

The Madden-Julian Oscillation (MJO) remained incoherent over the past week, while higher frequency modes of variability such as Kelvin and equatorial Rossby waves dominated the tropics. The most prominent of these features appears to be a Kelvin wave that is most recently analyzed near South America, with origins from extratropical wavebreaking over the Southern Hemisphere. Model guidance varies in whether this feature is able to grow and slow down into a full-fledged MJO (ECMWF) or remains transient (CFS and GEFS). This Kelvin wave feature is likely to help relax environmental wind shear across the main development region in the Atlantic for tropical cyclones (TCs), although model guidance continues to project broad subsidence across the basin. While this combination is slightly more supportive for any easterly waves exiting Africa to become TCs, the large-scale subsidence remains a significant limiter for any Cape Verde type systems to develop. The final forecast relies minimally on empirical MJO-based guidance, and instead is heavily influenced by the dynamical models and anticipated TC activity regions.

Tropical Depressions briefly formed in the East Pacific (14N/126W on August 17th) and Central Pacific (10N/170W on August 15th) during the past week. At present the National Hurricane Center (NHC) is monitoring a pair of disturbances in the East Pacific. The first system is presently near 14N/100W and

has an 80% (90%) chance of becoming a TC over the next 48 hours (5 days), which translates to high confidence in this outlook. The second system is presently near 14N/121W and has a 40% (60%) chance of undergoing tropical cyclogenesis over the next 48 hours (5 days), which is moderate confidence in this product. The NHC is also monitoring an extratropical low near 40N/64W with slight odds of becoming a TC over the next 48 hours and 5 days (10%), resulting in it being left off this outlook. Elsewhere, the Joint Typhoon Warning Center gives a high chance of a system currently near 14N/133E to become a TC in the next 24 hours, resulting in high confidence for this outlook. During Week-2 TC activity chances are anticipated to be elevated in the Philippine Sea (moderate confidence) and along a band near 10N between approximately 135-155W in the Central Pacific (moderate confidence). The relaxing shear over the Atlantic would support possible introduction of a TC formation region over the Main Development Region during Week-2, but the broad subsidence that continues to be forecast was the deciding factor in omitting such a hazard. The Friday update will likely reconsider things in light of the latest shear and circulation forecasts.

Forecast regions of above- and below-normal rainfall during the next two weeks are heavily influenced by TC tracks in the Pacific. Below-normal rains are also forecast with high confidence during Week-1 across the equatorial Indian Ocean (low frequency state), the East Pacific (increasing vertical wind shear in the wake of the Kelvin wave passage), and tropical Atlantic (persistence subsidence). Above-normal rainfall in Week-1 is also forecast with high confidence tied to the southwest monsoon across India and Southeast Asia and tropical moisture feeding into a stalled cold front along the Gulf of Mexico. Moderate confidence for above-normal rains exists east of New Guinea during Week-1 tied to equatorial Rossby wave activity. During Week-2 high confidence for above-normal (below-normal) rainfall continues across Southeast Asia and the equatorial Indian Ocean through Maritime Continent. Remaining areas with moderate confidence for above- and below-normal rainfall during Week-2 are made based on consensus between the ECMWF, GFS, and CFS models. High confidence also exists for above-normal temperatures across the Desert Southwest through Central Valley of California during the next two weeks tied to anomalous 500-hPa ridging with no clear tropical linkage. For more information on the heat please view the Days 3-7 U.S. Hazards product from the Weather Prediction Center or CPC's Week-2 U.S. Hazards product.

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