Global Tropics Hazards And Benefits Outlook 12/3/2019

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

Two Tropical Cyclones formed on Dec. 3:

- Tropical Storm 6
- Tropical
 Storm 7

Cool shading More clouds/rain

Warm shading Less clouds/rain



Synopsis of Climate Modes

ENSO: (November 14, 2019 Update – next is scheduled for December 12)

- ENSO Alert System Status: None
- ENSO-neutral is favored during the Northern Hemisphere winter 2019-20 (~70% chance), continuing through spring 2020 (60 to 65% chance).

MJO and other subseasonal tropical variability:

• The MJO has continued to slow and weaken during the past week and is currently situated in Phase-2 within the unit circle in RMM space.

• Dynamical models consistently bring the MJO eastward over the next two weeks, but differ in how quickly this occurs and how strong the event will be.

• If the MJO pushes eastward it would destructively interfere with the ongoing positive phase of the Indian Ocean Dipole and reduce forecast confidence related to impacts.

Extratropics:

• The typical lagged response to the MJO crossing the Indian Ocean is troughing (ridging) building over the West (East), although dynamical models do not support such an evolution. The Indian Ocean Dipole event may be interfering with the typical circulation response, thus limiting confidence in any extratropical impacts.



Confidence High Moderate

Tropical Cyclone Formation

Above-average rainfall

Below-average rainfall

Above-normal temperatures

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

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

7-day mean temperatures in the upper third of the historical range.

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IR Satellite & 200-hpa Velocity Potential Anomalies

Green: Enhanced Divergence Brown: Enhanced Convergence

A strong upper-level footprint exists as the MJO rapidly crossed western Hemisphere.

Enhanced convection again appears anchored over Africa. Weakening UL convergence associated with Rossby wave (TC) activity over Maritime Continent.

Upper level convergence returns to the Maritime Continent while the enhanced upper level divergence continues its slow eastward propagation.



MJO Observation/Forecast



- Models strengthen the MJO during the next week, but vary in their treatments.
 - GEFS: Highest amplitude and fastest eastward progression.
 - ECMWF: Eastward progression but slower and with a weaker signal.
 - JMA: Westward propagation (emphasizing TCs/equatorial Rossby waves).



Week-1: Phase 2 Week-2: Phase 3/4

CAVEAT: These panels are representative of robust MJO events.

IOD signal strongly apparent in equatorial cloudiness.

The MJO briefly disrupted the persistent IOD in late October, and the next 2 weeks could see something similar occur.

Forecast Rossby wave activity across the Eastern Hemisphere is likely to further complicate the situation.







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Connections to U.S. Impacts





Week 2 – Temperature and Precipitation



Big changes likely today, as Central U.S. troughing appears more robust than yesterday's guidance.



Temperature: Below-normal temperatures favored across much of Central CONUS.

Precipitation: Wetter across northern tier and Pacific Northwest.



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