

The MJO further strengthened during the past week with the enhanced convective phase shifting eastward across the Western Pacific. The MJO, along with La Nina, contributed substantially to areas of enhanced convection across parts of the Maritime Continent and South Pacific Convergence Zone (SPCZ).

Enhanced convection was observed across parts of the south-central Pacific, associated with the MJO, while tropical cyclones Jasmine and Cyril developed in the southwest Pacific. An equatorial Rossby wave contributed to more convection than anticipated in the eastern central and equatorial Indian Ocean, despite the MJO favoring suppressed convection in this region. Suppressed convection was observed over the west-central equatorial Pacific, consistent with La Nina, and also across parts of Africa and the southwest and south-central Indian Ocean.

The Week-1 and Week-2 outlooks are based primarily on MJO composities for phases 7 and 8 and phases 8 and 1 for Week-1 and Week-2 respectively. La Nina, statistical MJO forecasts, and numerical model guidance also played large roles in the outlook.

For Week-1, the enhanced convective phase of the MJO favors above median precipitation along the SPCZ and south-central Pacific Ocean, while suppressed convection is favored over the eastern equatorial Indian Ocean, the southwest part of the Maritime Continent, and northern Australia. In addition, model guidance and the MJO signal favor enhanced (suppressed) precipitation across northwestern South America (east-central Africa and northern Madagascar). Tropical cyclogenesis is favored in the south-central Indian Ocean supported by model guidance.

During Week-2, elevated odds for above-median rainfall are forecast to continue in the south-central Pacific Ocean, while suppressed convection is favored across the Maritime Continent and northern Australia. The MJO also favors enhanced convection in Brazil, eastern Africa, northern Madagascar, and the western Indian Ocean.

Below-normal rainfall is favored for the west-central equatorial Pacific Ocean for the entire period, consistent with the ongoing La Nina conditions.