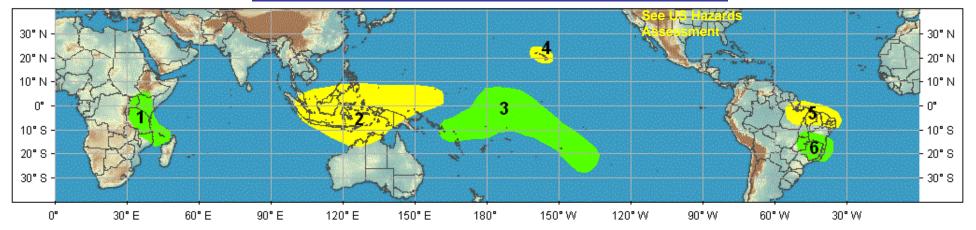
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Week 1 Outlook - Valid: March 2 - 8, 2010



Synopsis:

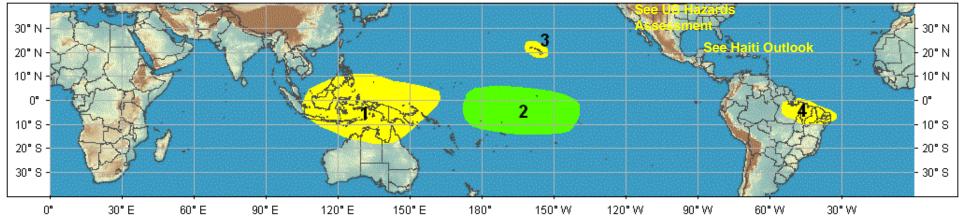
- 1. <u>An increased chance for above-average rainfall for parts of eastern Africa</u>. Anomalous low-level convergence is expected to enhance rainfall in this region during the period. <u>Confidence: Moderate</u>
- 2. <u>An increased chance for below-average rainfall for the Maritime continent and northwest Australia</u>. El-Niño conditions favor below-average rainfall in this region and some model guidance indicates near or below average Australian monsoon intensity. <u>Confidence: Moderate</u>
- 3. <u>An increased chance for above-average rainfall for parts of the west-central Pacific</u>. El-Niño conditions and extratropical frontal activity favor above-average rainfall in this region. <u>Confidence: Moderate</u>
- 4. <u>An increased chance for below-average rainfall for Hawaii.</u> El-Niño conditions and numerical forecast guidance favor suppressed rainfall in this region. Confidence: High
- 5. <u>An increased chance for below-average rainfall for northern Brazil.</u> El-Niño conditions and numerical forecast guidance continues to favor below-average rainfall in this region. <u>Confidence: High</u>
- **6.** <u>An increased chance for above-average rainfall for east-central Brazil.</u> Numerical forecast guidance indicates a wet pattern for this region during the period. <u>Confidence: Moderate</u>

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Week 2 Outlook - Valid: March 9 - 15, 2010



Synopsis:

1. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for parts of the Maritime continent, northern Australia and parts of the western Pacific and Philippines. El-Niño conditions favor below average rainfall in this region and the Australian monsoon intensity is expected to be near or below average.

Confidence: High

2. <u>An increased chance for above-average rainfall for parts of the west-central Pacific</u>. El-Niño conditions favor above-average rainfall in this region. Confidence: High

3. <u>An increased chance for below-average rainfall for Hawaii.</u> El-Niño conditions and numerical forecast guidance favor suppressed rainfall in this region. Confidence: High

4. <u>An increased chance for below-average rainfall for northern Brazil.</u> El-Niño conditions and numerical forecast guidance continues to favor below-average rainfall in this region. <u>Confidence: High</u>