# Global Tropics Hazards And Benefits Outlook

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## <u>Outline</u>

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## <u>Outlook</u> <u>Review</u>

**Typhoon Wutip** 2/19- Present

TC Sixteen 2/26-Present

Cool shading More clouds/rain

Warm shading Less clouds/rain



# Synopsis of Climate Modes

### ENSO: (February 14, 2019 Update)

• ENSO Alert System Status: El Niño Advisory

 Weak El Niño conditions are present and are expected to continue through the Northern Hemisphere spring 2019 (~ 55% chance).

### MJO and other subseasonal tropical variability:

• The MJO continued slow eastward propagation over the Pacific, starting to shift toward the Western Hemisphere with a moderate amplitude.

• Dynamical and statistical model guidance indicate that the signal is expected to reemerge over the Indian Ocean late in Week-1, moving at a fairly fast phase speed. Into Week-2, the signal is expected to maintain amplitude and shift toward the western Maritime Continent.

#### **Extratropics**:

• With the MJO signal moving over the Western Hemisphere in Week-1, composites show amplified troughing and cold temperatures over the contiguous U.S., which is currently being seen in the extended range forecast. Influences from MJO and El Nino are also expected to lead to possible atmospheric river activity for parts of the West Coast.



#### Confidence High Moderate

Tropical Cyclone Formation

Above-average rainfall

Below-average rainfall

Above-normal temperatures

**Below-normal temperatures** 

**Forecaster: Maurin Forecaster: Maurin Forecaster: Maurin I** Development of a tropical cyclone (tropical depression - TD, or greater strength).

Weekly total rainfall in the upper third of the historical range.

Weekly total rainfall in the lower third of the historical range.

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#### IR Satellite & 200-hpa Velocity Potential Anomalies

Green: Enhanced Divergence Brown: Enhanced Convergence

Coherent wave-1 pattern, with constructive interference between MJO, El Niño and Rossby waves over the West Pacific.

Wave-1 pattern starting to break down, much noisier field. Rossby wave activity is evident. MJO has shifted further east over the Pacific; now destructive interference in the West Pacific.

Wave-1 pattern starting to become more coherent. MJO signal re-emerging over the Indian Ocean, with suppressed convection anchored still over the Maritime Continent, Enhanced signal also over parts of the West Pacific likely due to El Niño.



### **MJO Observation/Forecast**



Dynamical model guidance shows good agreement for the eastward propagation of the signal through weeks 1 and 2. The signal is expected to transition over the Western Hemisphere and into the Indian Ocean for Week 1, with a shift toward the western Maritime Continent in Week-2.



CAVEAT: These panels are representative of robust MJO events.

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**MJO** footprint seen better in the upper-level fields in the eastern Pacific, crossing WH. Continued **Rossby wave** and Kelvin wave activity having an influence

#### Low-frequency pattern

influence has become established along the Date Line.

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## **Connections to U.S. Impacts**

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### Week 2 – Temperature and Precipitation

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