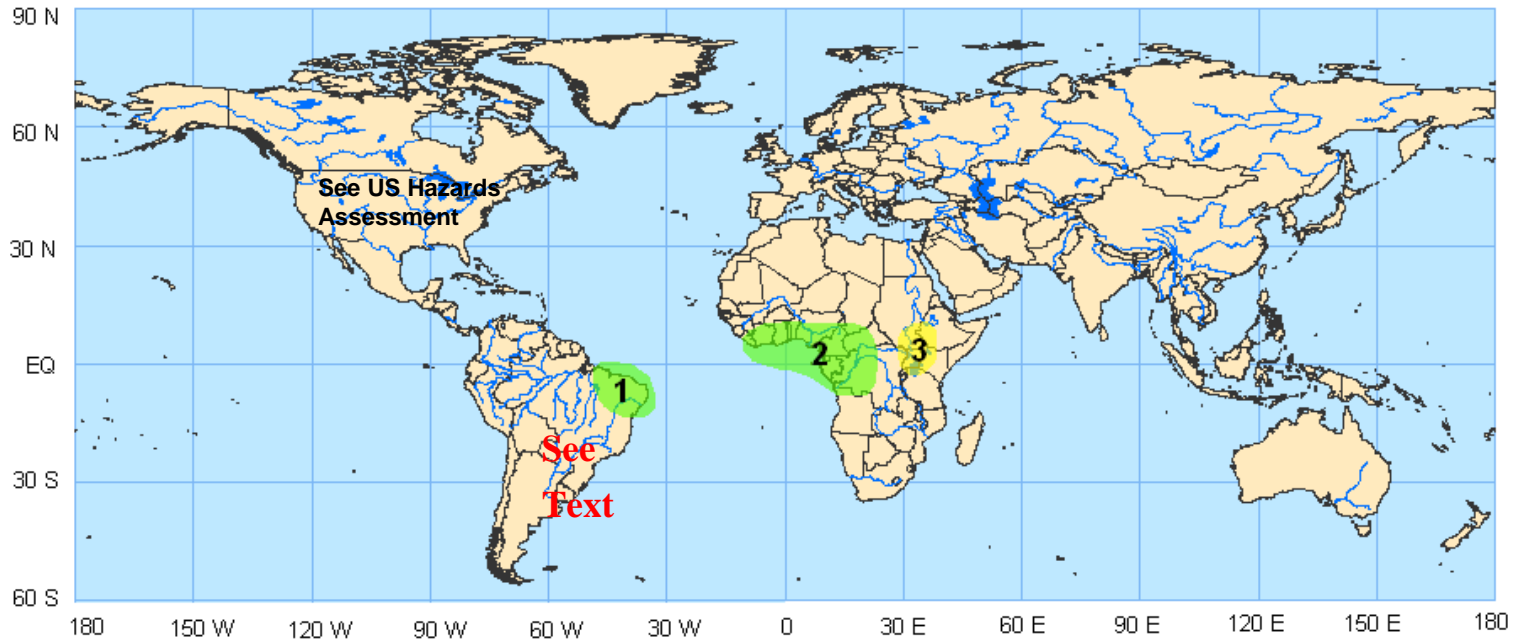


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Week 1 Outlook – Valid: May 12 – 18, 2009



- 1. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for parts of northeast Brazil.** Interaction with the extratropical circulation and persistent sea surface temperature (SST) anomalies in the Atlantic Ocean increase the chances for above average rainfall in areas already experiencing flooding. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 2. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for the Gulf of Guinea region of Africa.** Increased rainfall is expected in this region due to the combination of the enhanced convective phase of the MJO and above-average SSTs in the Gulf of Guinea. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 3. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for parts of east-central Africa.** Increased chances for reduced rainfall is expected in this region due to a period of persistent low-level divergent flow. **Confidence: Moderate**

TEXT ITEM: Beneficial rains are expected in this region as a strong storm system impacts the area. This will provide some relief to areas that have seen below-average rainfall during the last several weeks.

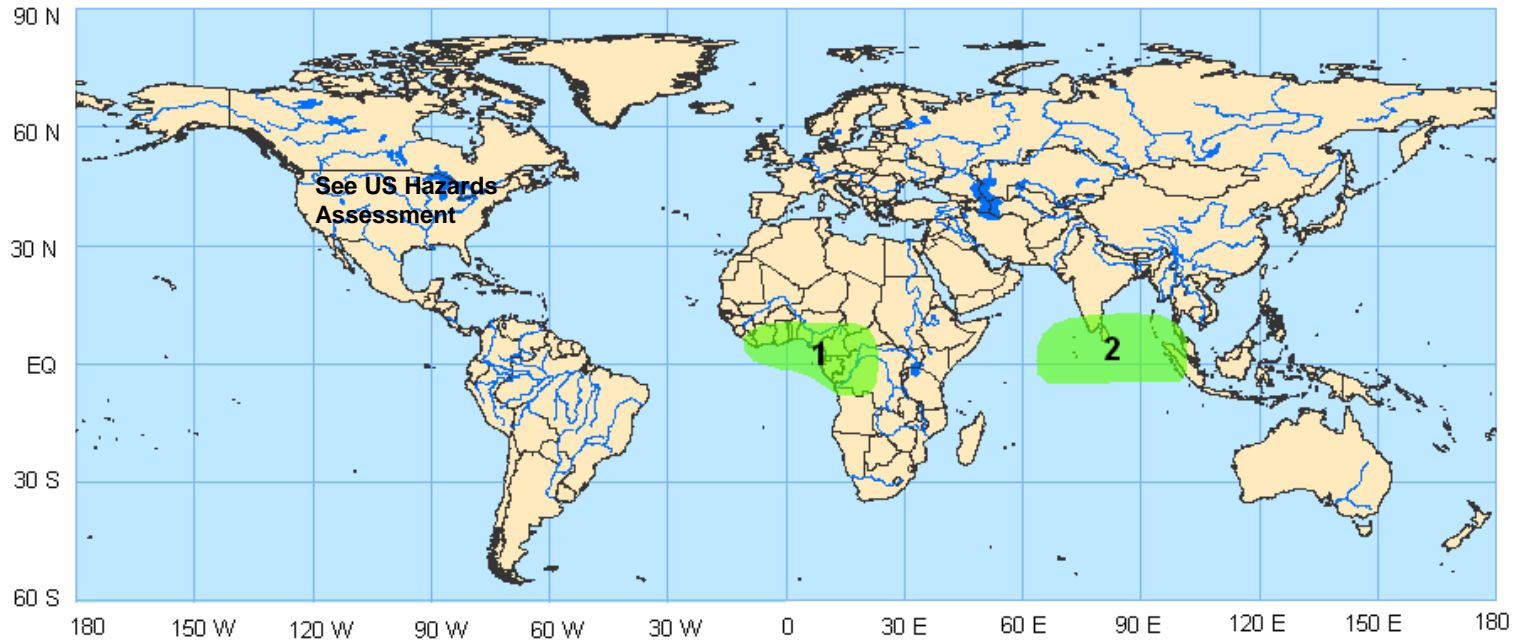
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Week 2 Outlook – Valid: May 19 – 25, 2009



- 1. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for the Gulf of Guinea region of Africa.** Increased rainfall is expected in these regions due to the enhanced convective phase of the MJO and above-average SSTs in the Gulf of Guinea. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 2. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for parts of the equatorial Indian Ocean, western Indonesia, southern India and Sri Lanka.** Increased rainfall is expected in this region due to the combination of the enhanced convective phase of the MJO and above-average SSTs. **Confidence: Moderate**

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