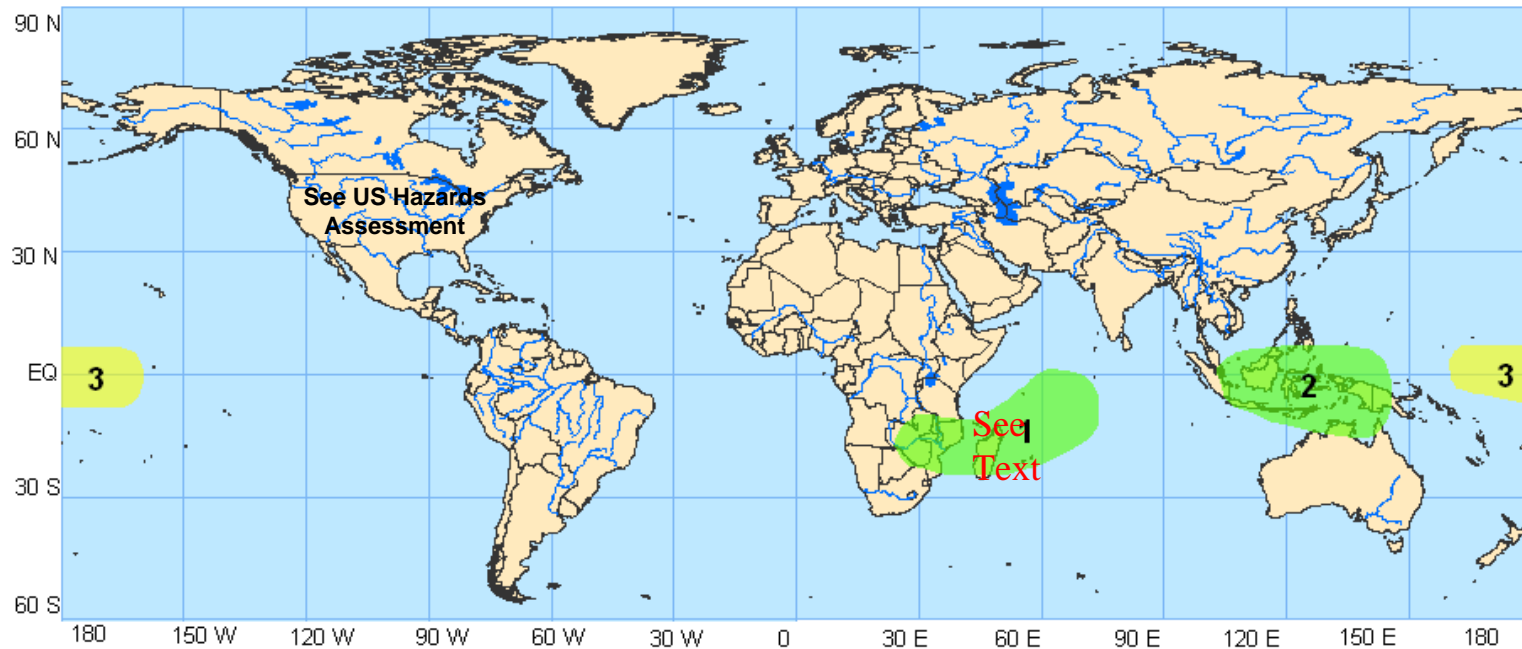
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Week 2 Outlook – Valid: January 27-February 2, 2009



- 1. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for parts of Southeast Africa, Madagascar and the southwest Indian Ocean.** Enhanced rainfall is expected due to the enhanced convective phase of the MJO, La Nina conditions and interaction with the extratropical circulation. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 2. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for parts of the Maritime Continent.** Enhanced rainfall is expected in this region due to the La Nina conditions. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 3. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for the central Pacific Ocean.** Below average sea surface temperatures (SST) associated with La Nina and the suppressed phase of the MJO are expected to contribute to dry conditions in this area. **Confidence: High**

TEXT ITEM: Tropical cyclone development will remain a threat during the period for areas in the southwest Indian Ocean due to above average SSTs and lingering frontal systems.

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