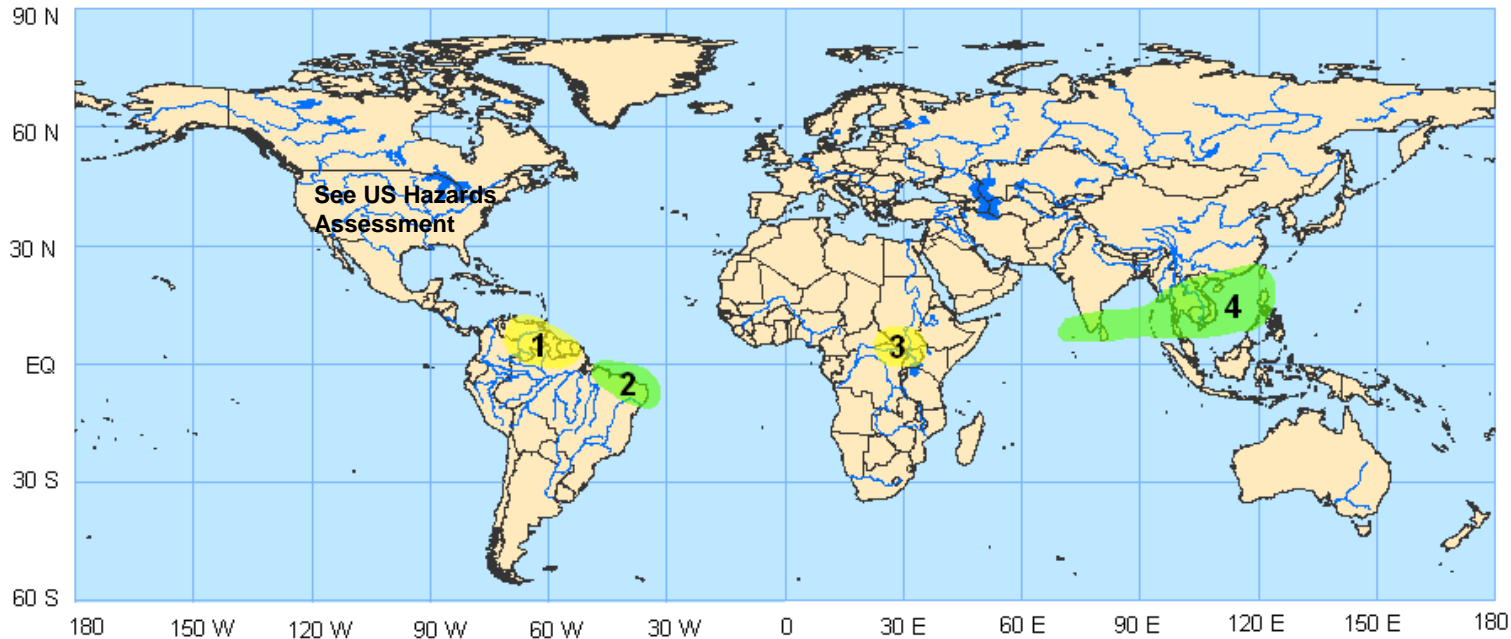


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Week 1 Outlook – Valid: May 26 – June 1, 2009



- 1. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for parts of northern South America.** The persistent pattern of Atlantic Ocean SST anomalies is expected to increase the chances for below-average rainfall in this area. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 2. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for parts of northeast Brazil.** The persistent pattern of Atlantic Ocean SST anomalies increase the chances for above average rainfall in areas that have already experienced flooding. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 3. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for parts of east-central Africa.** Low-level winds are forecast to remain unfavorable for rainfall in this region and result in an enhanced likelihood for drier-than-average conditions. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 4. An increased chance for above-average rainfall stretching from the Arabian Sea to Southeast Asia.** Rainfall associated with the Indian and Southeast Asian monsoon, above-average SSTs in some areas, and interaction with the extratropical circulation increases the likelihood for enhanced rainfall in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**

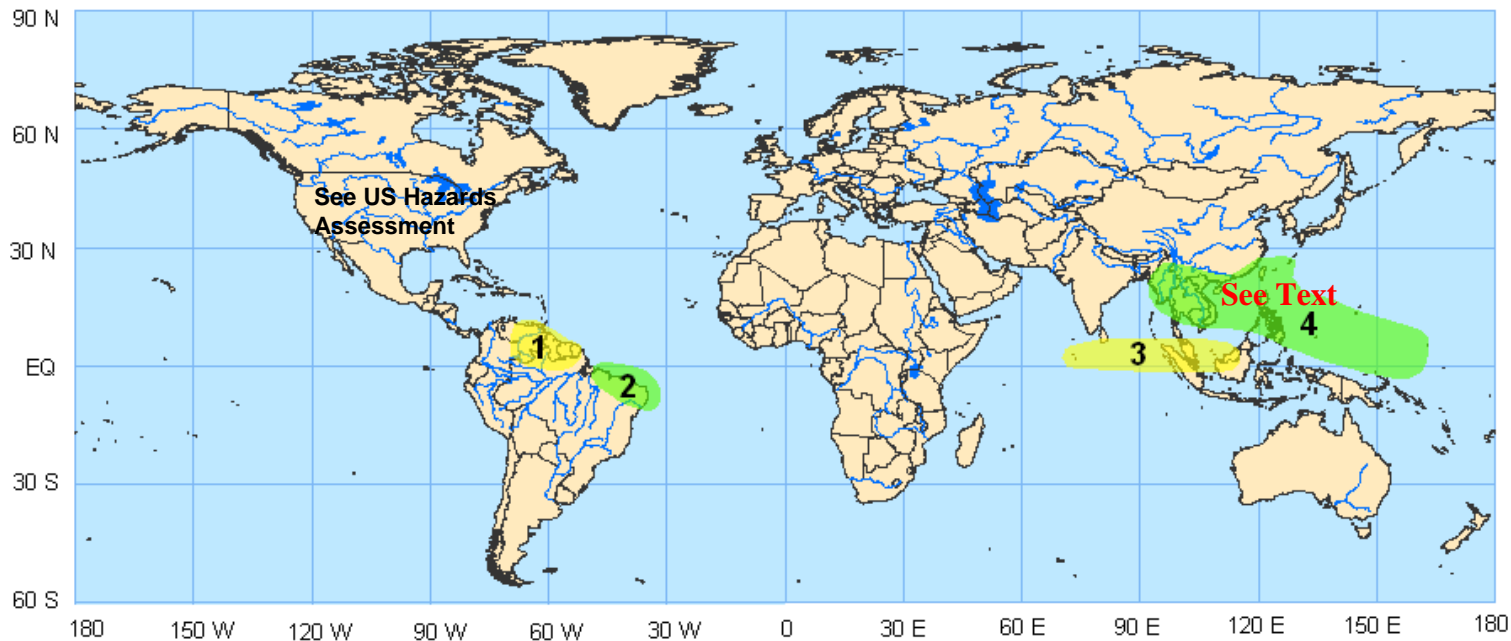
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Week 2 Outlook – Valid: June 2 – June 8, 2009



- 1. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for parts of northern South America.** The persistent pattern of Atlantic Ocean SST anomalies is expected to increase the chances for below-average rainfall in this area. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 2. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for parts of northeast Brazil.** The persistent pattern of Atlantic Ocean SST anomalies increase the chances for above average rainfall in areas that have already experienced flooding. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 3. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for the equatorial Indian Ocean and parts of the western Maritime continent.** A combination of coherent subseasonal tropical variability favors below-average rainfall in this region during the period. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 4. An increased chance for above-average rainfall stretching from parts of southern Asia to the western Pacific Ocean.** Rainfall associated with the Southeast Asian monsoon, above-average SSTs in some areas, a combination of coherent subseasonal tropical variability and interaction with the extratropical circulation increases the likelihood for enhanced rainfall in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**

TEXT ITEM: The threat for tropical cyclone development exists for portions of the South China Sea and far western Pacific Ocean during the period. The vertical wind shear may be high so the threat is considered low at the current time but will need to be monitored.

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