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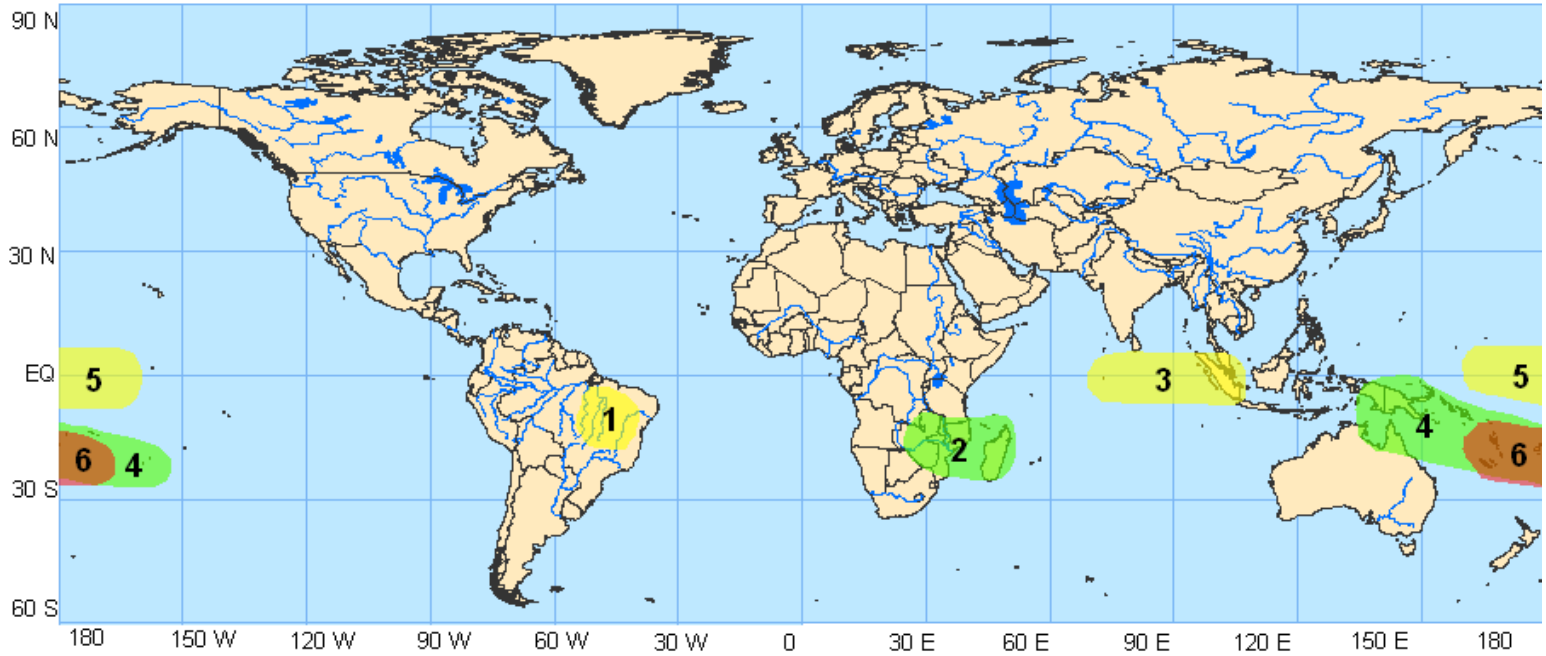
Week 1 Outlook – Valid: January 13-19, 2009



1. **An increased chance for below-average rainfall for northeast Brazil.** The suppressed convective phase of the MJO is expected to result in dry conditions in this region. **Confidence: High**

2. **An increased chance for above-average rainfall for parts of Southeast Africa, Madagascar and nearby waters.** Enhanced rainfall is expected in this region due to La Nina conditions and interaction with the extratropical circulation. **Confidence: Moderate**

3. **An increased chance for below-average rainfall for the eastern Indian Ocean and western Maritime continent.** The suppressed convective phase of the MJO is expected to result in dry conditions in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**

4. **An increased chance for above-average rainfall for Papua New Guinea, northeast Australia and the South Pacific Islands.** Both the enhanced convective phase of the MJO and La Nina conditions support enhanced rainfall in this region. **Confidence: High**

5. **An increased chance for below-average rainfall for the central Pacific Ocean.** Below average sea surface temperatures (SST) associated with La Nina is expected to contribute to dry conditions in this area. **Confidence: High**

6. An increased chance for tropical cyclogenesis for waters east of Australia to east of the Date Line in the southwest Pacific. Enhanced convection associated with an active South Pacific Convergence Zone (SPCZ), above-average SSTs and lingering frontal systems increases the threat for tropical cyclone development during the period. **Confidence: Moderate**

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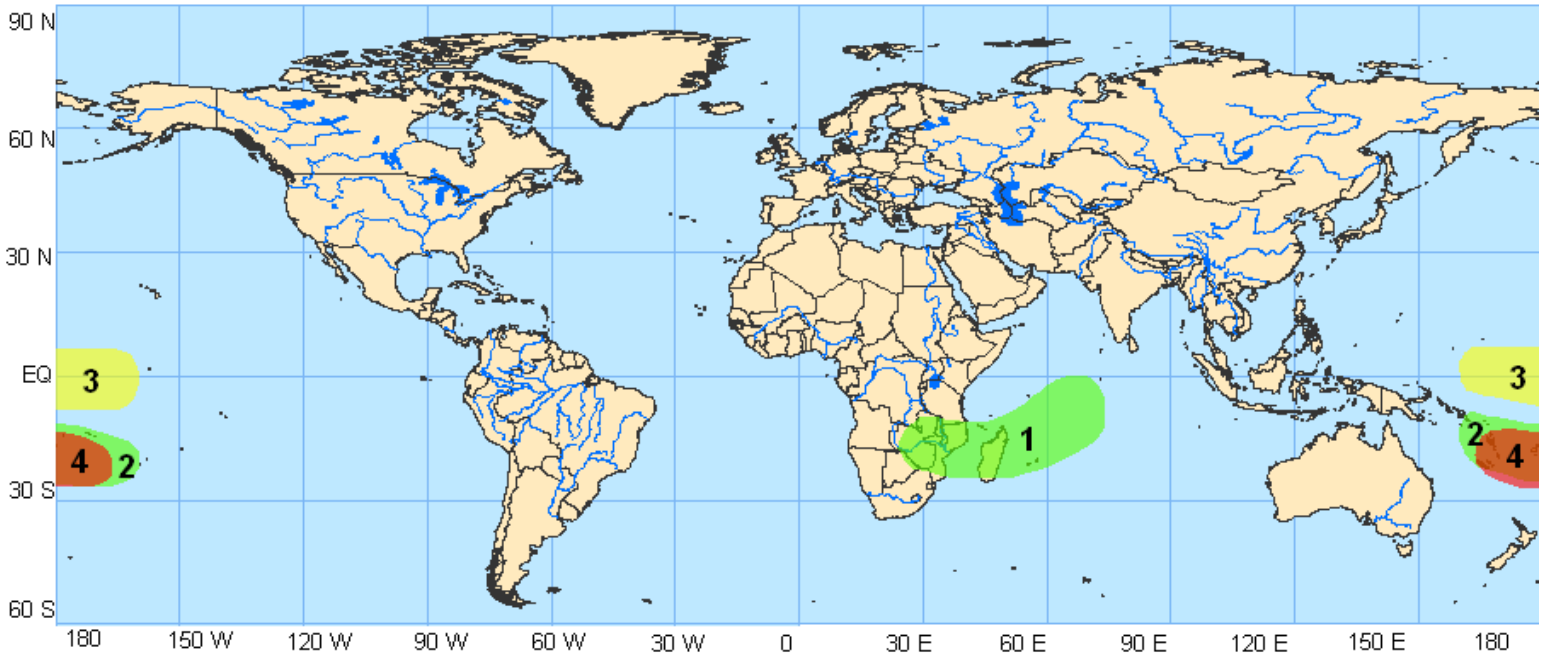
Week 2 Outlook – Valid: January 20-26, 2009



1. **An increased chance for above-average rainfall for parts of Southeast Africa, Madagascar and the southwest Indian Ocean.** Enhanced rainfall is expected in this region due to La Nina conditions, the enhanced convective phase of the MJO and interaction with the extratropical circulation. **Confidence: Moderate**

2. **An increased chance for above-average rainfall for the South Pacific Islands.** Both the enhanced convective phase of the MJO and La Nina conditions support enhanced rainfall in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**

3. **An increased chance for below-average rainfall for the central Pacific Ocean.** Below average sea surface temperatures (SST) associated with La Nina is expected to contribute to dry conditions in this area. **Confidence: High**

4. An increased chance for tropical cyclogenesis for the waters of the Southwest Pacific near the Date Line. Enhanced convection associated with an active South Pacific Convergence Zone (SPCZ), above-average SSTs and lingering frontal systems increases the threat for tropical cyclone development during the period. **Confidence: Moderate**

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