Global Tropics Hazards And Benefits Outlook 02/20/2018

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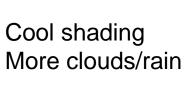
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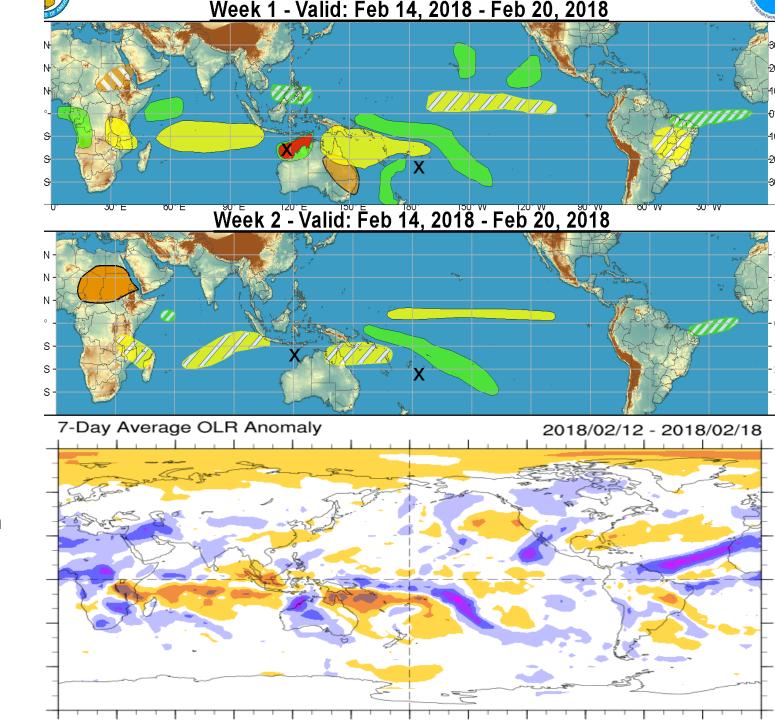
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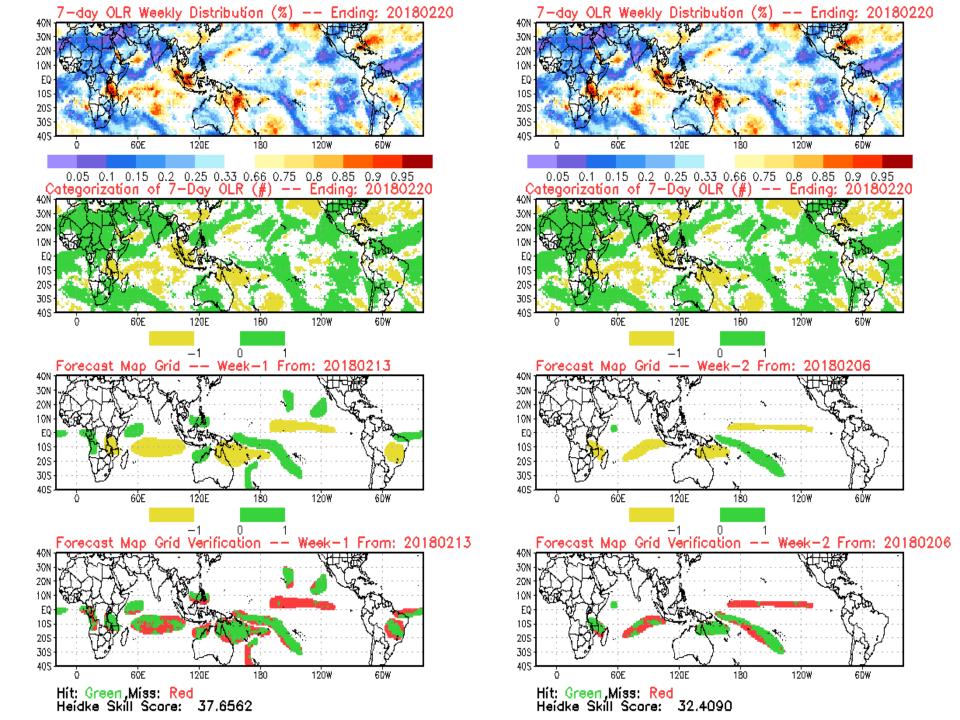
TC Kelvin 2/16-2/18

TC Gita 2/9-2/19



Warm shading Less clouds/rain





Synopsis of Climate Modes

ENSO:

- ENSO Alert System Status: <u>La Niña Advisory</u>
- February 8th Update: A transition from La Niña to ENSO-neutral is most likely during the Northern Hemisphere spring (~55% chance of ENSO-neutral during the March-May season).

MJO and other subseasonal tropical variability:

- The MJO remained active, with the enhanced phase crossing the Pacific.
- Dynamical and statistical models continue to propagate the MJO with slowly eastward across the Pacific with a significant reduction in amplitude, especially during Week-2.

Extratropics:

• Dynamical models forecast the Arctic and North Atlantic oscillations to turn negative within the Week-1 period and remain negative into Week-2.



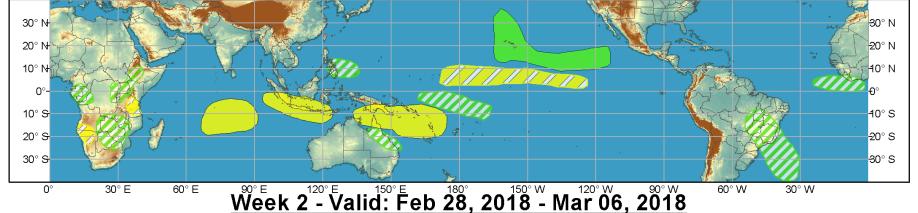
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Confidence Produced: 02/20/2018

High Moderate Forecaster: Finan

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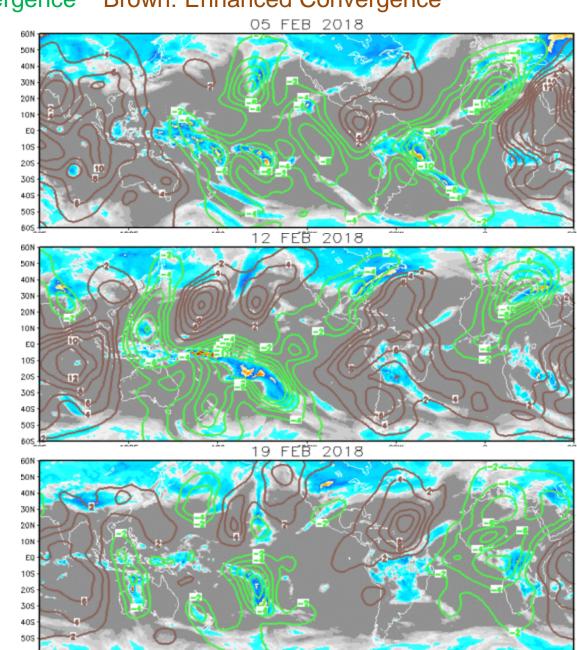
IR Satellite & 200-hpa Velocity Potential Anomalies

Green: Enhanced Divergence Brown: Enhanced Convergence

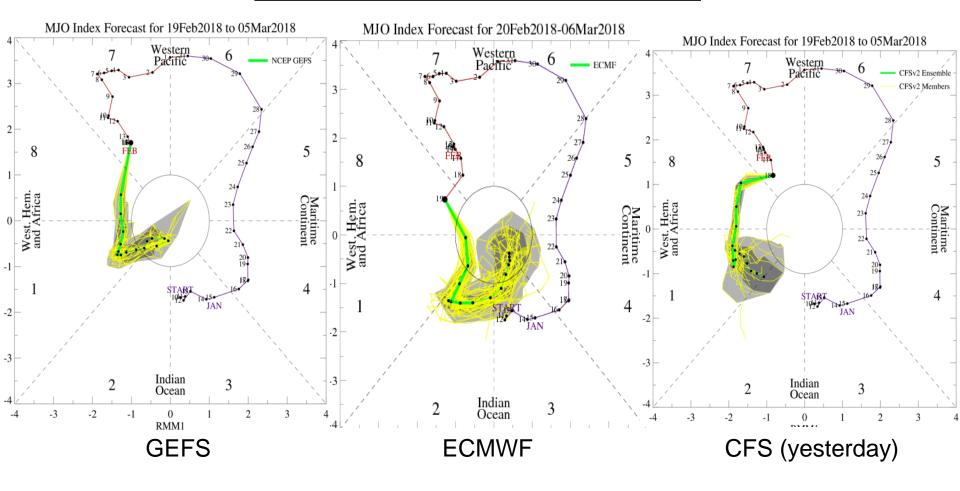
Enhanced phase of the MJO is seen over the Central Pacific while the suppressed phase spreads over the Maritime Continent and Indian Ocean.

The pattern becomes noisier as the MJO weakens and suppressed convection spreads out over South America.

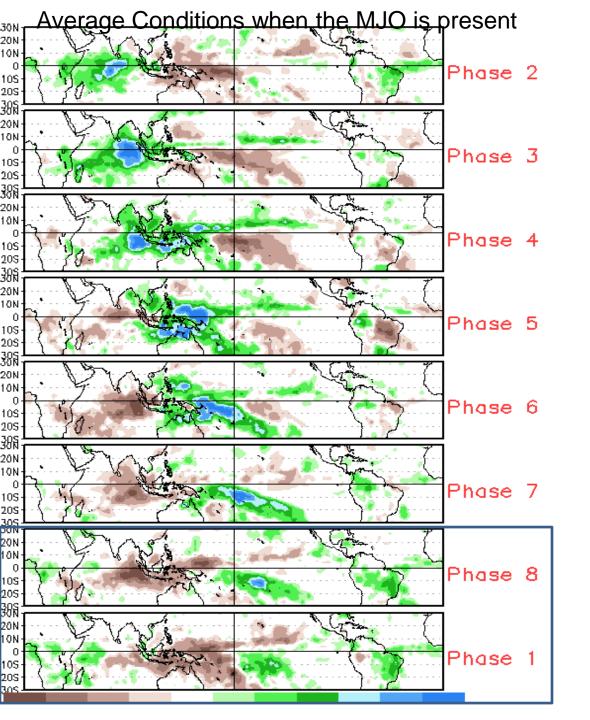
The MJO signal continues to weaken and the large-scale pattern becomes more noisy. Kelvin and Rossby wave activity contribute to the noise, especially over the Pacific.



MJO Observation/Forecast



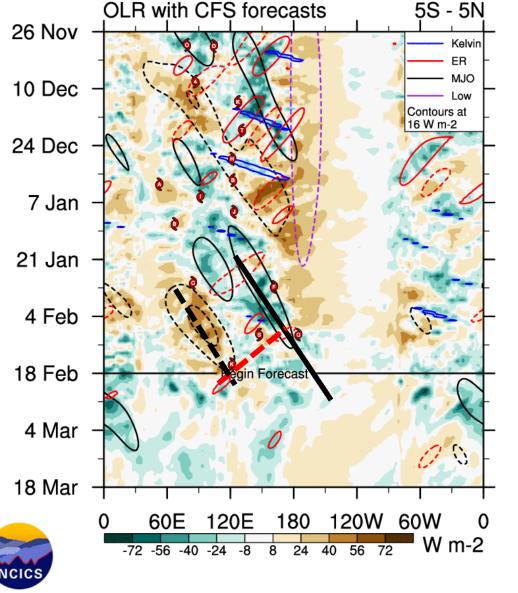
Models continue to propagate the MJO envelope eastward the next two weeks after stalling in Phase 7 this week. The GEFS and CFS are slower than the ECMWF model, as these two models suggest more interaction with Rossby waves. All three models do portray a significant weakening of the MJO amplitude the next two weeks.



Week-1: Phase 8/1 Week-2: Phase 1/2, weakening

CAVEAT: These panels are representative of robust MJO events.

The MJO enhances convection into the central and eastern Pacific, weakening as it interacts with the low-frequency pattern. The enhanced convection is forecast ro re-emerge in the western Indian Ocean. Rossby wave activity is expected to interact with the MJO suppressed convective envelope over the western Pacific and Maritime Continent, possibly slowing its eastward propagation.

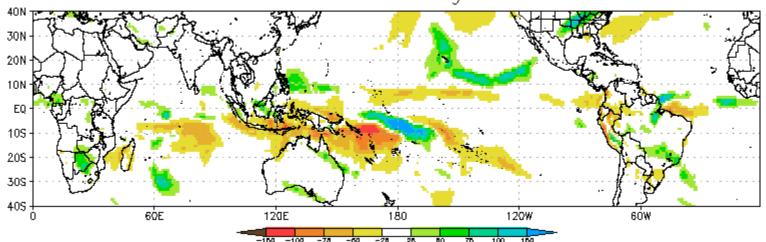


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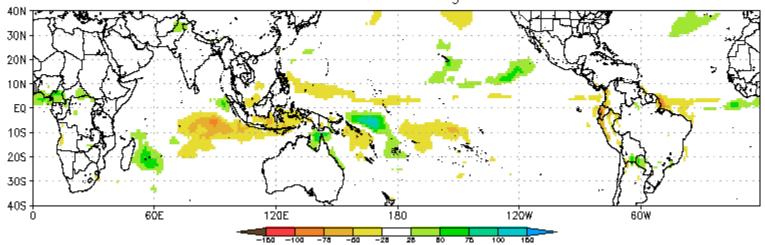
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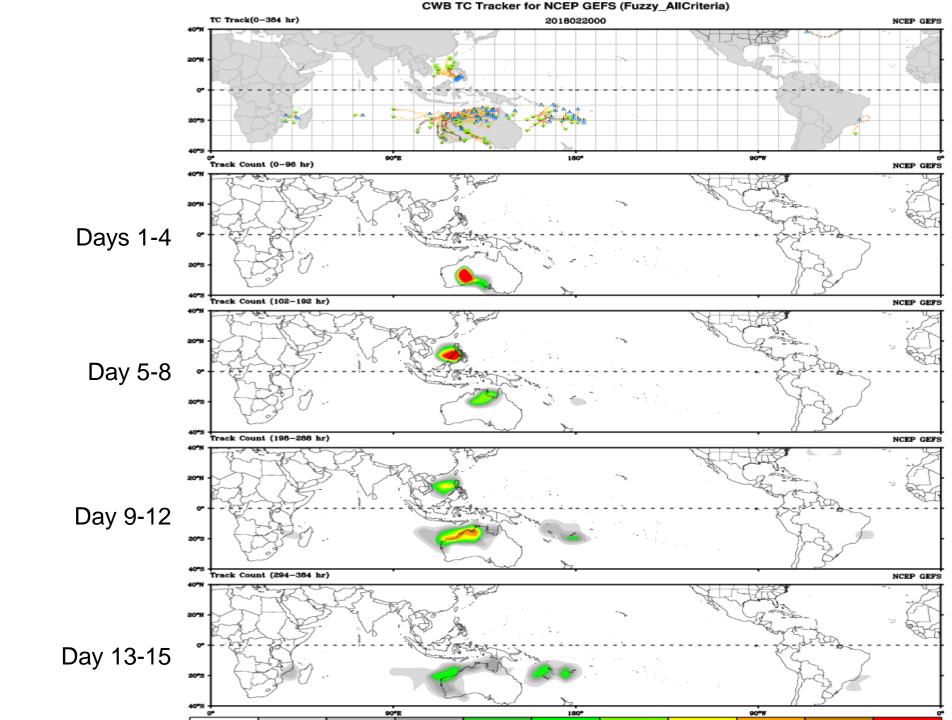
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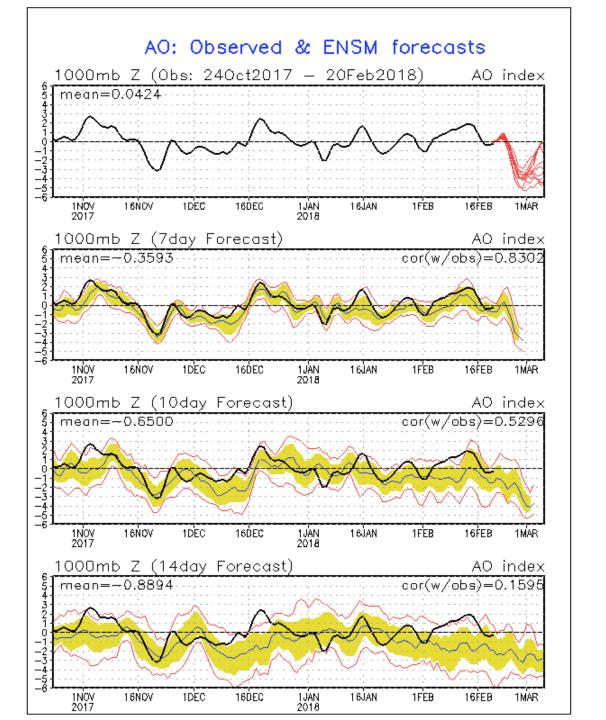


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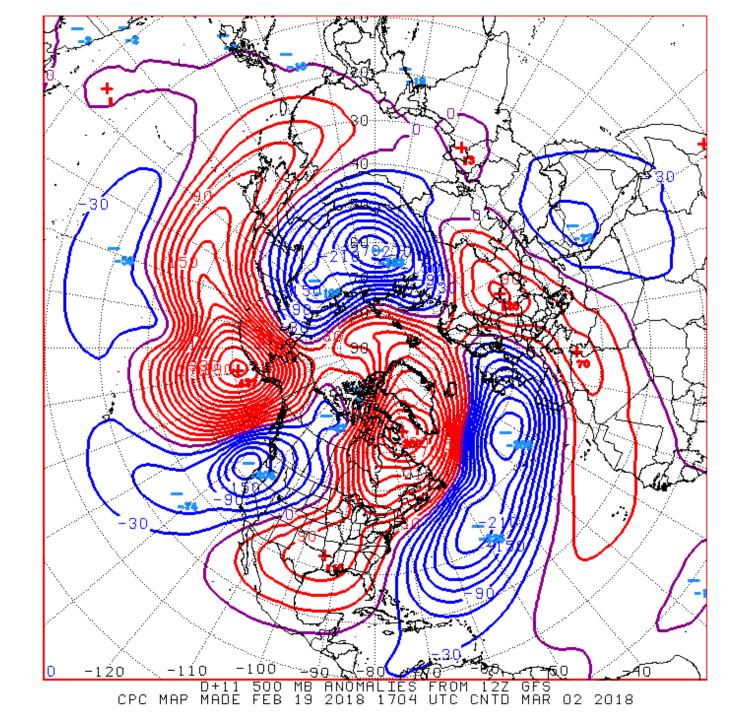




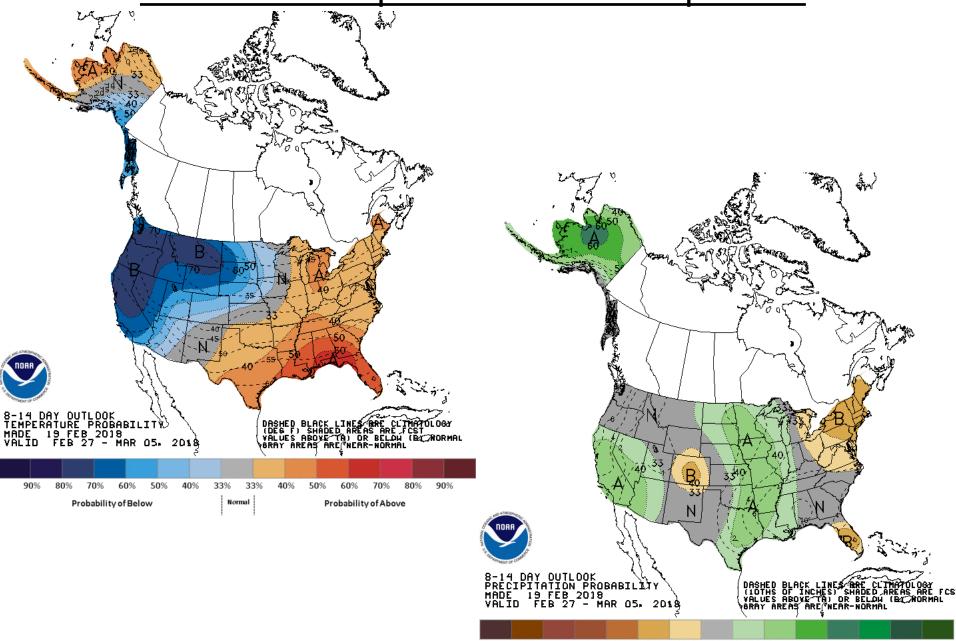
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Week 2 Forecast From GFS



Week 2 - Temperature and Precipitation



70%

Probability of Below

33%

Normal

Probability of Above



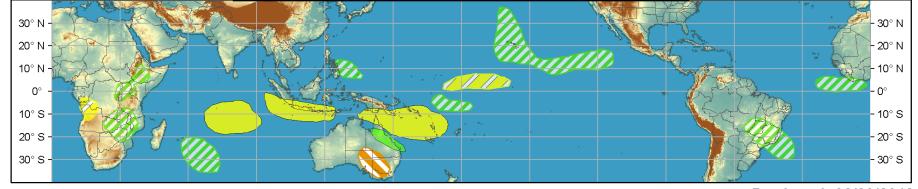
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Week 2 - Valid: Feb 28, 2018 - Mar 06, 2018



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