Global Tropics Hazards And Benefits Outlook 1/14/2020

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

TC Claudia:

- 1/11 present
- Peak: 85 knots

Cool shading More clouds/rain

Warm shading Less clouds/rain



Synopsis of Climate Modes

ENSO: (December 12, 2019 Update)

next update on 9th of Jan.!

- ENSO Alert System Status: Not Active
- ENSO-neutral is favored during the Northern Hemisphere spring (~60% chance), continuing through summer 2020 (~50% chance).

MJO and other subseasonal tropical variability:

- The Indian Ocean Dipole remains near neutral, slightly positive. Footprint of its impacts has mostly decayed.
- The Madden-Julian Oscillation emerged over the past week, with a strong signal over the Maritime Continent. The MJO is forecast to remain strong through week-1 and most of week-2, reaching the western hemisphere toward the end of week-2.
- If the MJO remains strong and continues at this phase speed, there is likely to be a regime change for the North America. The MJO composites indicate that a Phase 8 MJO supports below-normal temperatures for the eastern U.S. and more moderate temperatures in the west. Currently, week-2 and week 3/4 forecasts support this scenario.



Confidence High Moderate

Tropical Cyclone Formation

Above-average rainfall

Below-average rainfall

Above-normal temperatures

Below-normal temperatures

Forecaster: Maurin 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

+IOD signature (wet Arabian Sea and western Indian Ocean, dry Maritime Continent and Australia).

+IOD influence breaking down, convection breaking through over the Maritime Continent

Convection is now widespread over the Maritime Continent and eastward. Clear Wave-1 pattern, supporting the strong MJO.



MJO Observation/Forecast



Models all indicate that this anomalous strong MJO will continue through week-1 and part of week-2, with propagation toward the western hemisphere in week-2.

The weakening of the MJO signal on the RMM index could be resultant from the breakdown of the +IOD event (biasing toward Phase 3/4), good chance for this signal to continue through week-2.

Average Conditions when the MJO is present



Week-1: Phases 5/6 Week-2: Phases 7 (maybe 8)

CAVEAT: These panels are representative of robust MJO events.

MJO becomes dominant over the Maritime Continent. Tripole set up, surrounded by suppressed convection.

Rossby wave presence over the Indian Ocean and a Kelvin wave over the Western Pacific.

Low frequency contours from +IOD have timed out, but something west of the Date Line.





January Tropical Storm Formation by MJO phase







Connections to U.S. Impacts





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90%

80%

70%

60%

Probability of Below

50%

40%

33%

33

Normal

40%

50%

60%

Probability of Above

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