Global Tropics Hazards And Benefits Outlook December 24, 2013

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Synopsis of Climate Modes

ENSO:

• ENSO-neutral is expected to continue into the Northern Hemisphere summer 2014.

MJO and other subseasonal tropical variability:

• The MJO became increasingly coherent during the previous week, though the amplitude of the signal remains weak due to a continued strong influence from other modes of coherent tropical intraseasonal convection anomalies.

• Recent observations and dynamical model MJO index forecasts generally support the propagation of an MJO signal into the western Pacific, but there is significant spread among the model depictions of the speed and amplitude of the signal.

Extratropics:

• Ensemble forecasts indicate a shift towards a negative AO and positive PNA pattern during the Week-2 period, which would support below normal temperatures across the eastern CONUS. Lagged composites of an MJO event propagating into the Pacific are also associated with below normal temperatures across the northeastern U.S., and possibly an enhanced southern jet if the MJO propagates through the Western Hemisphere.





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MJO Observation/Forecast





Persistent convection over the I.O. during early December.

Kelvin Wave propagated through the main convective envelope during mid-December.

Note persistence and slower eastward propagation of enhaced convection behind KW over Maritime Continent.



Indications of other modes of variability, including enhanced convection over S. America



December Tropical Storm Formation by MJO phase







CWB TC Tracker for NCEP GEFS (Fuzzy_AllCriteria)

Connections to U.S. Impacts





US Composites based on MJO Phase



WHMJO Phase 5 t850 Lagged Composite (ndj)



Week 2 – Temperature and Precipitation







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