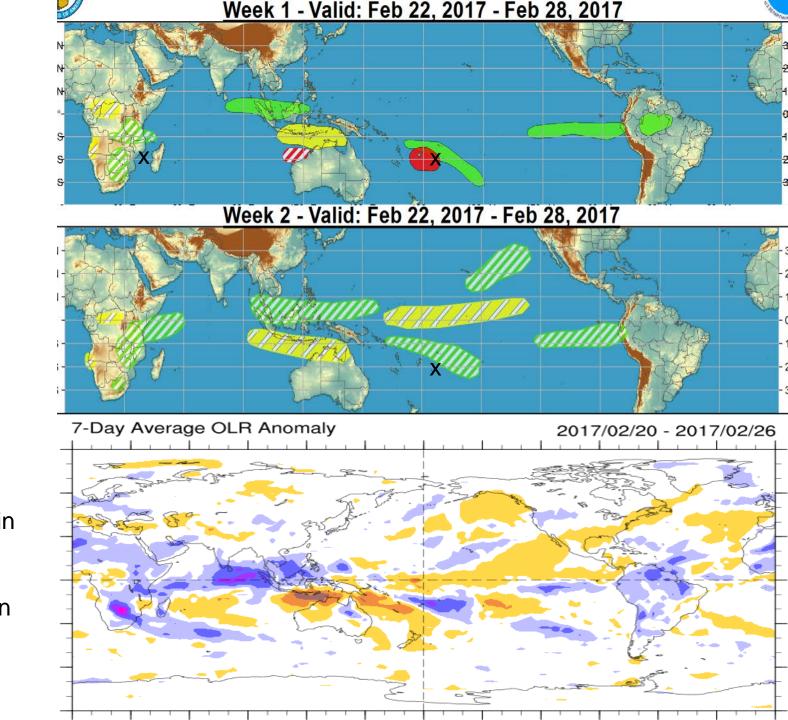
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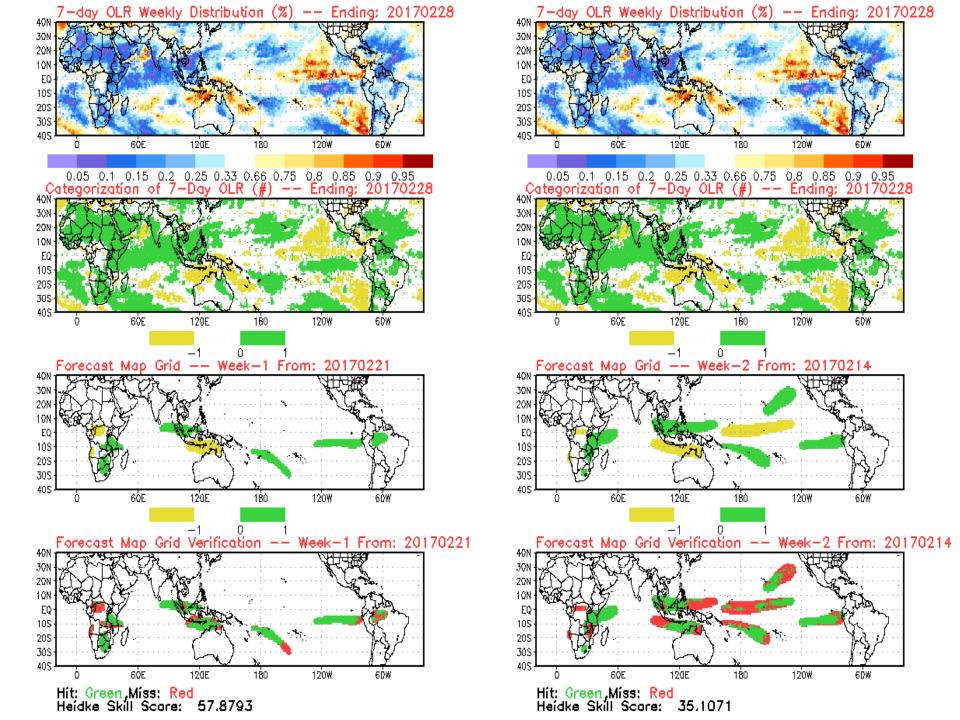
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Outlook Review



Cool shading More clouds/rain

Warm shading Less clouds/rain



Synopsis of Climate Modes

ENSO:

- Final La Niña Advisory was issued (9 Feb 2017)
- ENSO-neutral conditions are expected to continue through summer.

MJO and other subseasonal tropical variability:

- Strong signal currently centered over Indian Ocean.
- •Dynamical models indicate rapid weakening of the signal over the next several days.
- Some constructive interference between the background state and the intraseasonal signal is forecast early in the period, but uncertainty increases during Week-2.

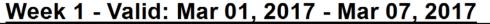
Extratropics:

- The influence of the MJO on the extratropics has been difficult to detect, but recent observations suggest that enhanced convection over the Indian Ocean may be producing a response over southern Asia.
- •Current MJO forcing would favor a warmer-than-normal outcome over much of east-central North America in the 2-3 weeks time frame.



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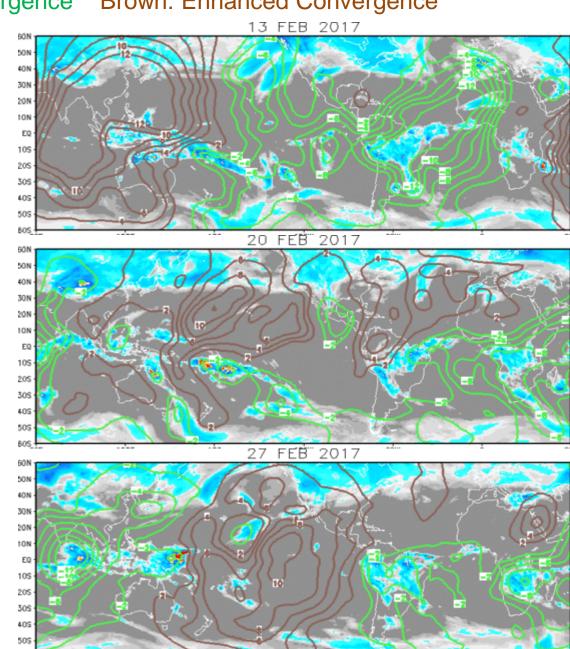
IR Satellite & 200-hpa Velocity Potential Anomalies

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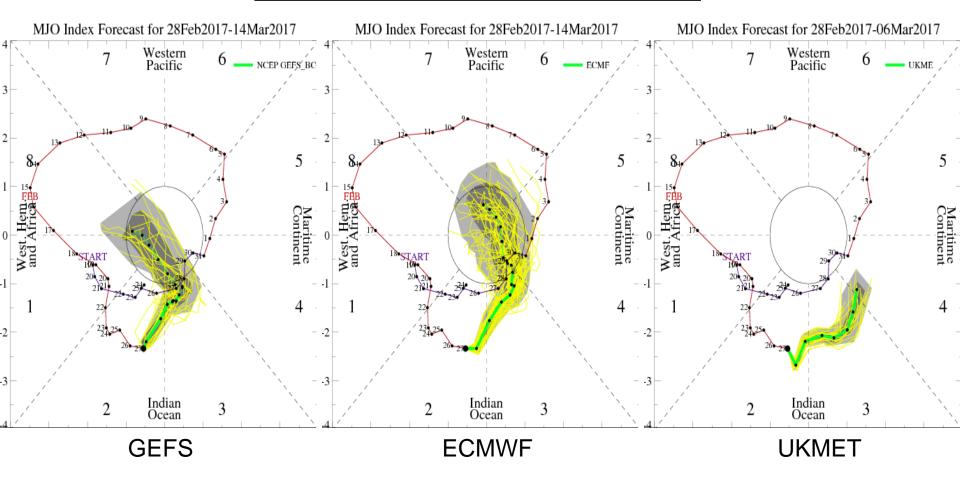
Wave-1 with enhanced phase over Western Hemisphere.

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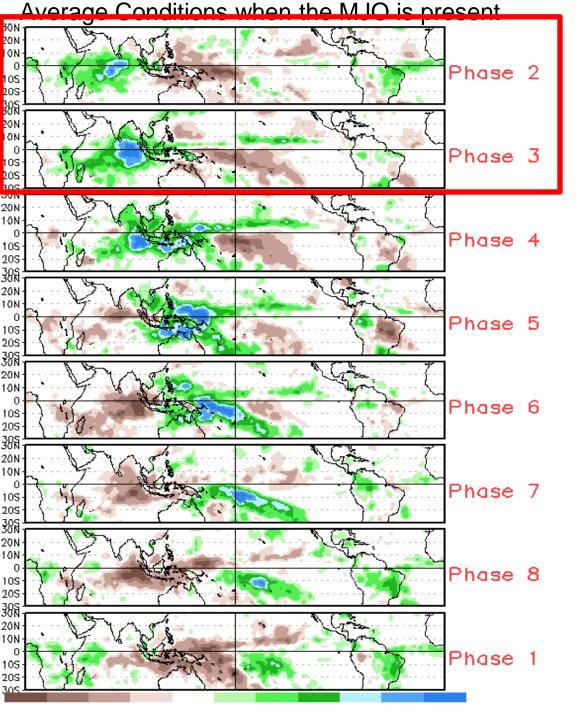
Wave-1 with enhanced phase over Africa and the Indian Ocean.



MJO Observation/Forecast



Excellent model agreement between the GEFS and ECMWF. The UKMET is the outlier among the dynamical model solutions.



Phases 2/3 anticipated during Week-1.

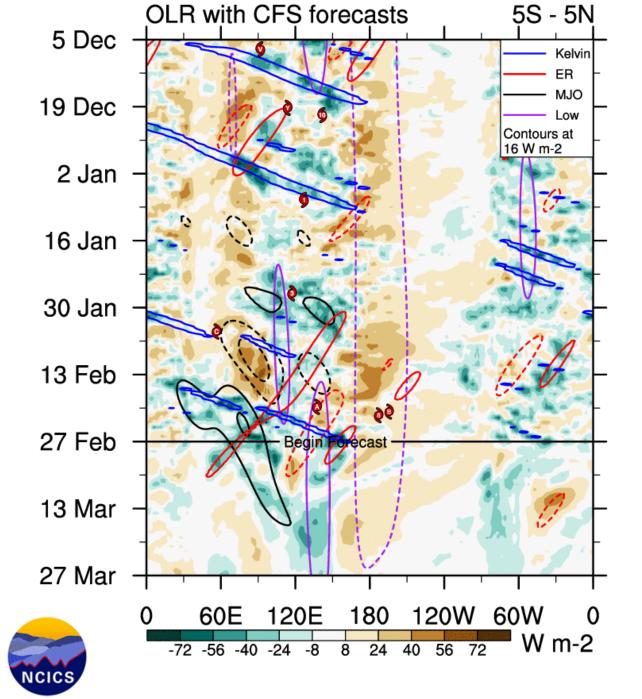
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CAVEAT: These panels are representative of robust MJO events.

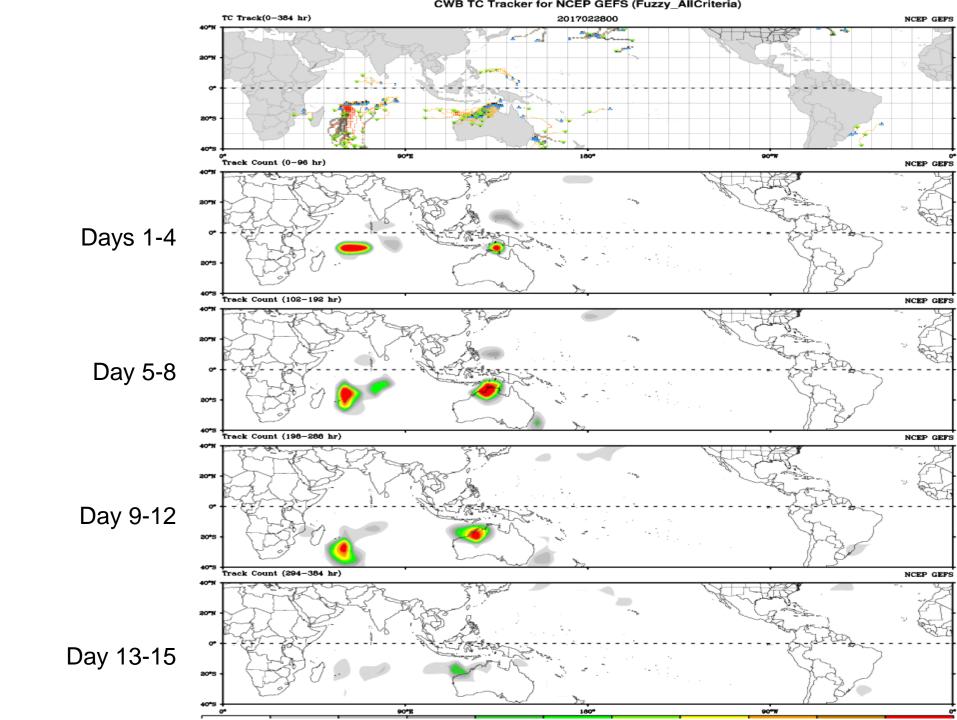
Convective signal now centered over the Indian Ocean

Some influence from Rossby Waves complicating the overall pattern.

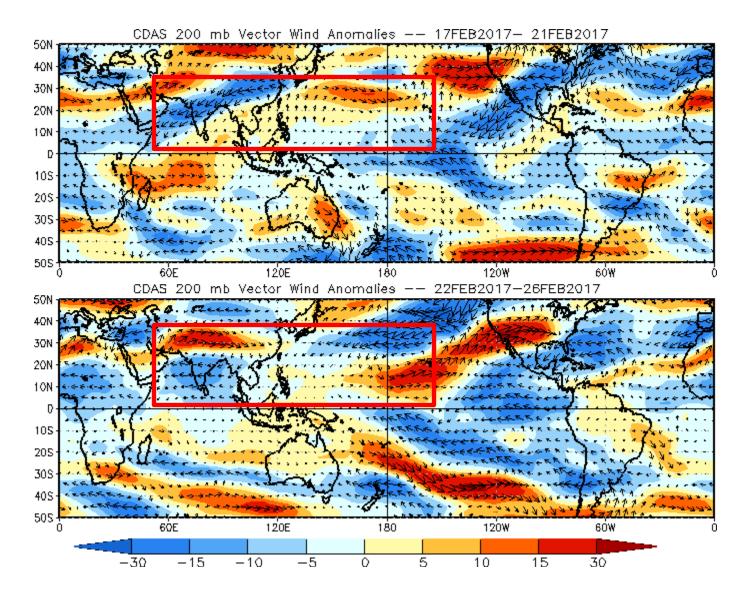
Additionally, an atmospheric Kelvin wave has enhanced convection over far western Pacific.



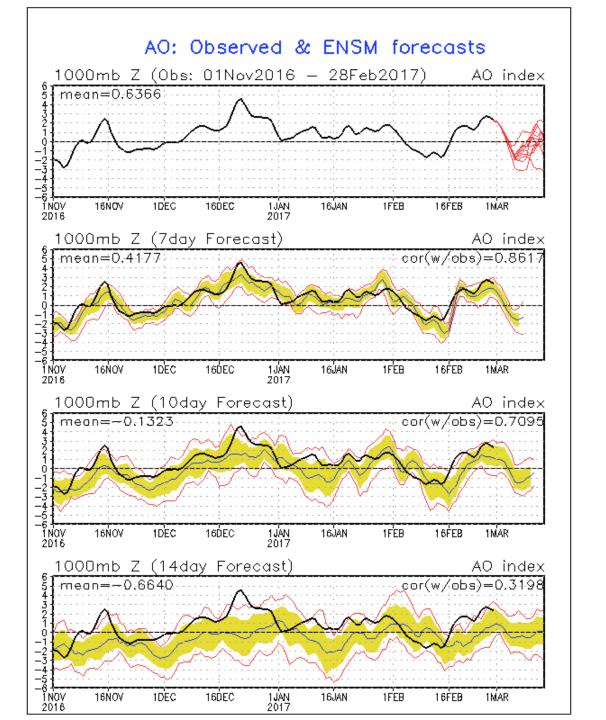
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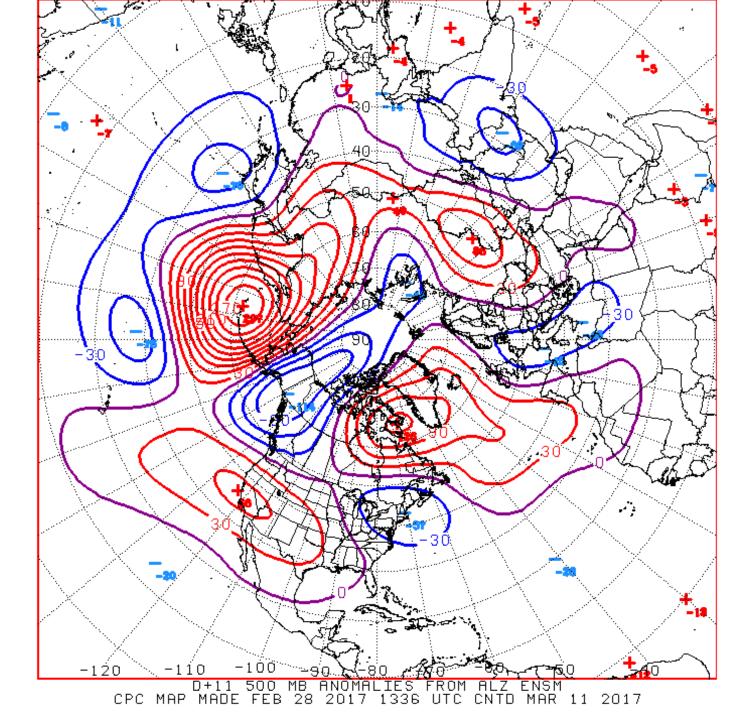


Connections to U.S. Impacts

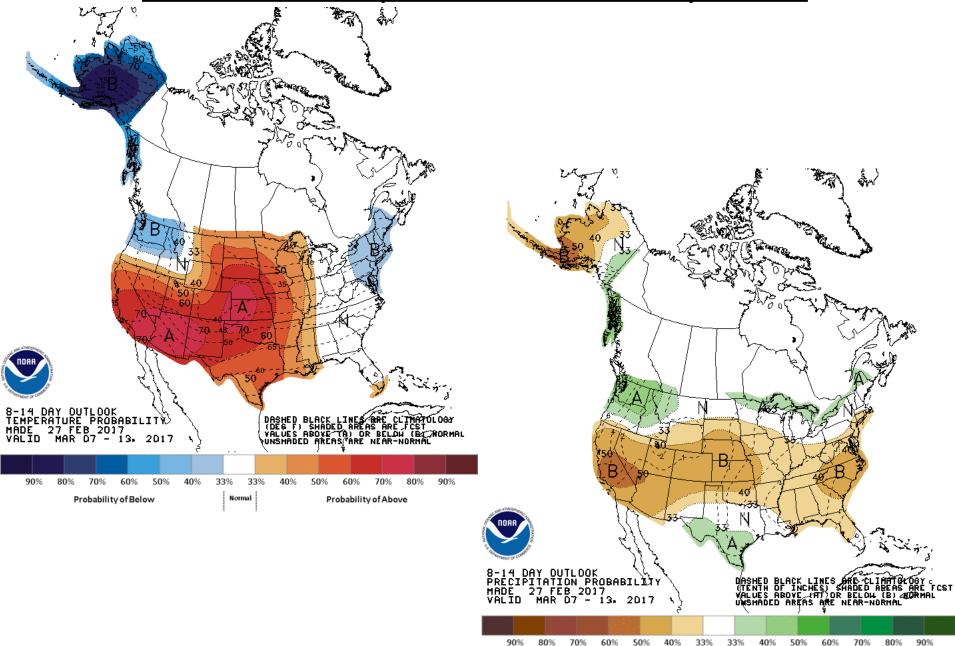


Total reversal in 200-hPa zonal wind anomaly pattern. This reversal is too rapid to be attributed to MJO forcing, but the most recent pattern is consistent with the enhanced convective phase centered over the Indian Ocean.





Week 2 - Temperature and Precipitation



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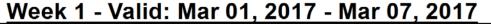
Normal

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