DEKADAL TECHNICAL NOTE FOR THIRD DEKAD OF JULY, 2022 AND PRECIPITATION FORECAST FOR WEEK 1 AND 2

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- Weekly NCEP/GFS bias corrected ensemble forecast
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- Weekly Precip Forecast from ECMWF (Anom and Prob.)
- Monthly tercile prob precip anomaly forecast
- IRI SubX precip forecast

4. **Week 1 and 2 Outlook**

- Two week climatology
- Two weeks precip forecast

1. Climate Monitoring

- Forecast Verification
- Observed Mean Sea Level Pressure (MSLP) during last dekad
- Observed 500 hPa Geopotential Height during last dekad
- Observed Precipitation during last dekad
- Observed Temporal Variation of precipitation
- Start of Agricultural Season – Current Status and Outlook
- Observed OLR Anomalies during the passed dekad
- Observed Wind Anomaly at 850 and 700 hPa
- Observed Relative Humidity Anomaly
- Weekly and Monthly SST Anomaly Assessment

2. Status of Drivers

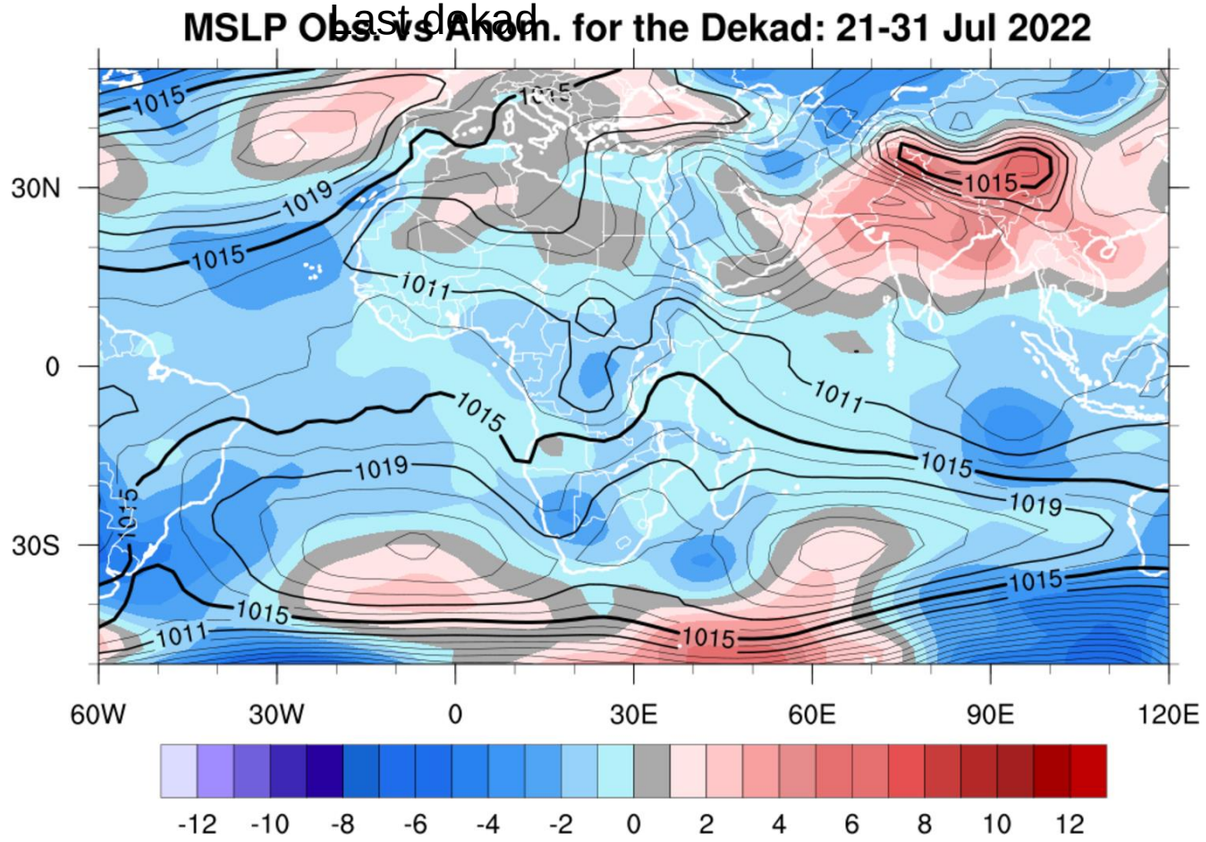
3. Dynamical Model Forecast : Week 1 and 2

4. Week 1 and 2 Outlook

Forecast Verification

Mean Sea Level Pressure (MSLP) – Obs & Anom.

Last dekad



Same dekad last year

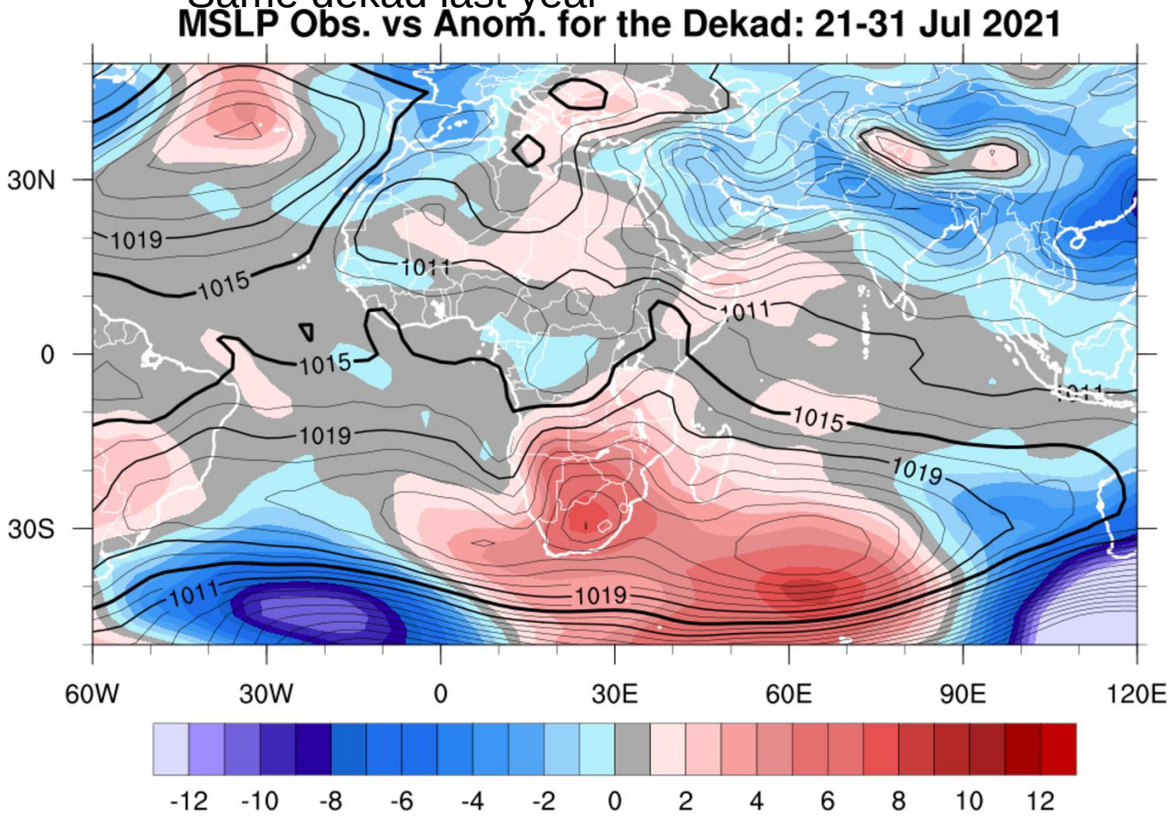
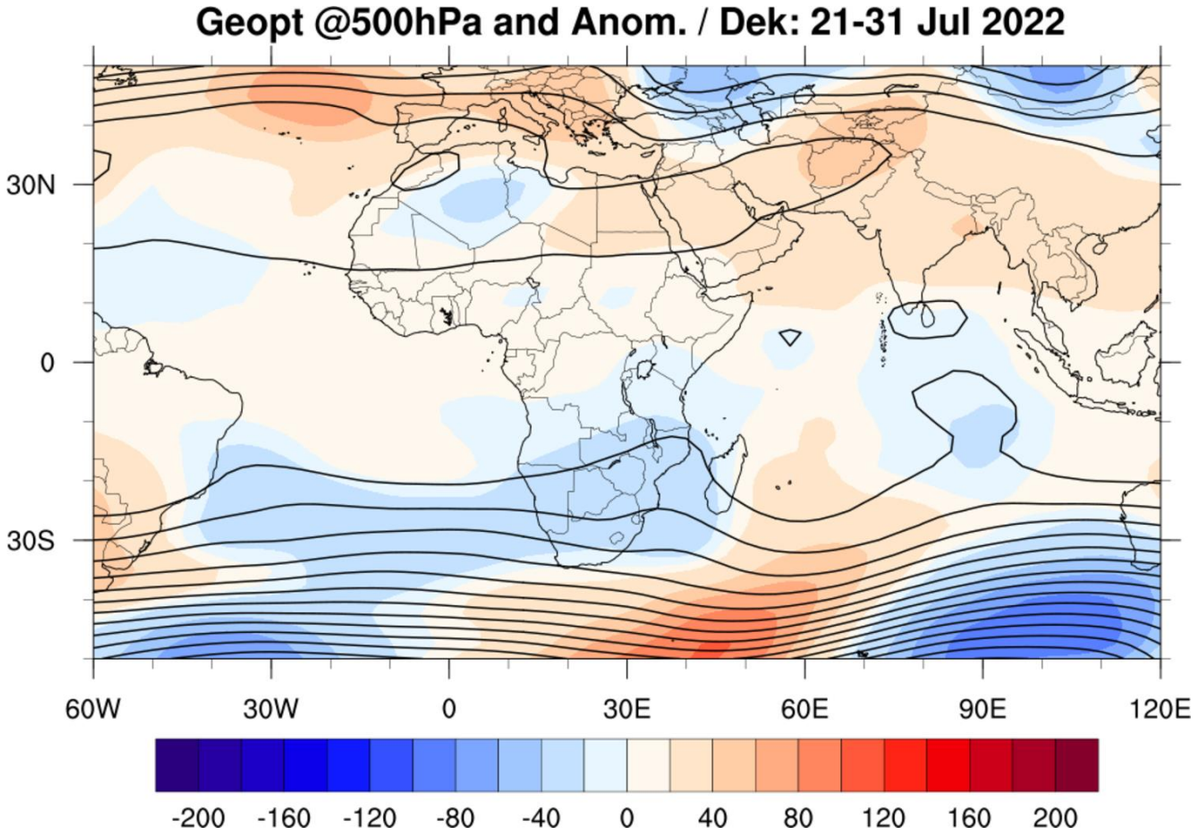


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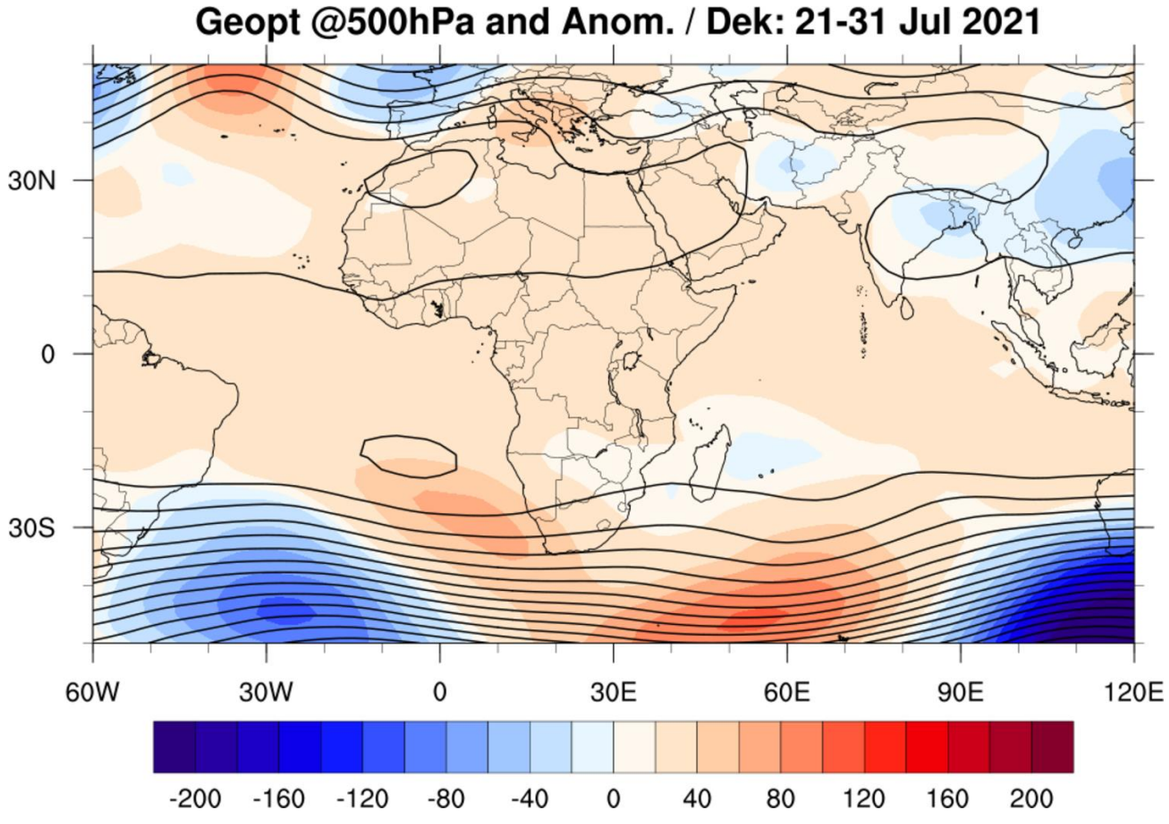
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500 hPa Geopotential Height (Z500) – Obs vs Anom.

Last dekad



Same dekad last year



Estimated Cumulative Precipitation in % of average for the last Dekad

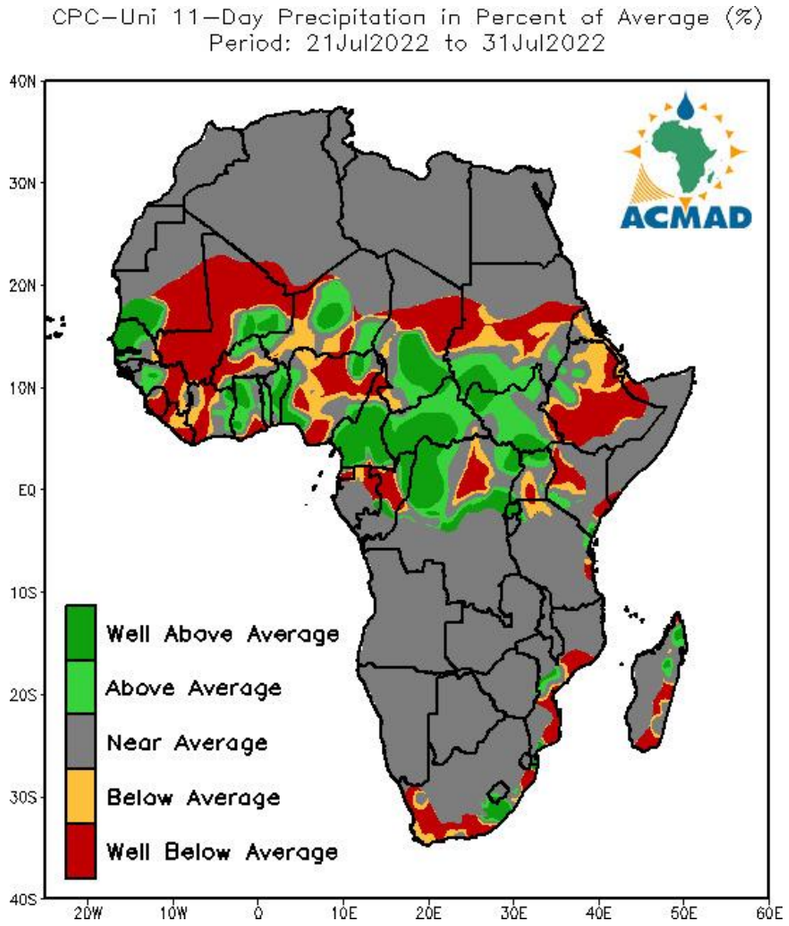


Figure 1: **This map displays decadal average precipitation in percent of average**

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Temporal and Spatial Change of % of Average Precip for the Last Four Dekads

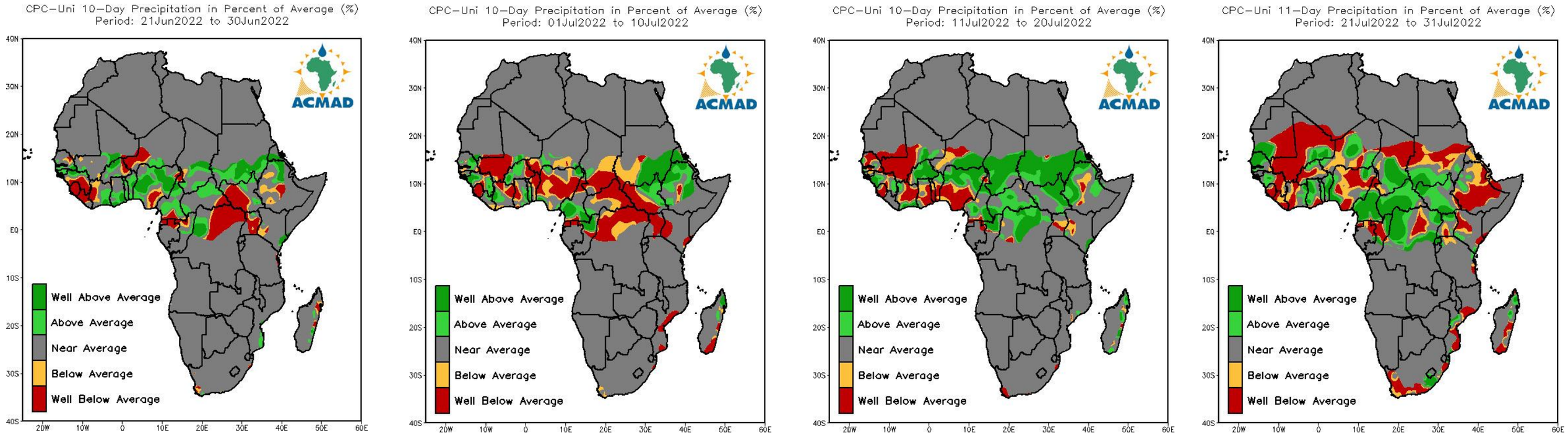
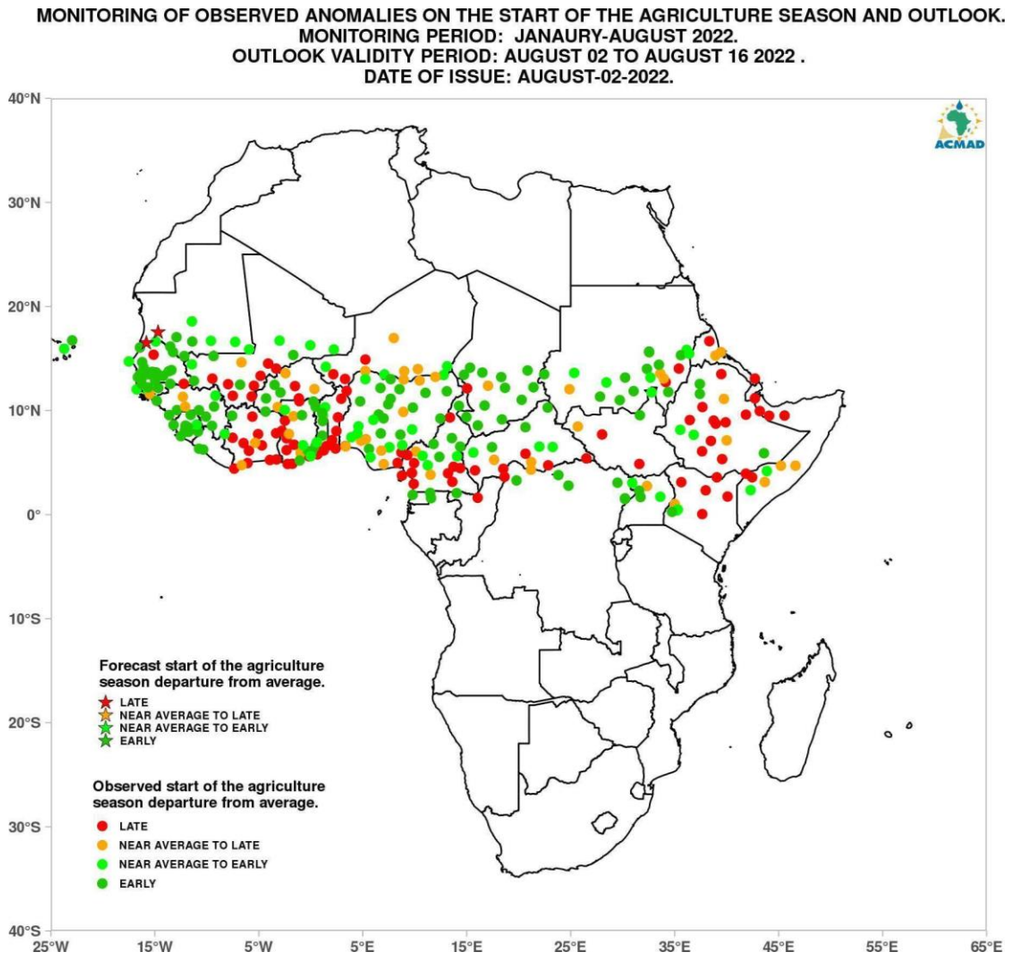


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Start of Agricultural Season – Current and Outlook

Current Year



Last year at the same time

OLR Anomalies
During the passed 3 Dekads

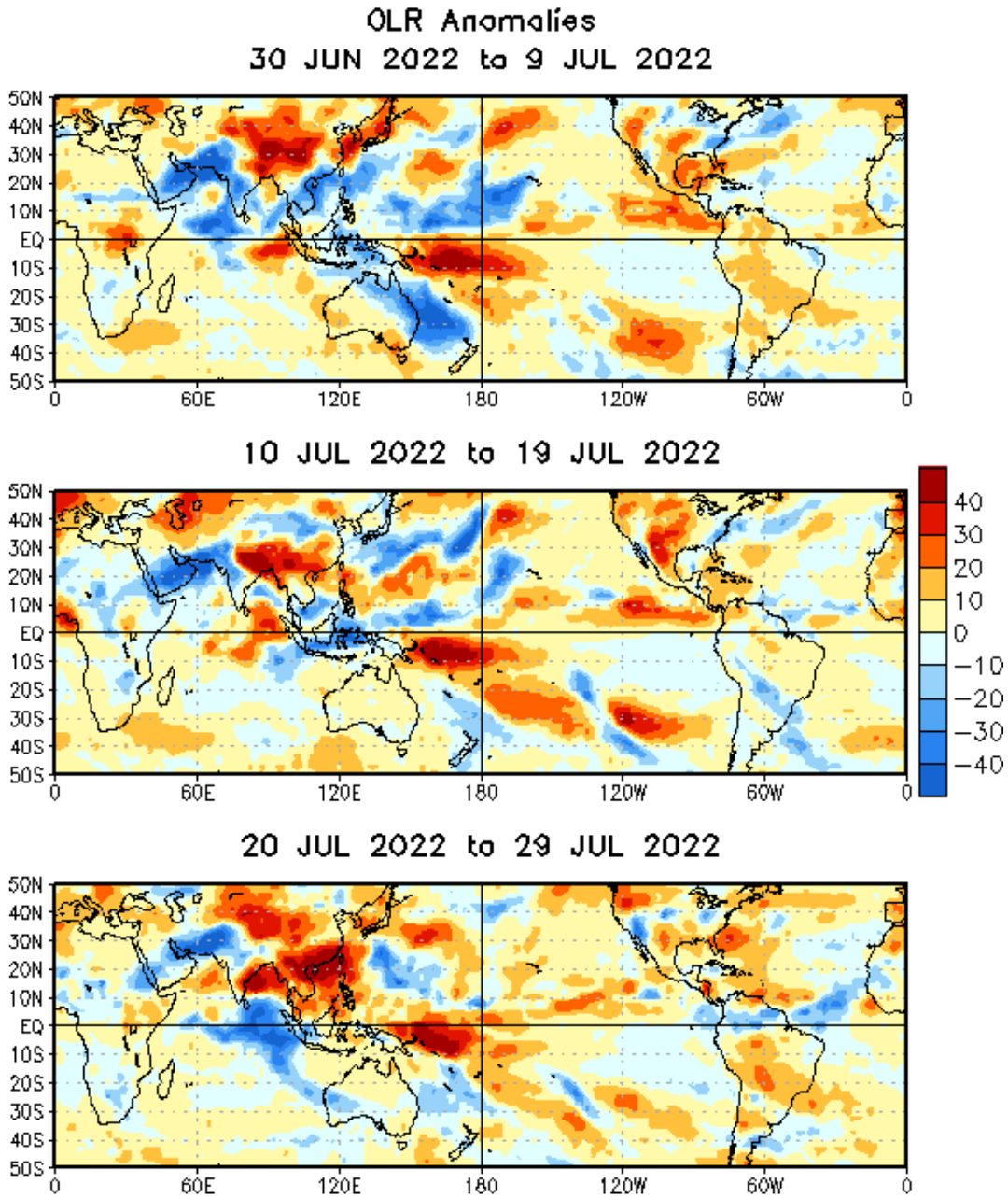
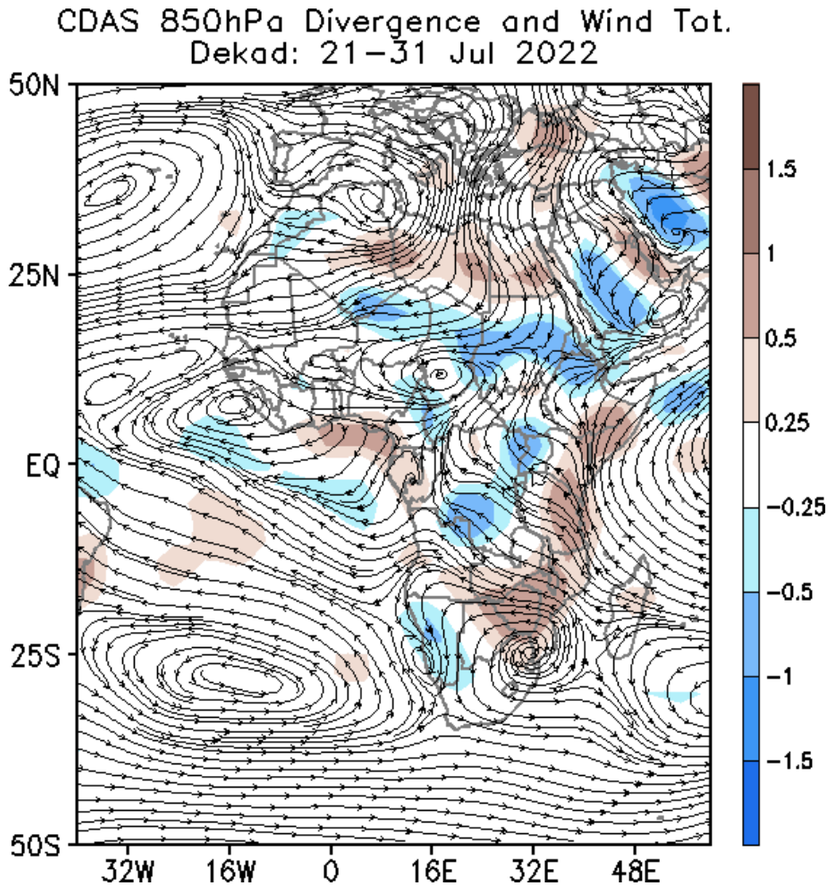
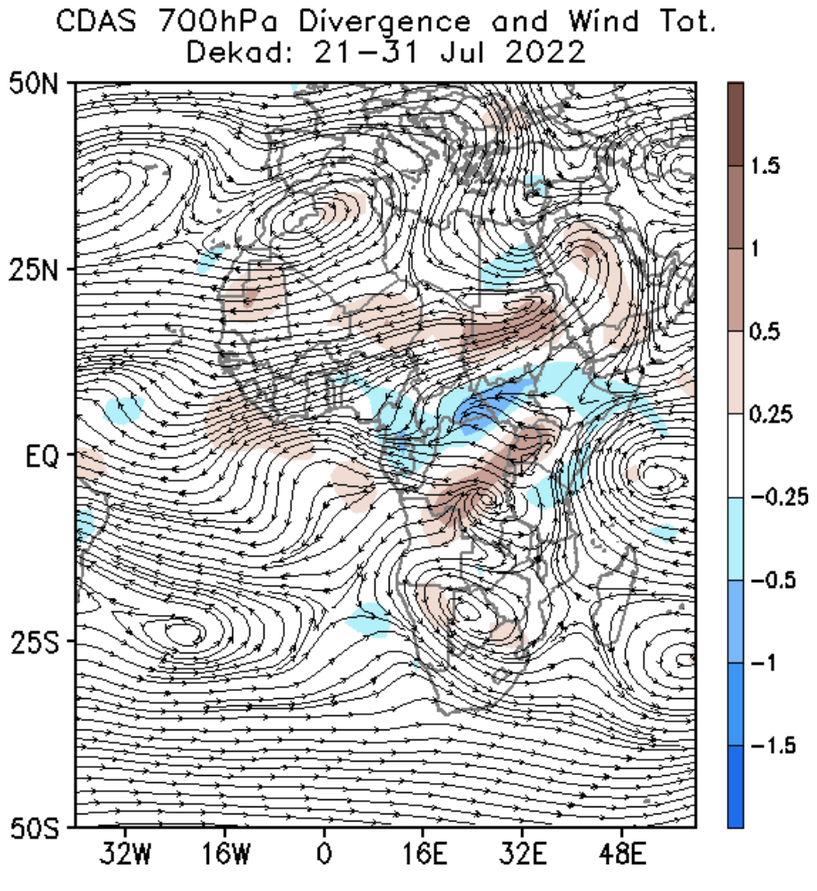


Figure 4: **Past 3 weeks OLR anomalies**

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Wind Anomalies for the last 7 day period 850hpa, 700hpa and 200hpa





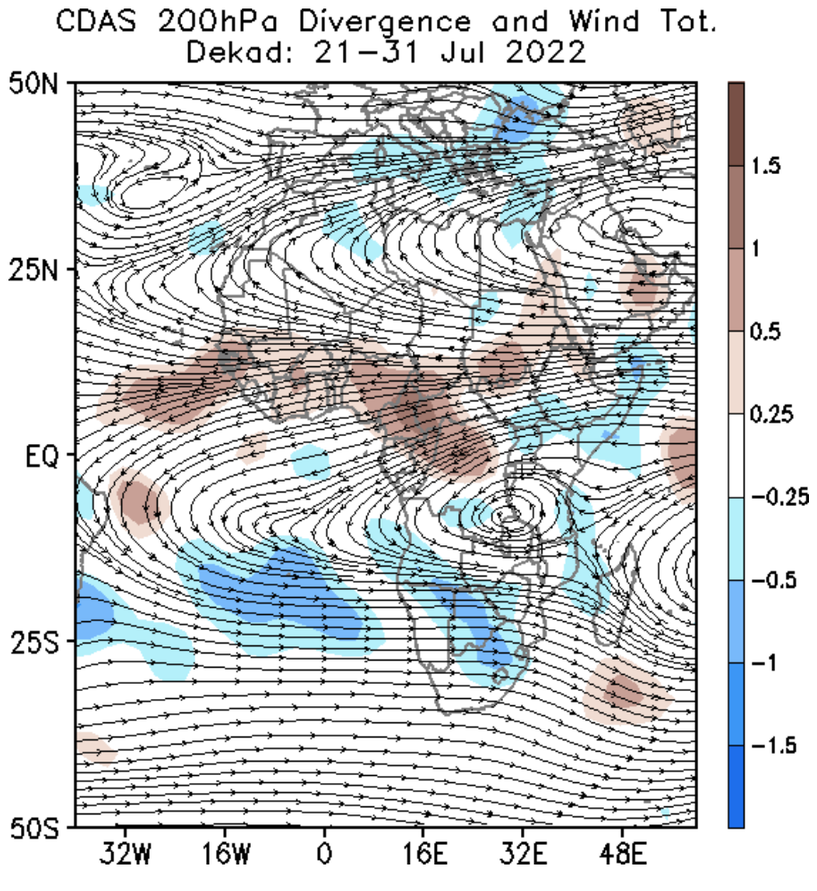


Figure 7: **Wind anomalies for 850hpa, 700hPa and 200hpa**

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Relative Humidity (RH) Anomalies at 850hpa and 700hpa for the last Dekad

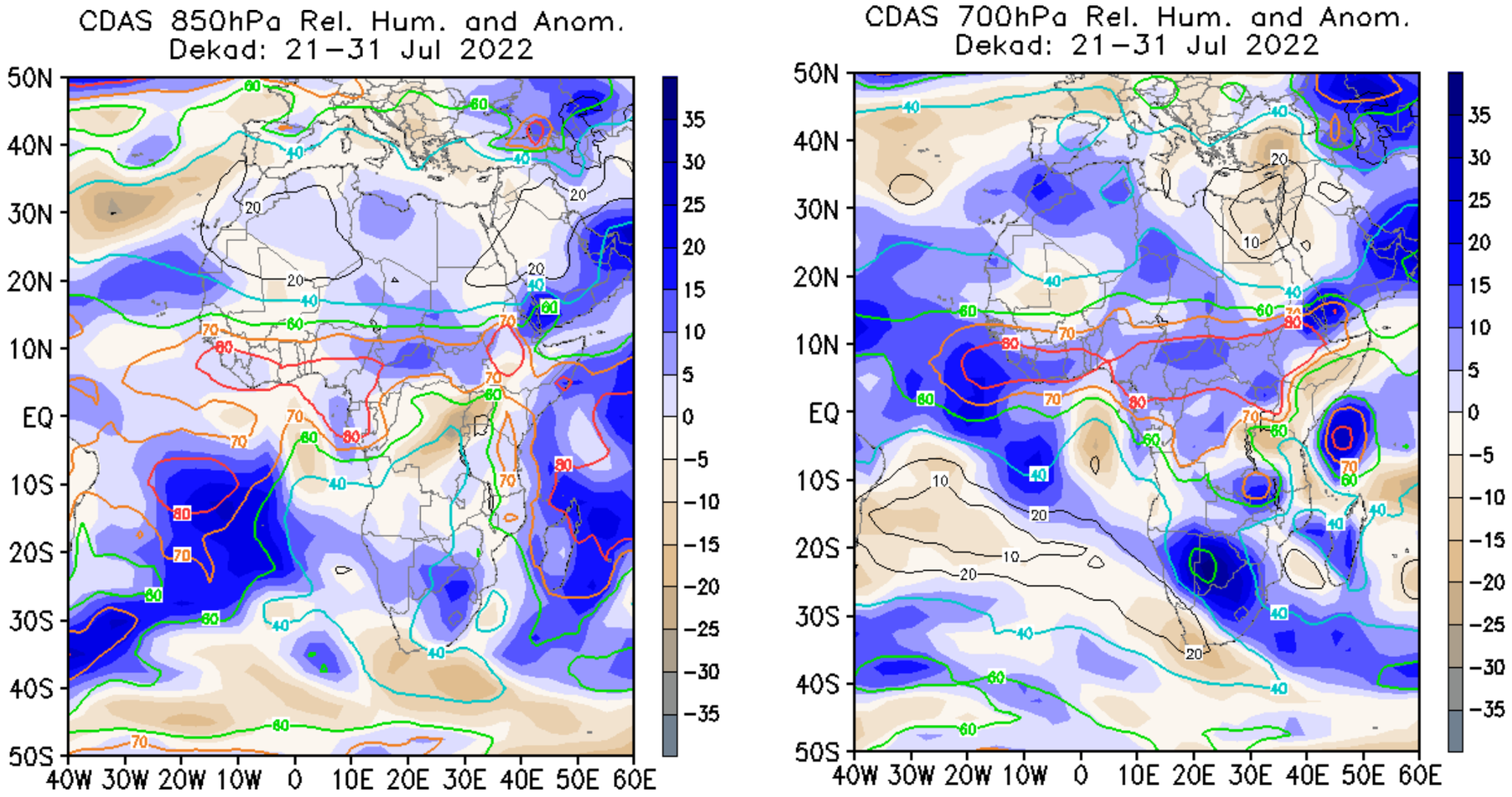
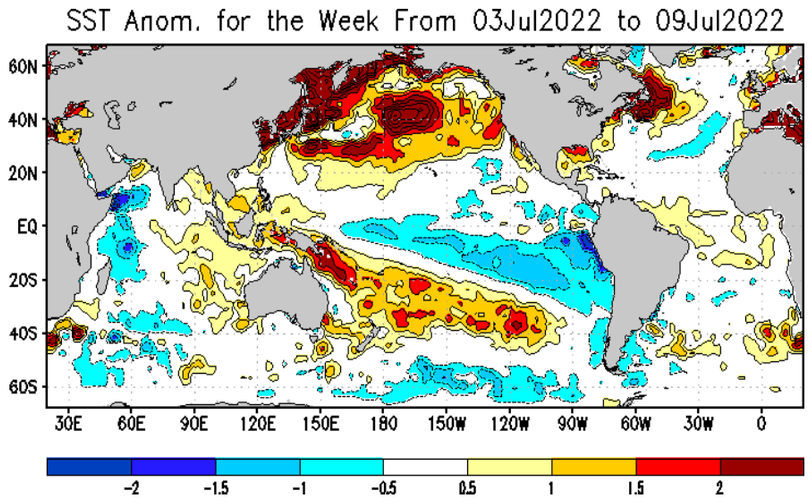
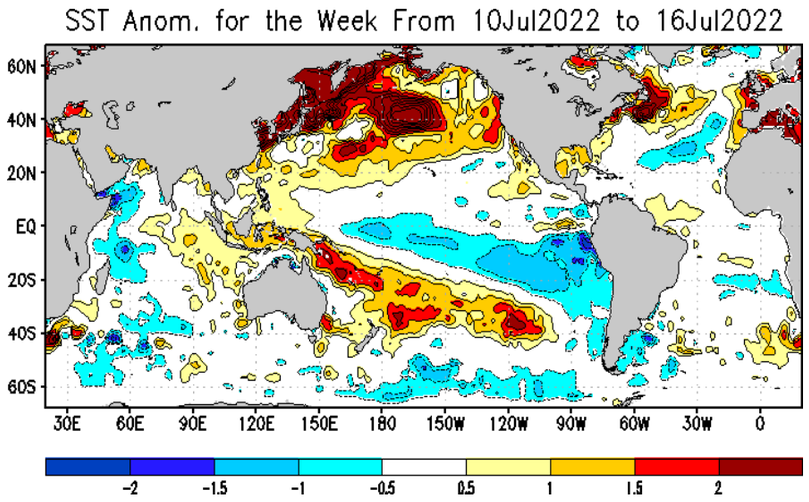


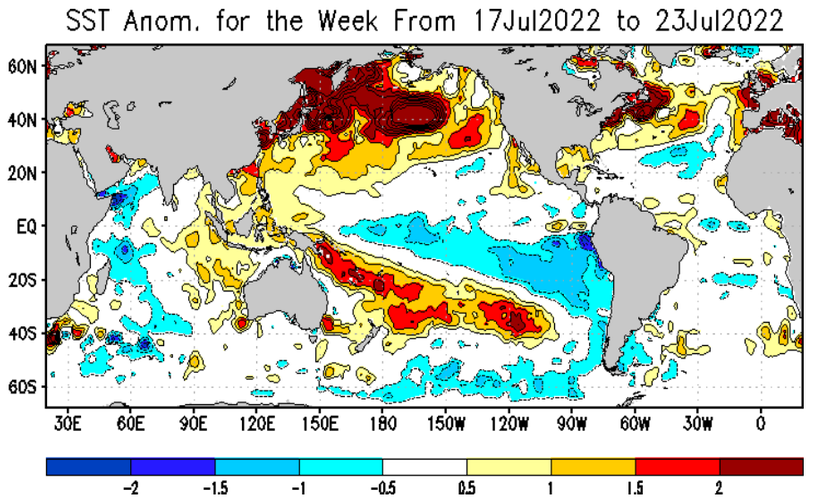
Figure 8: **Relative Humidity Anomaly at 850hPa (left) and 700hPa (right)**

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Weekly Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly during the last four weeks







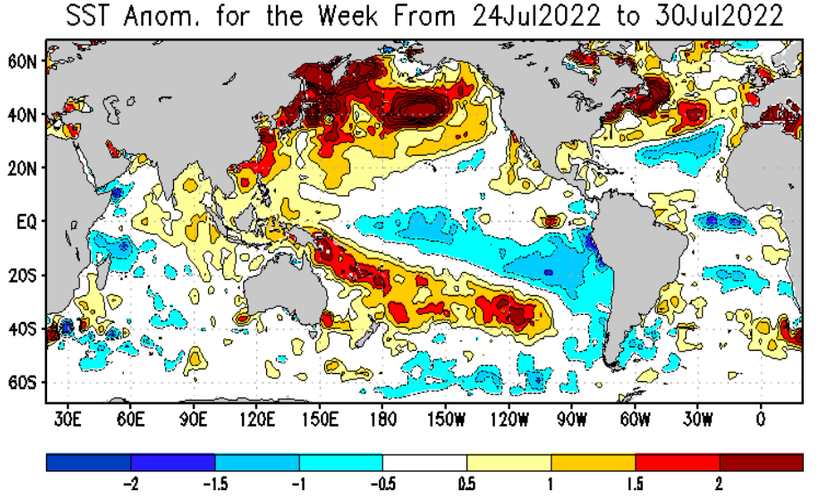
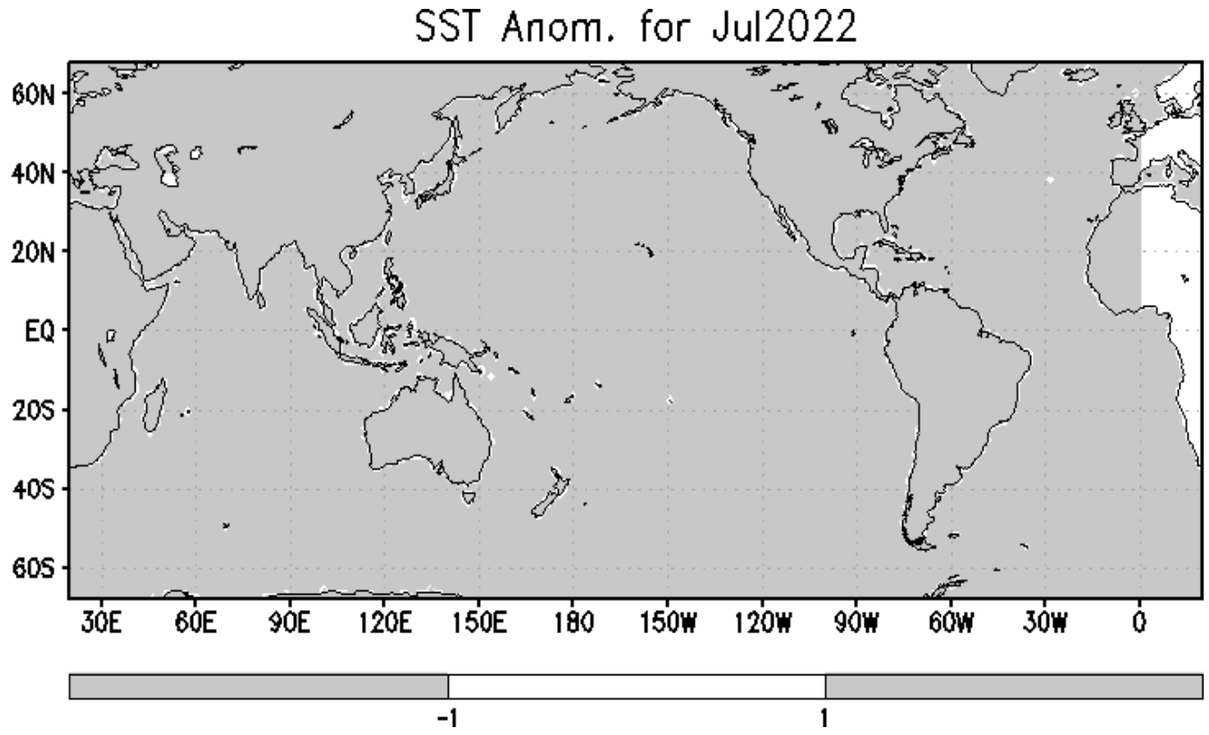


Figure 9: Maps display weekly sea surface temperature anomalies over the globe for last four weeks

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Last Month’s Sea SurfaceTemperatures (SST) Observed



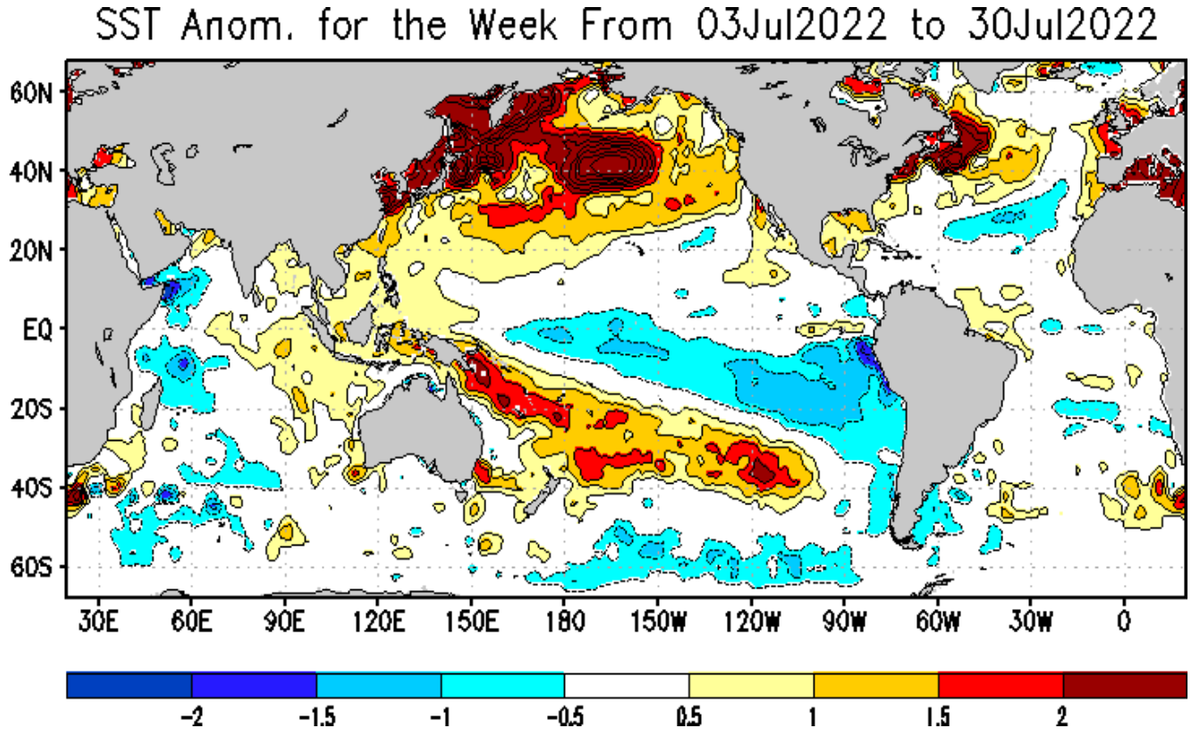


Figure 10 : Maps display monthly sea surface temperature anomalies over the globe.

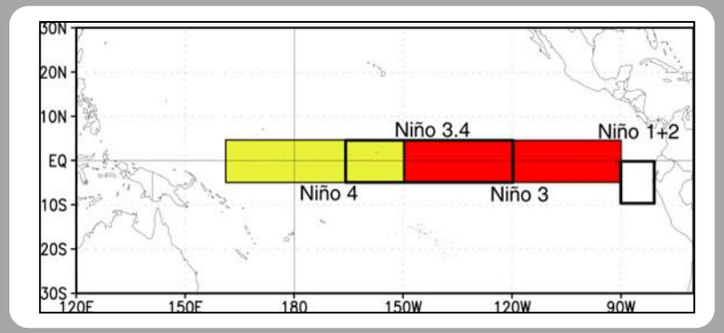
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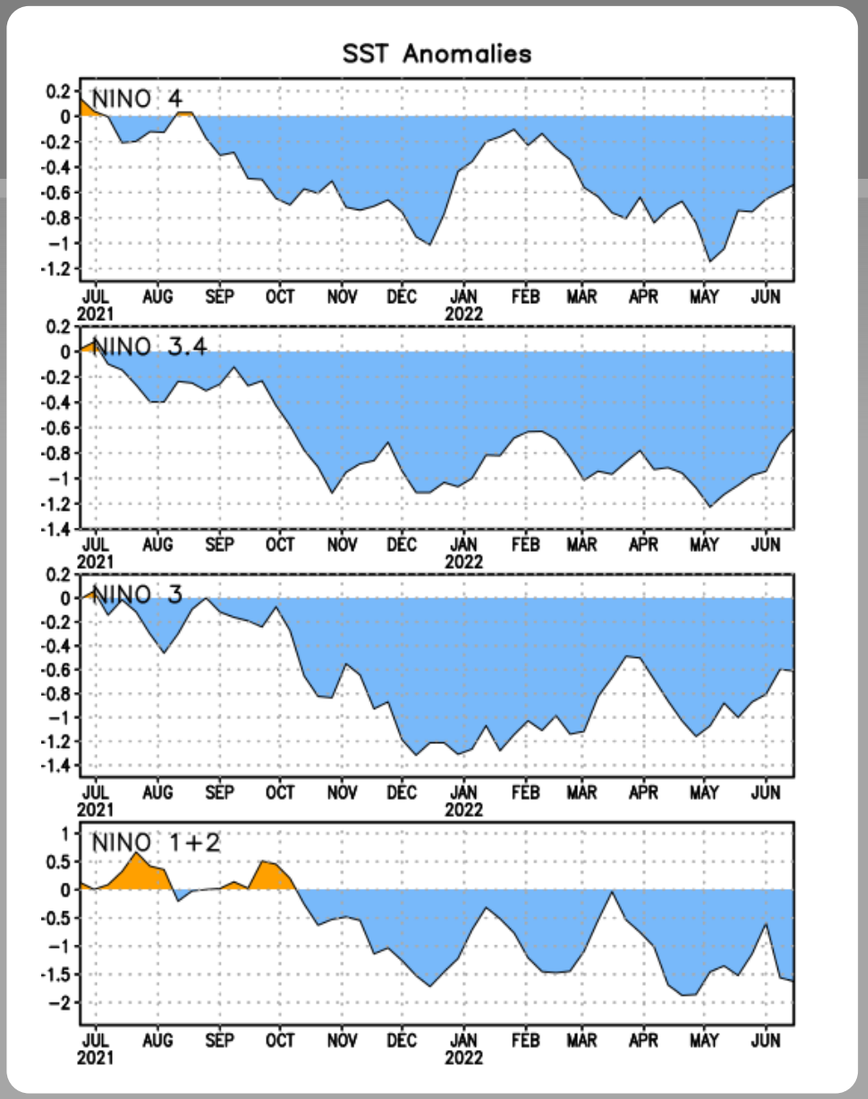
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   - MJO – Current Status and Forecast
   - Weekly PWAT – Current Status and Forecast
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Niño Region SST Departures (ºC) Recent Evolution

The latest weekly SST departures are:

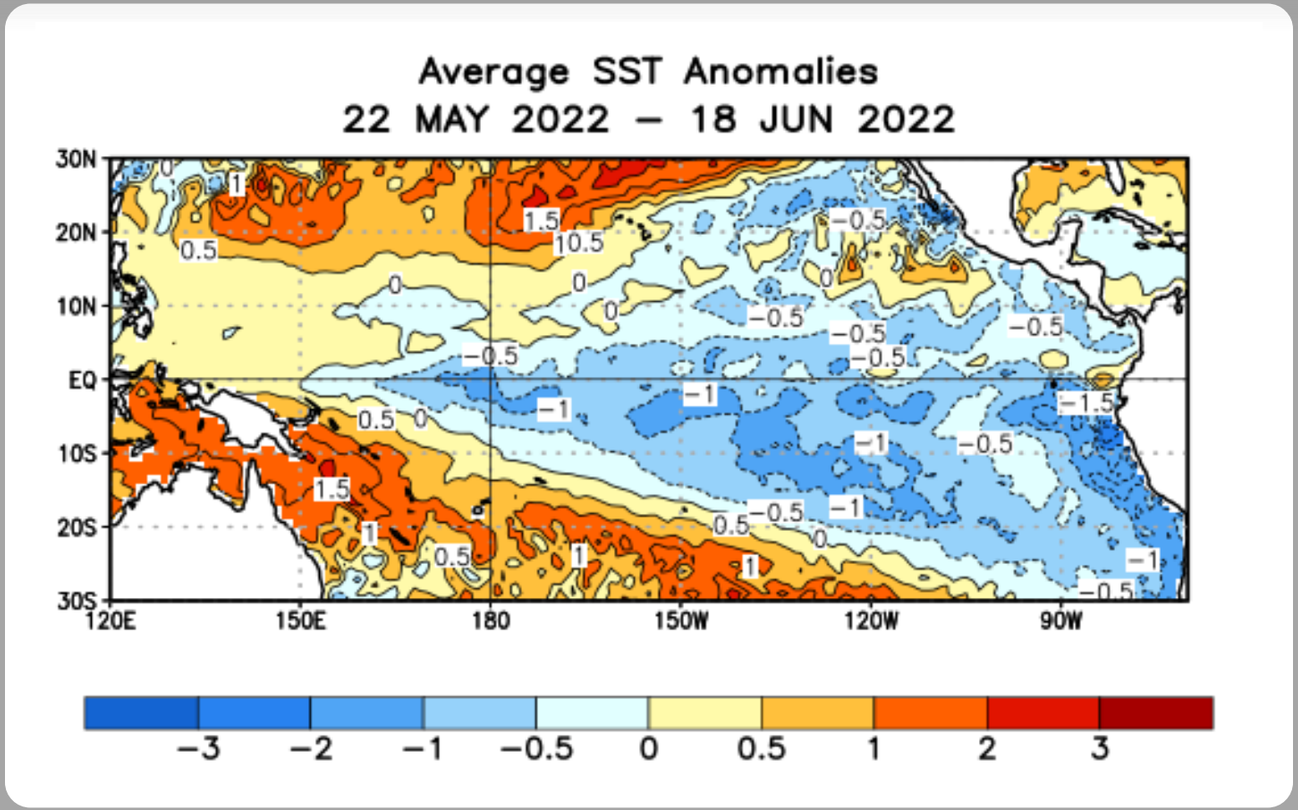
Niño 4	-0.5ºC
Niño 3.4	-0.6ºC
Niño 3	-0.6ºC
Niño 1+2	-1.6ºC





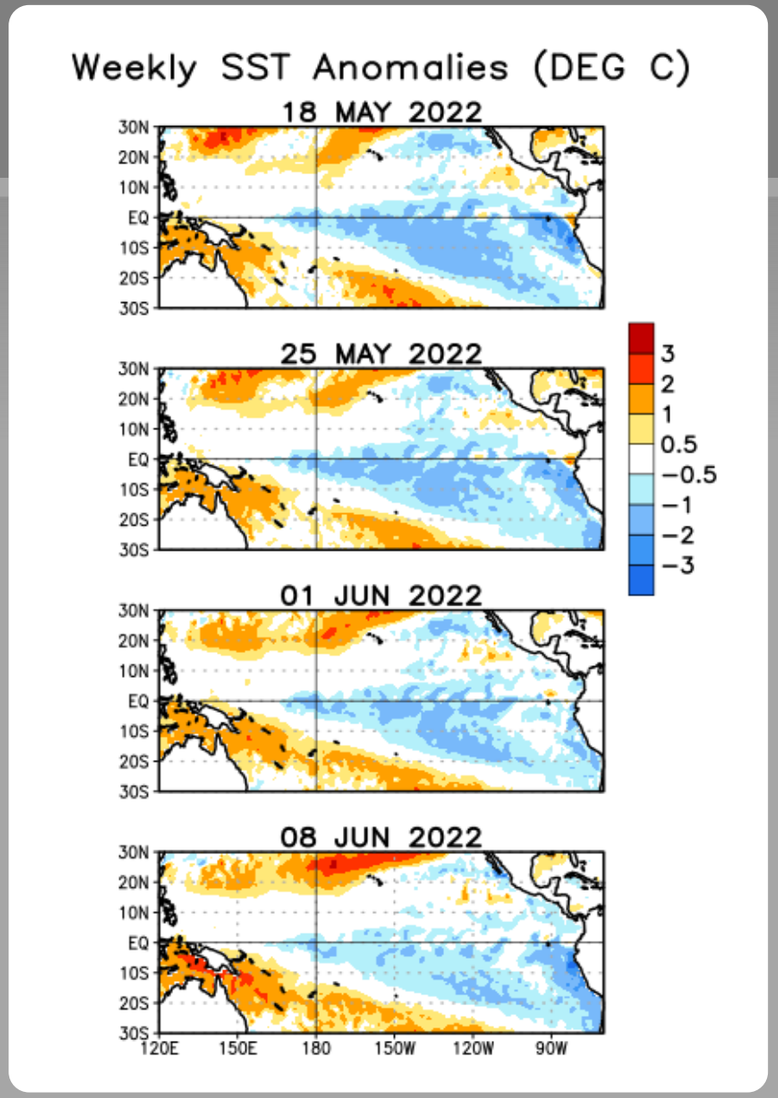
SST Departures (ºC) in the Tropical Pacific During the Last Four Weeks

In the last four weeks, equatorial SSTs were below average across most of the Pacific Ocean.



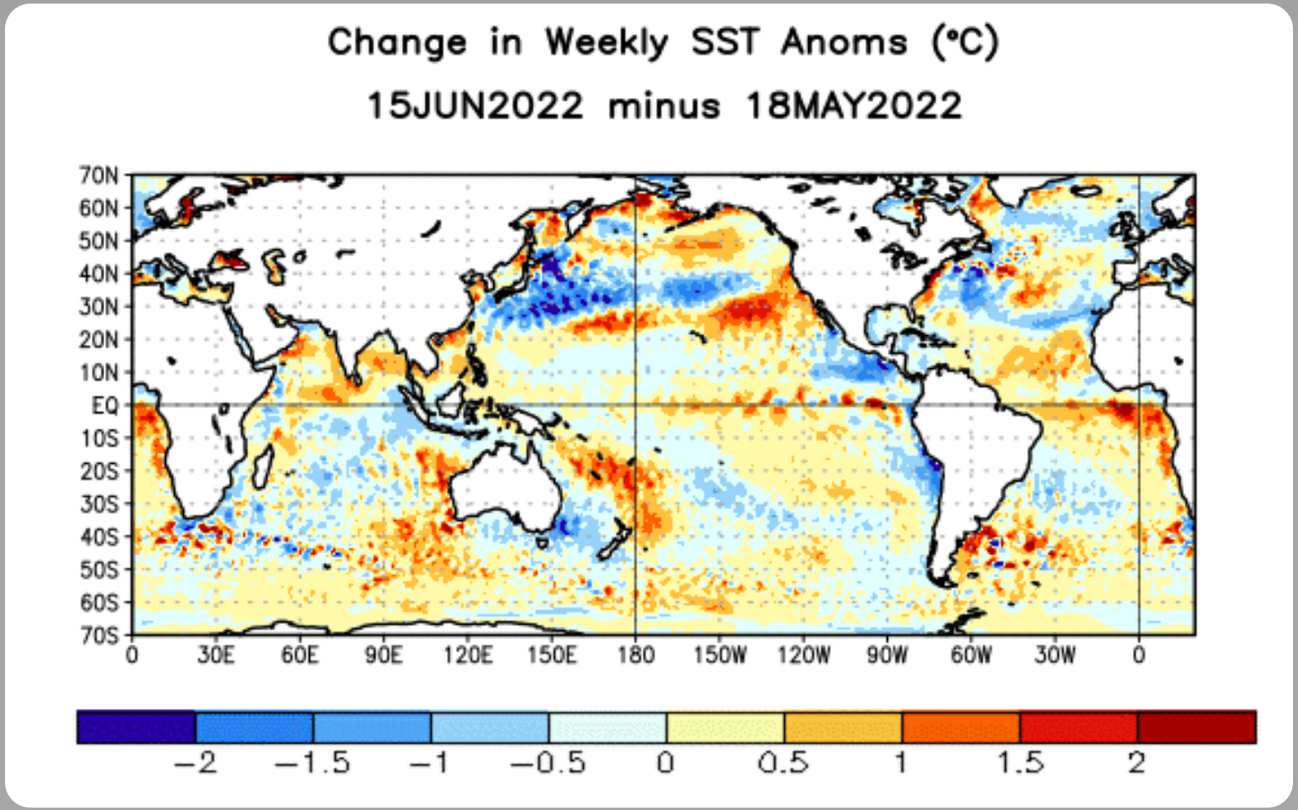
Weekly SST Departures during the Last Four Weeks

During the last 4 weeks, negative SST anomalies have weakened across most of the equatorial Pacific Ocean.



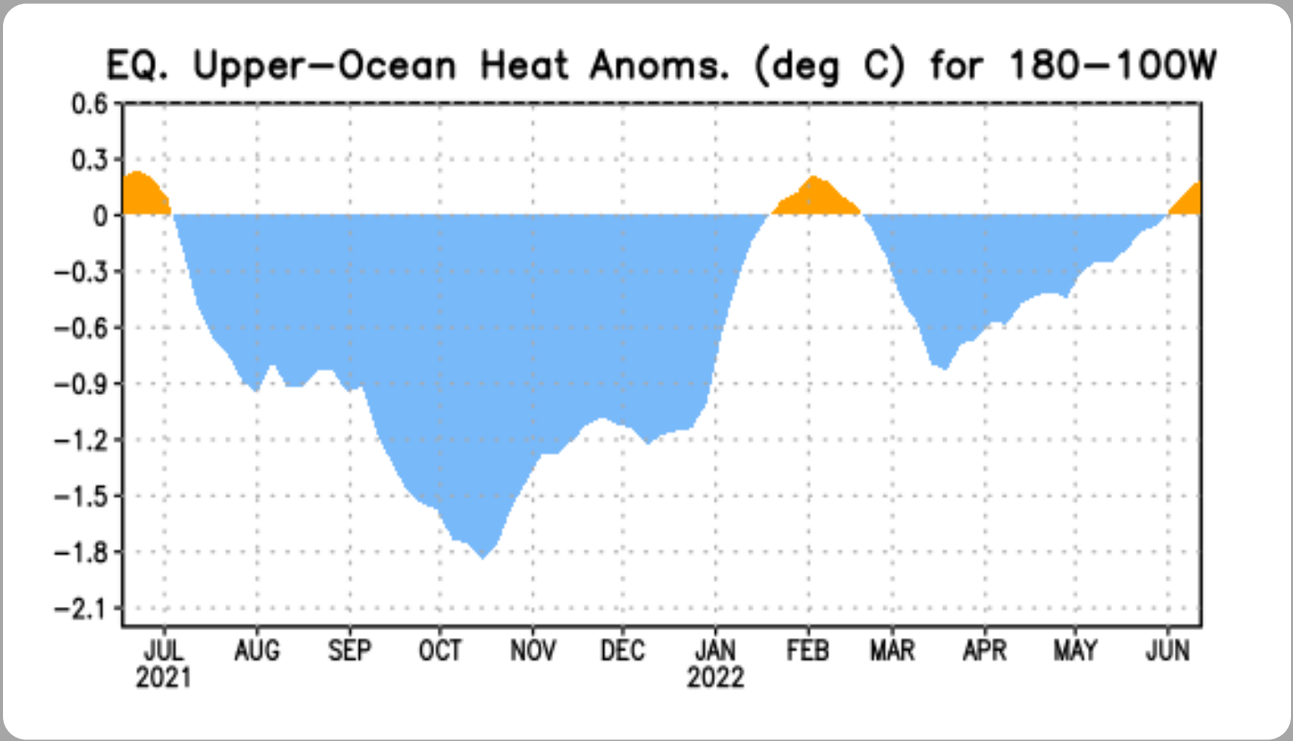
Change in Weekly SST Departures over the Last Four Weeks

During the last four weeks, mostly positive changes in equatorial SST anomalies were observed across the central and eastern Pacific Ocean.



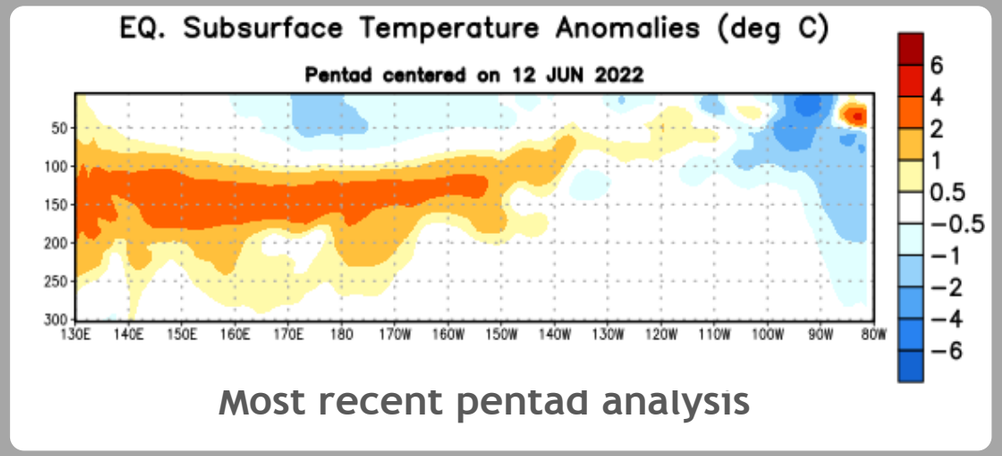
Central and Eastern Pacific Upper-Ocean (0-300 m) Weekly Average Temperature Anomalies

From mid-March to early July 2021, subsurface temperature was above average. Negative temperature anomalies returned in July 2021 and persisted through mid-January 2022. During February through mid-March, subsurface temperature anomalies decreased. Since then, negative anomalies have gradually weakened and are now near zero.



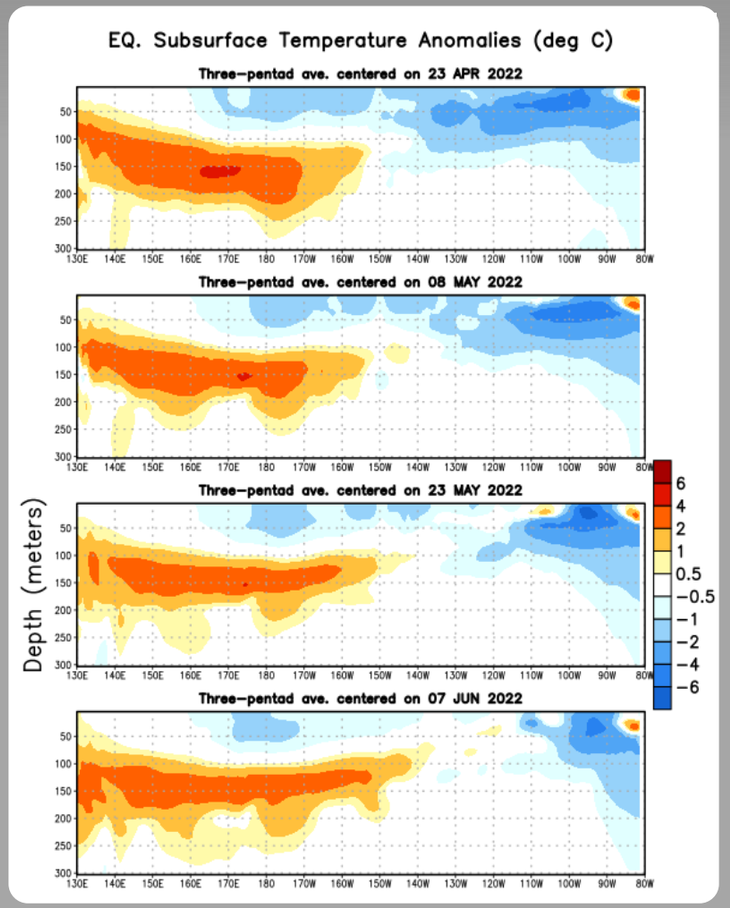
Sub-Surface Temperature Departures in the Equatorial Pacific

During the last two months, negative subsurface temperature anomalies have weakened in the east-central equatorial Pacific Ocean.



Most recent pentad analysis

Positive subsurface temperature anomalies were mostly observed in the western and central Pacific, at depth, while negative anomalies prevailed near the surface in the central and eastern Pacific Ocean.



6-Days Infra-Red (IR) 200hpa and Velocity Potential Anomaly

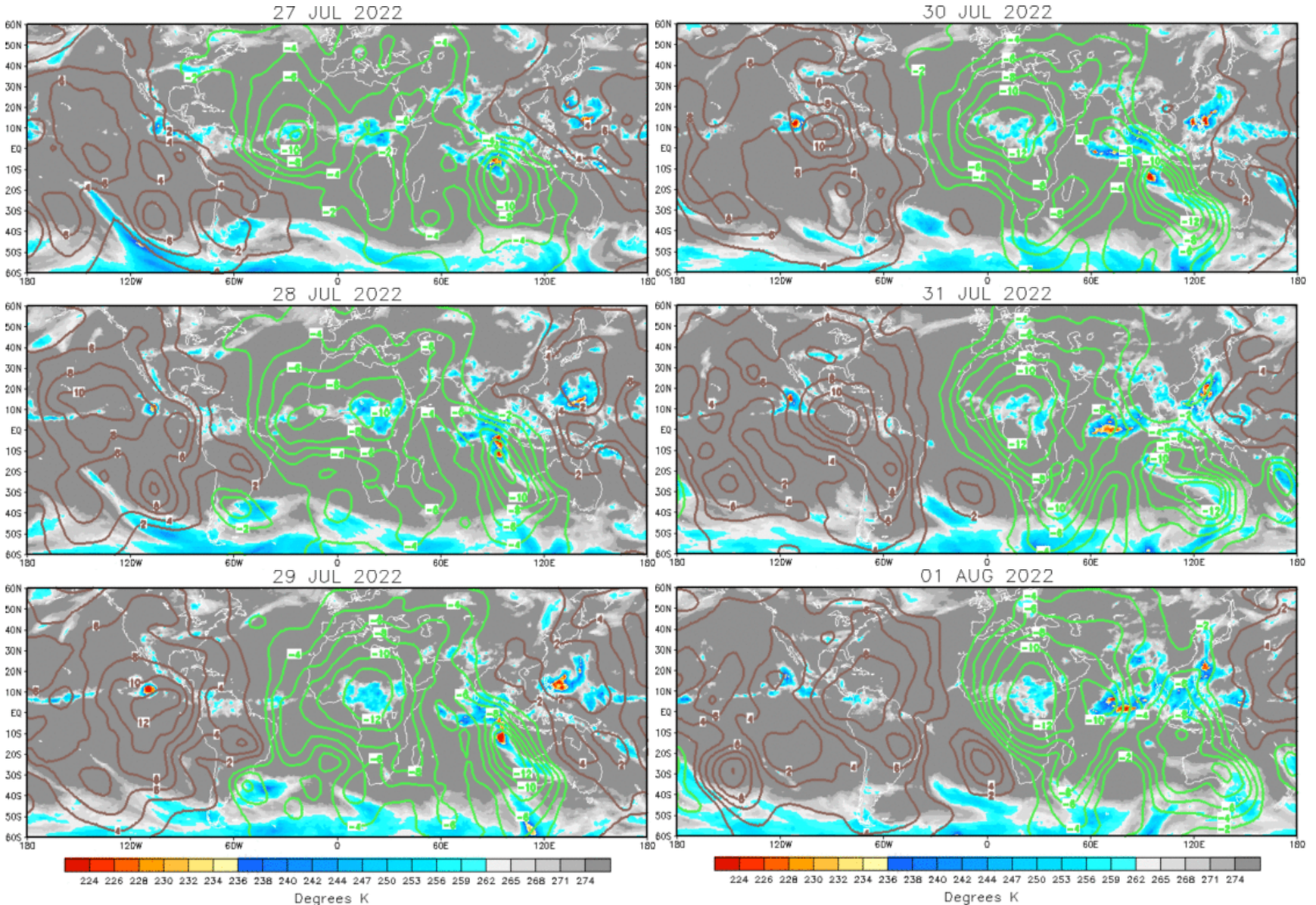


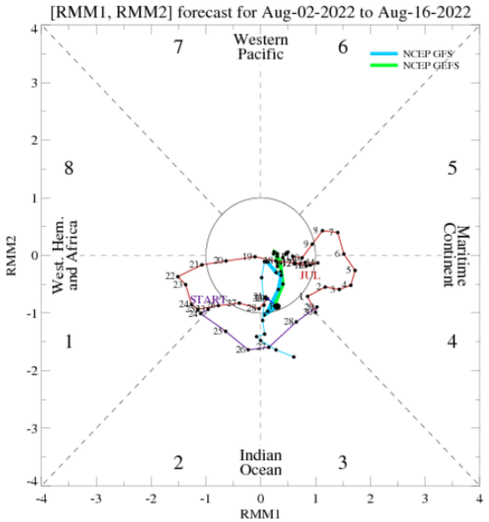
Figure 12: **IR image and Velocity Potential anomalies**

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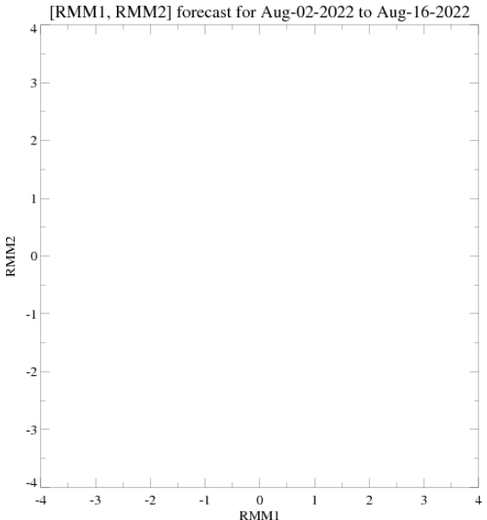
MJO – Current Status and Forecast

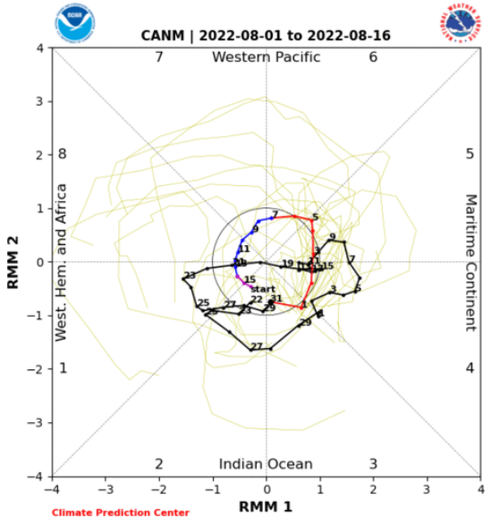
Add BoM, UKMet and DWD

Ensemble GFS Phase Diagram



Operational CFSv2 Phase Diagram





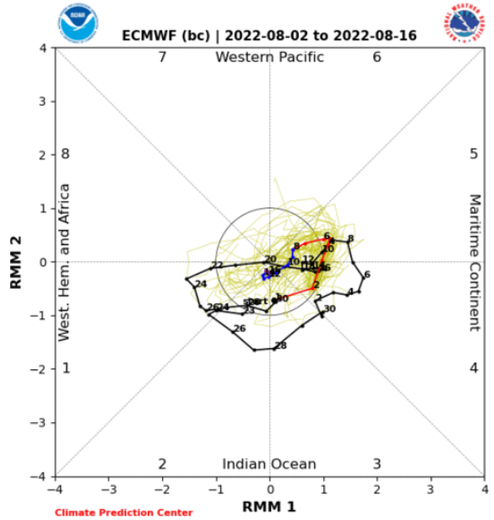


Figure 14: MJO RMM Forecasts from ECMWF, NCEP and UK Met Office, JMA

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Dekadal Precipitable Water (PWAT) Anomalies – Obs. and Fcst

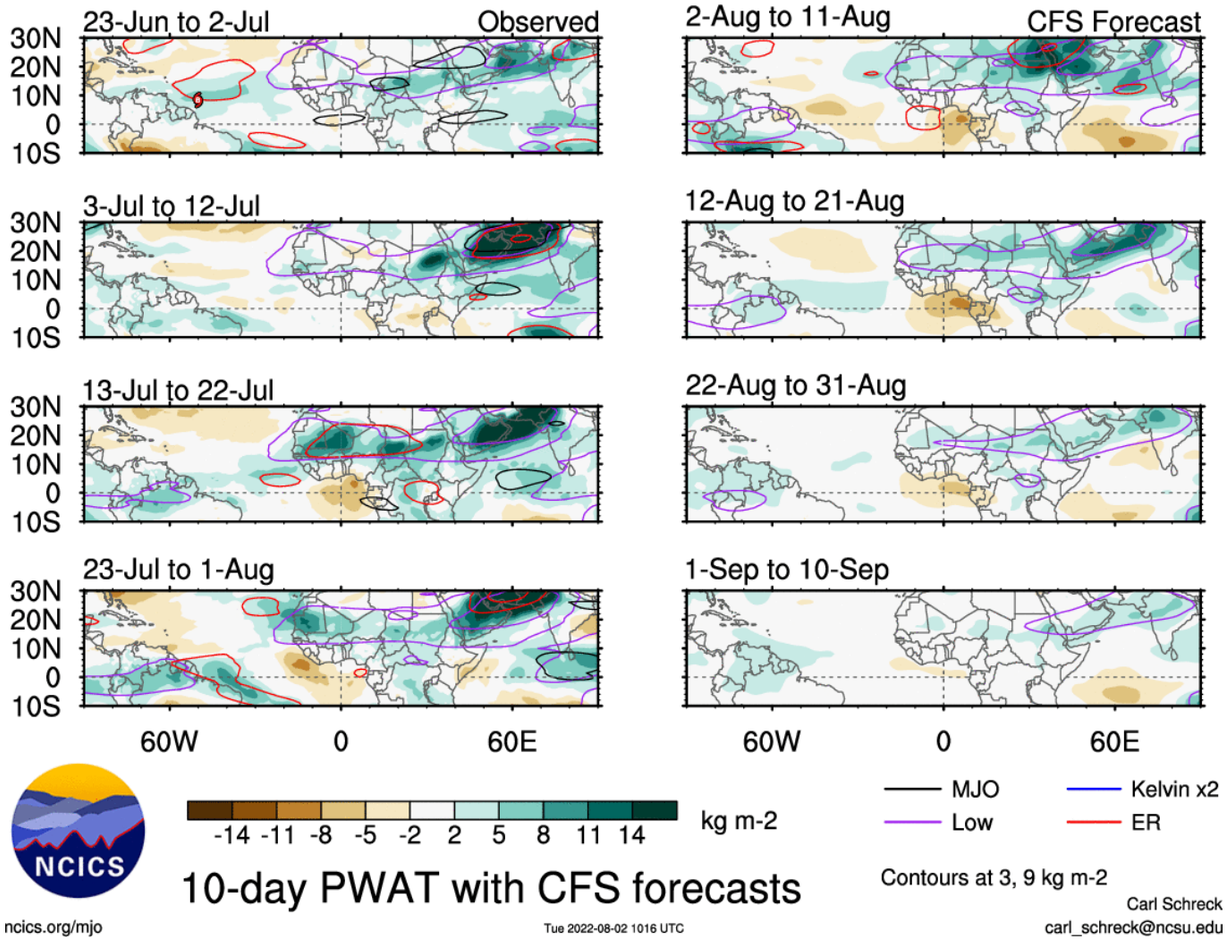


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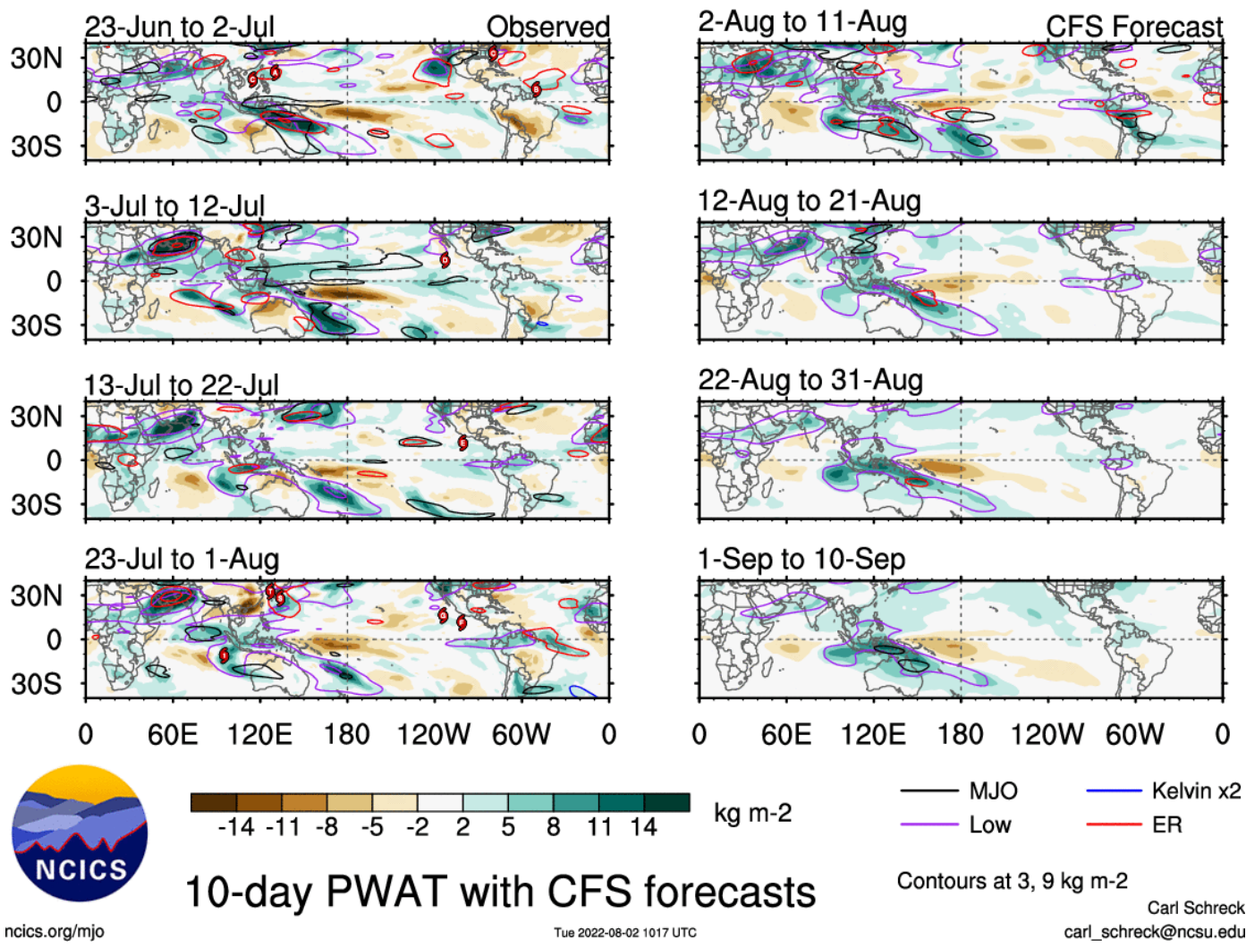
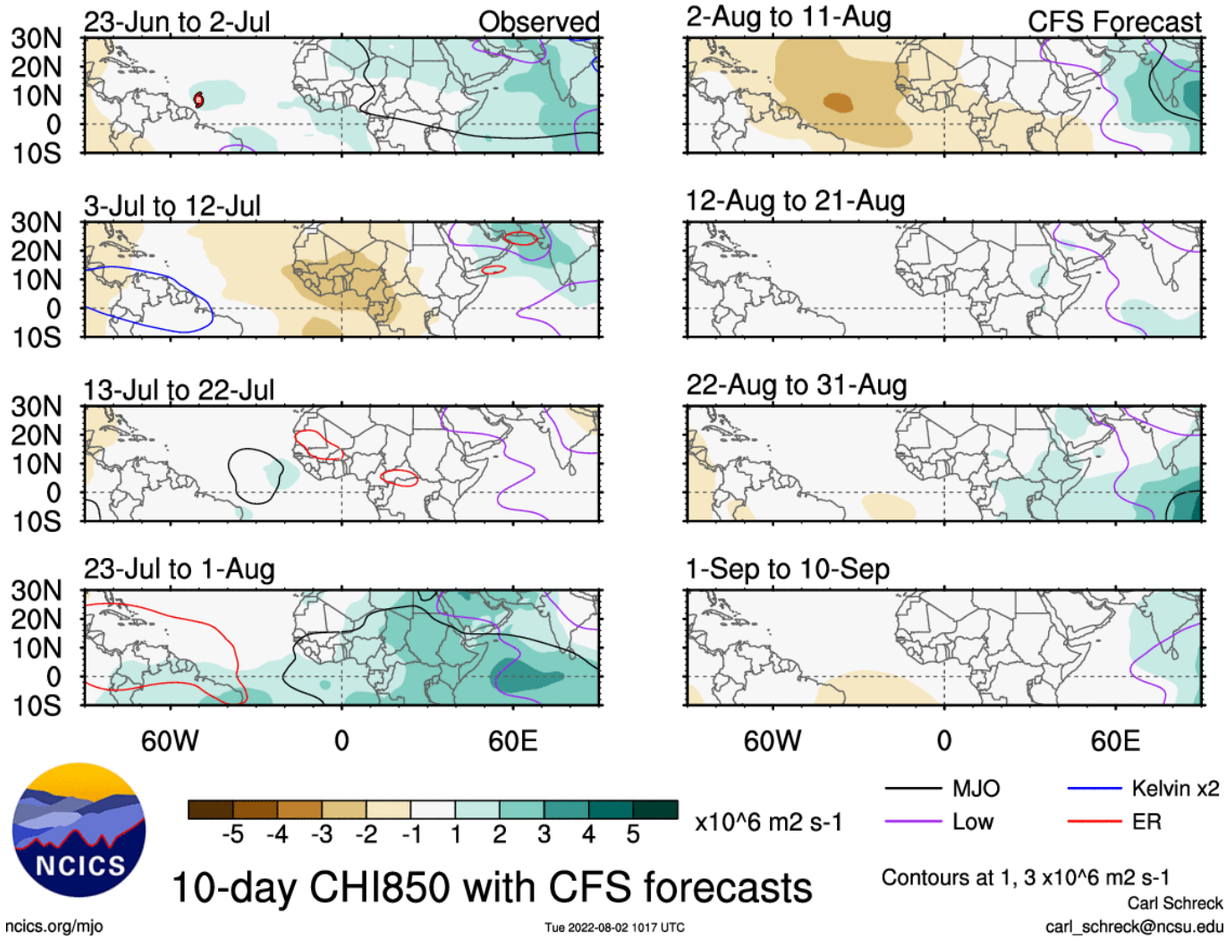


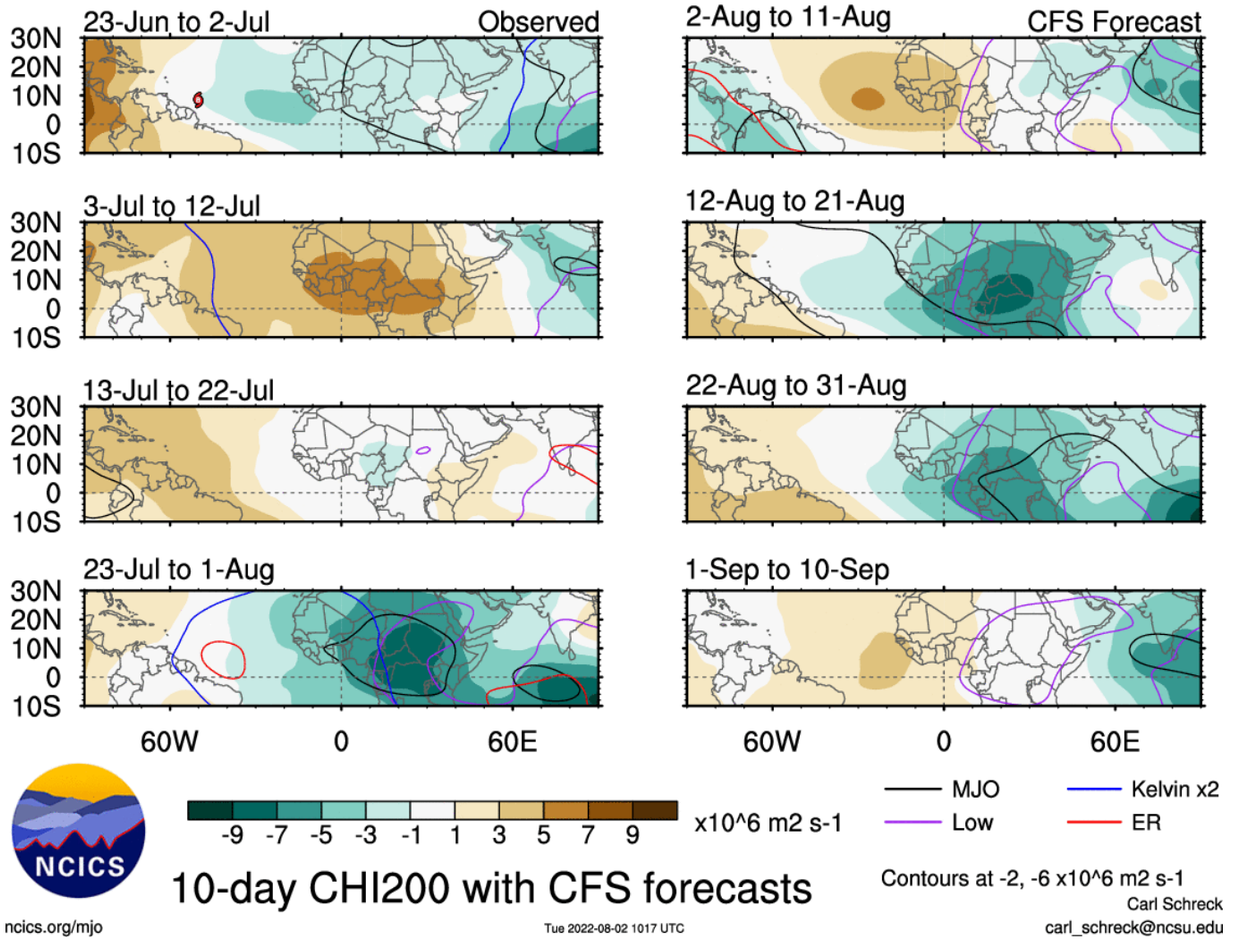
Figure 7b: Global

Figure 17: Past four week Precipitable Water and Outlooks

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Dekadal Velocity Potential Anomalies – Obs and Fcst



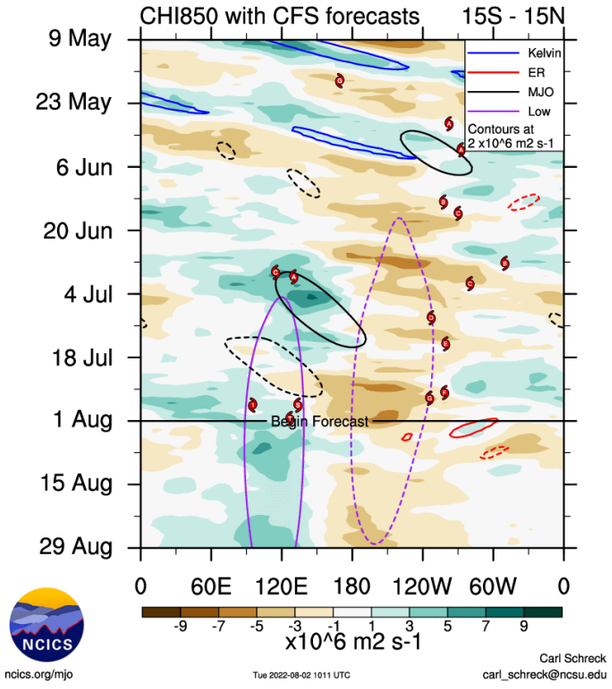


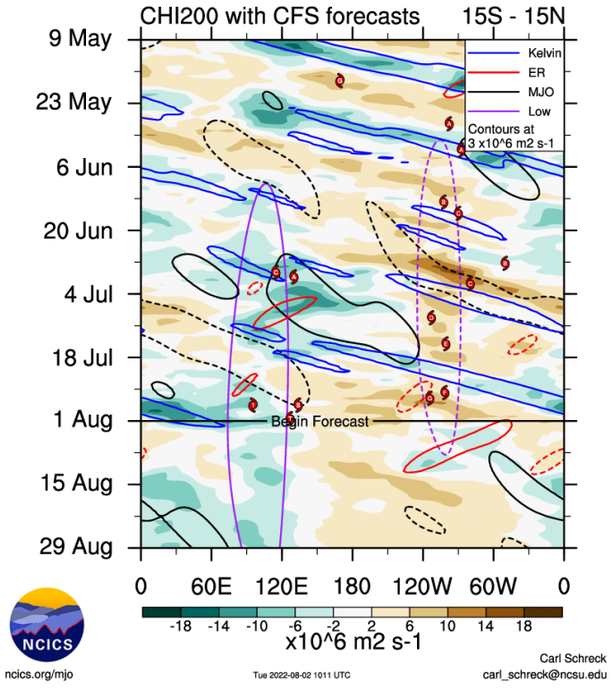
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Figure 18a and b: Past four week and month velocity potential

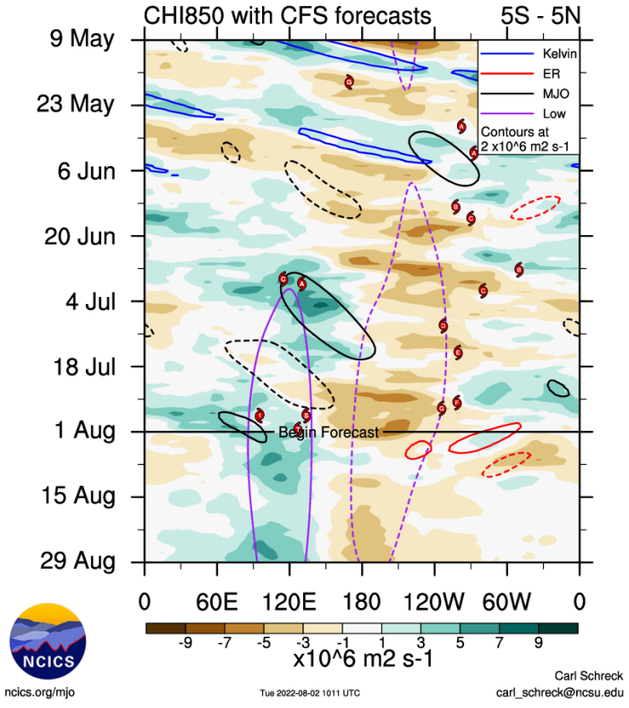
Dekadal Velocity Potential Anomalies – Obs and Fcst: Hovmoller diagram

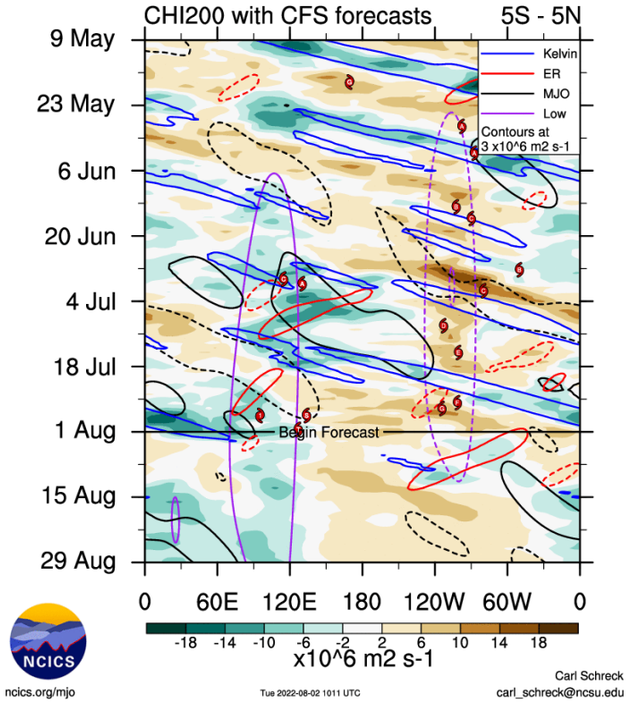
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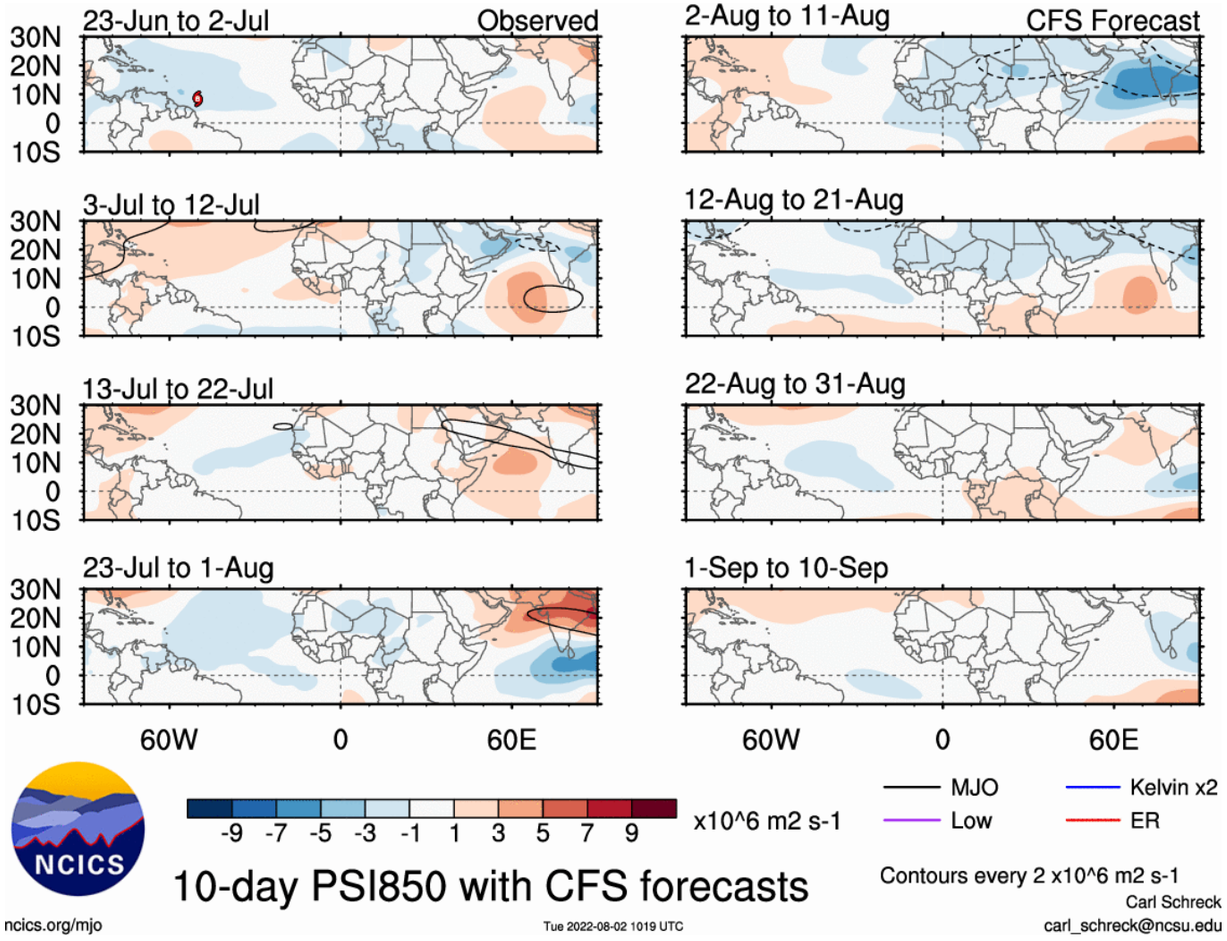
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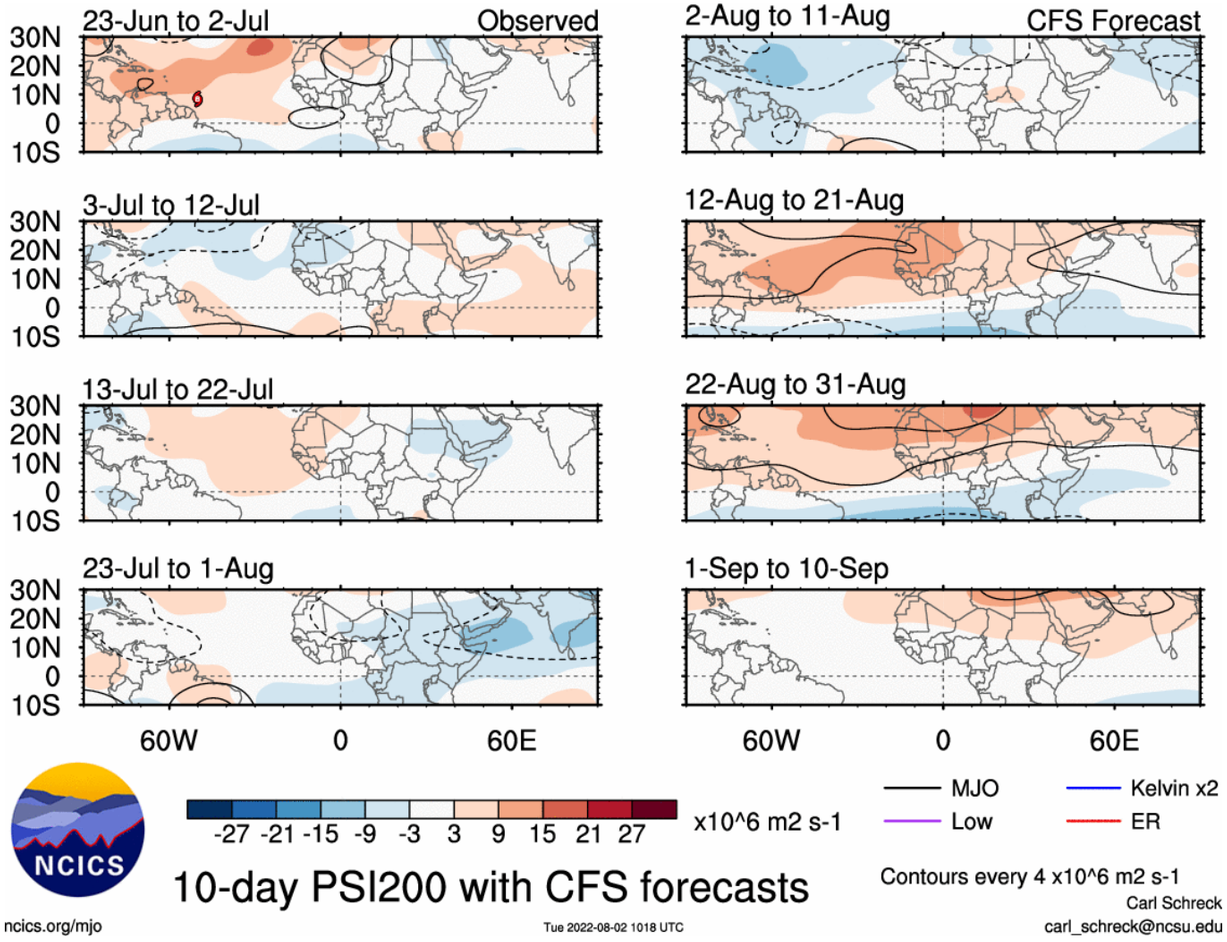




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Dekadal Stream Function Anomalies – Obs. and Fcst





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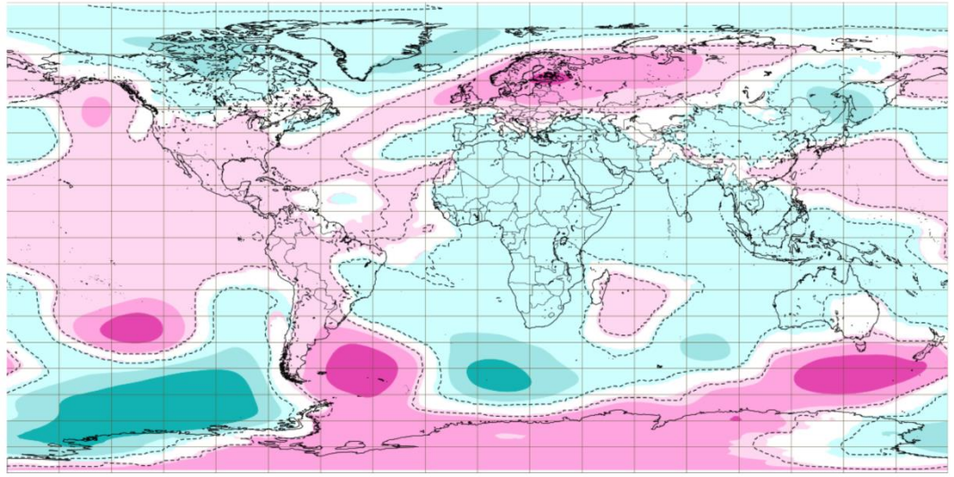
1. Climate Monitoring
2. Status of Drivers
3. Dynamical Model Forecast : Week 1 and 2
4. Week 1 and 2 Outlook

Mean Sea Level Pressure (MSLP) Forecast – Week 1 and 2

Add plot for GFS, BoM, ECMWF, UKMet and DWD

Mean sea level pressure: Weekly mean anomalies

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Extended range: MSLP weekly mean anomaly, significance level: 10 % (Pa)

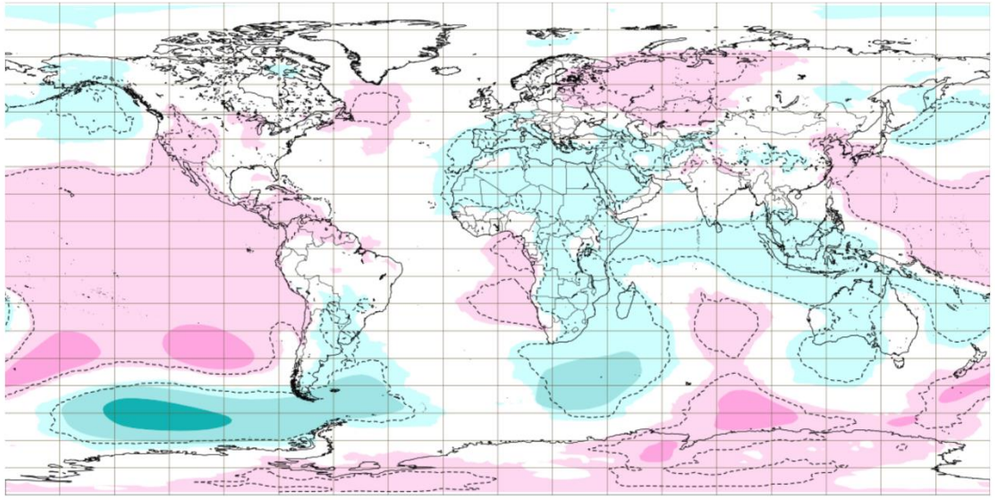
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Mean sea level pressure: Weekly mean anomalies

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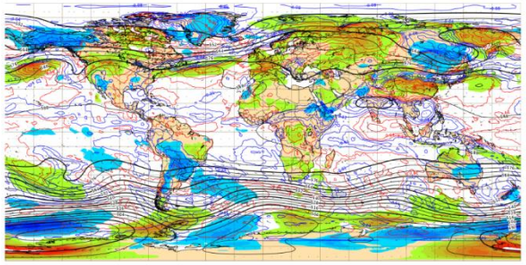
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Subseasonal Drivers Forecast – Week 1 and 2

Multiparam: Weekly mean anomalies

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Extended range: 2m temperature weekly mean anomaly

-12 -8 -7 -6 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 12

Extended range: Sunshine duration weekly mean of anomalous rate of accumulation

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Extended range: 10 metre wind weekly mean anomaly

Black wind arrows

Extended range: 500 hPa geopotential

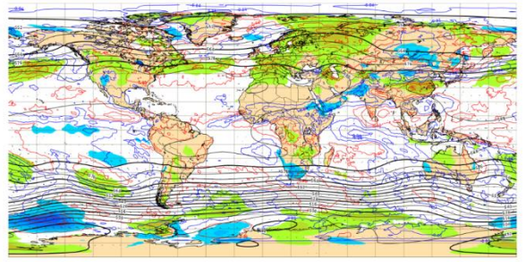
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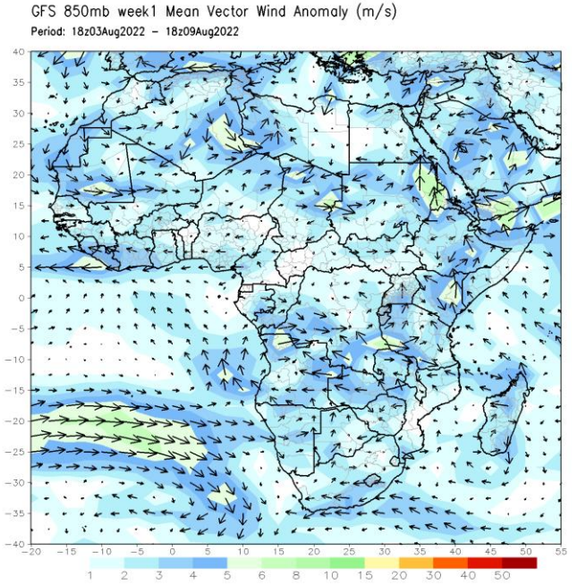
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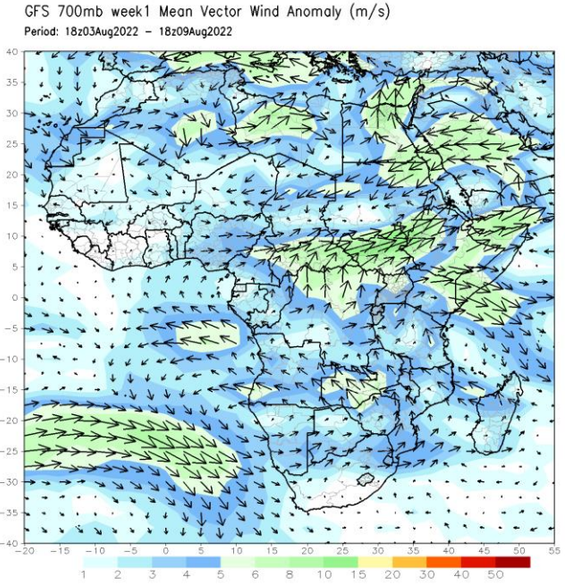
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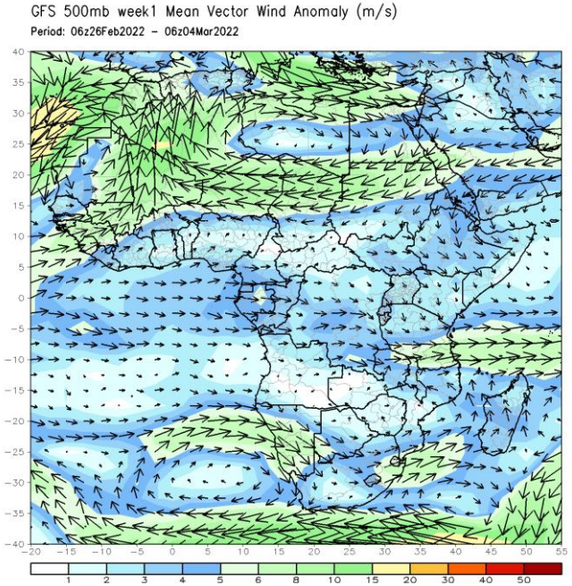
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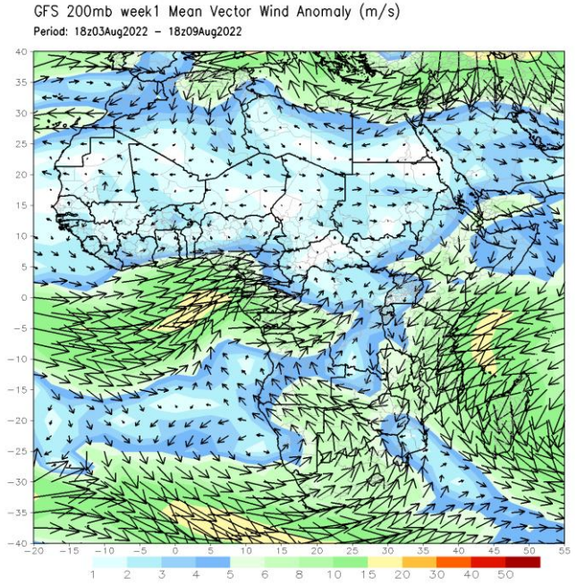
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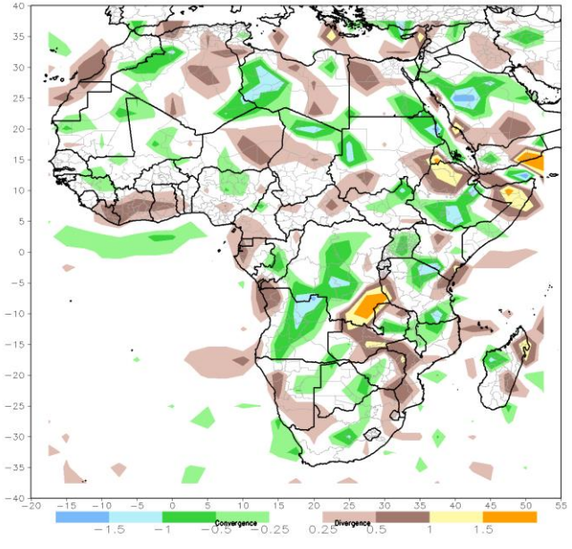
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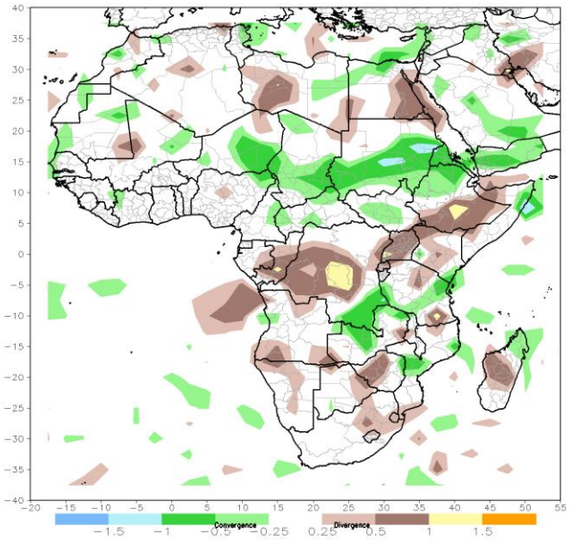


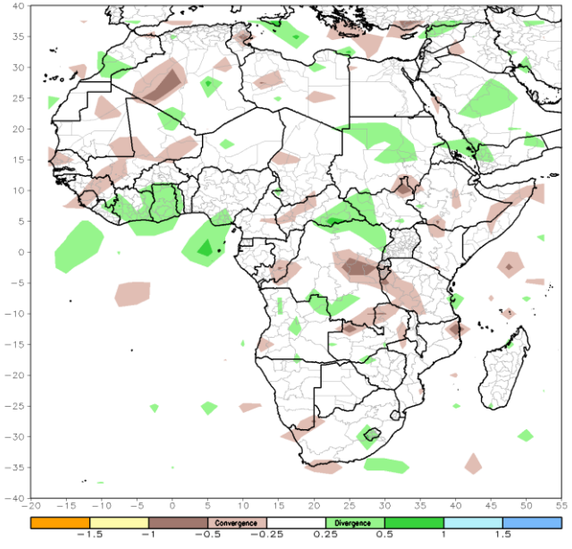


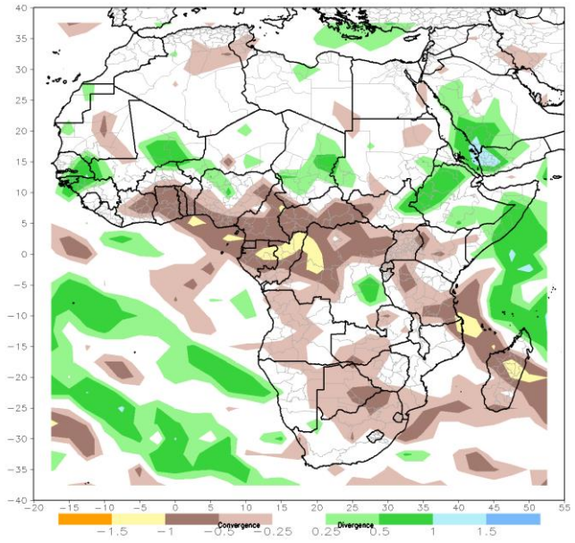




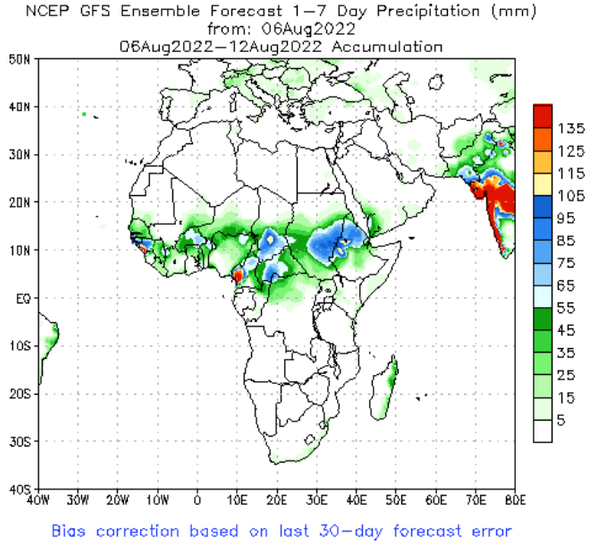


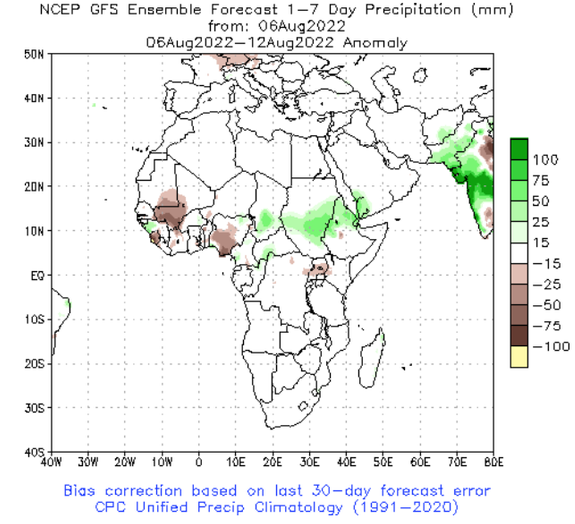


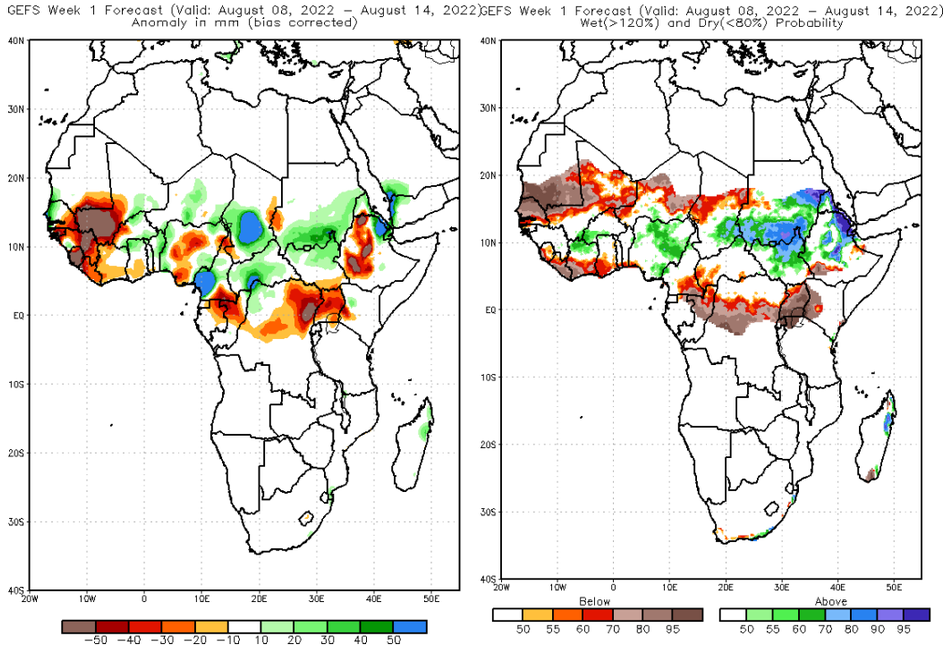




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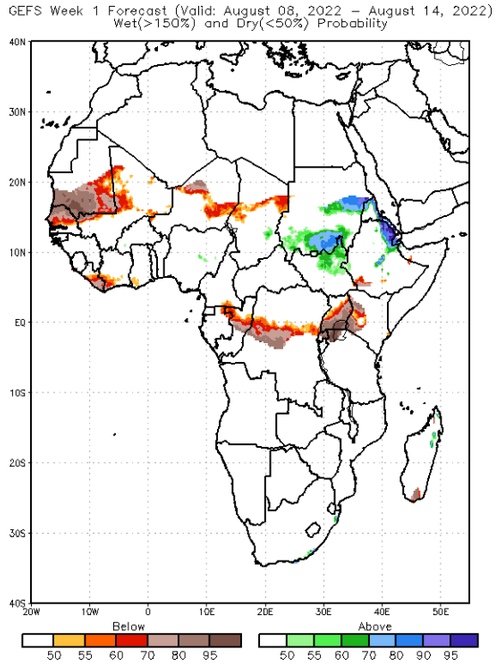


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Week-1 Precipitation Probability of Exceedance: Forecast and Climo

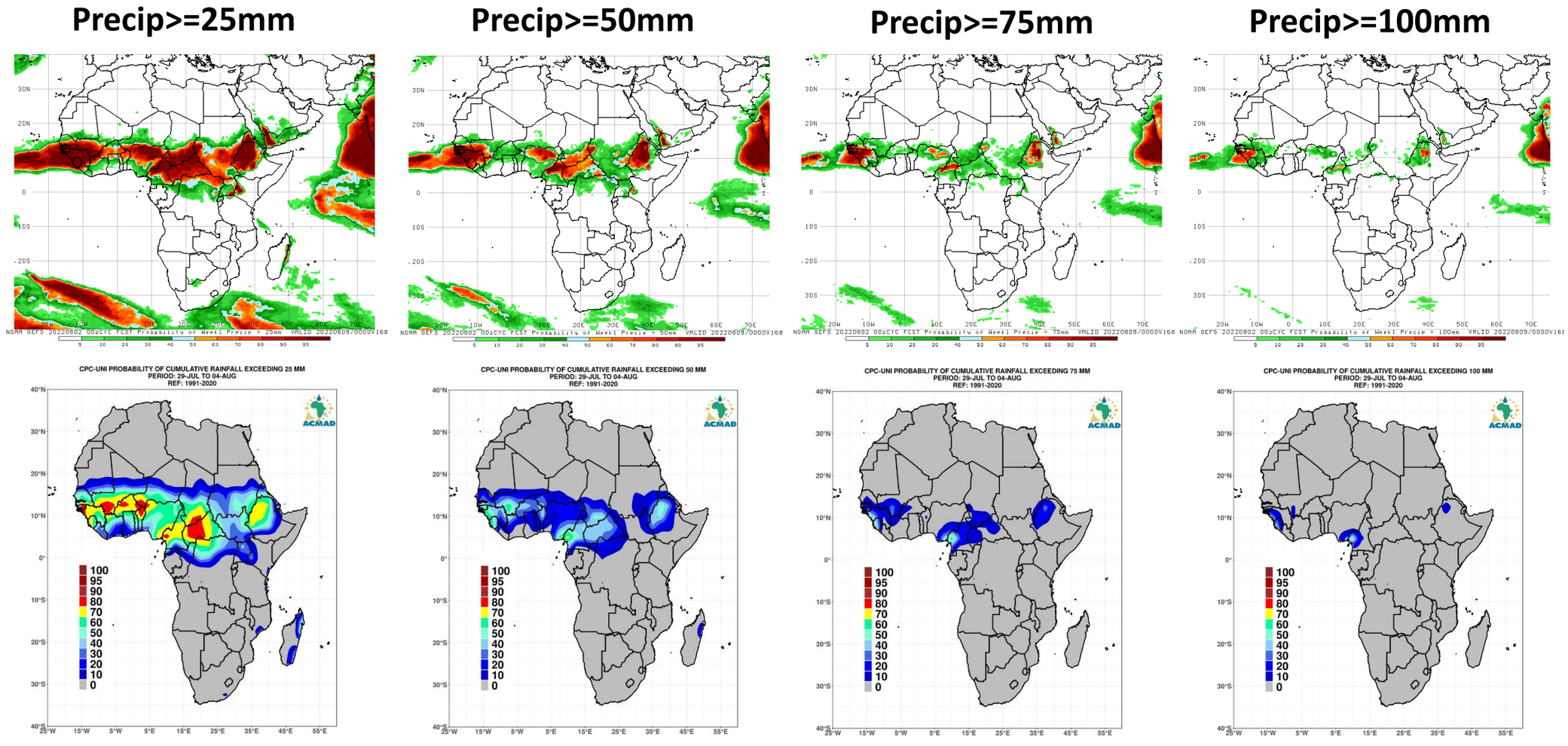
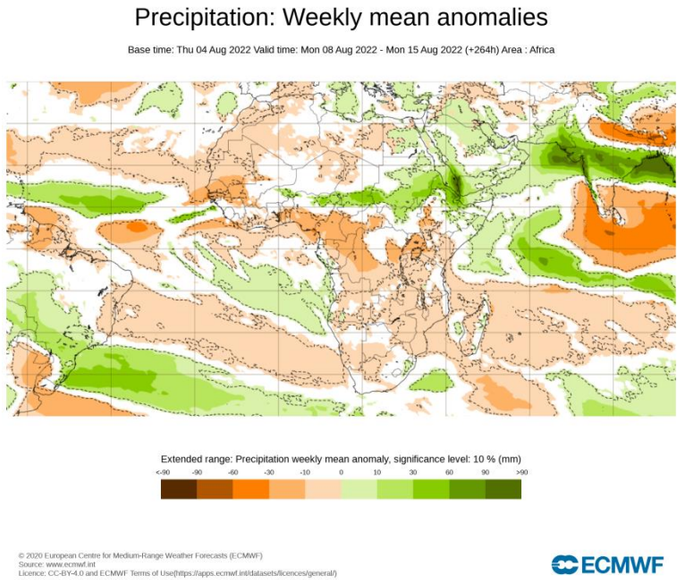
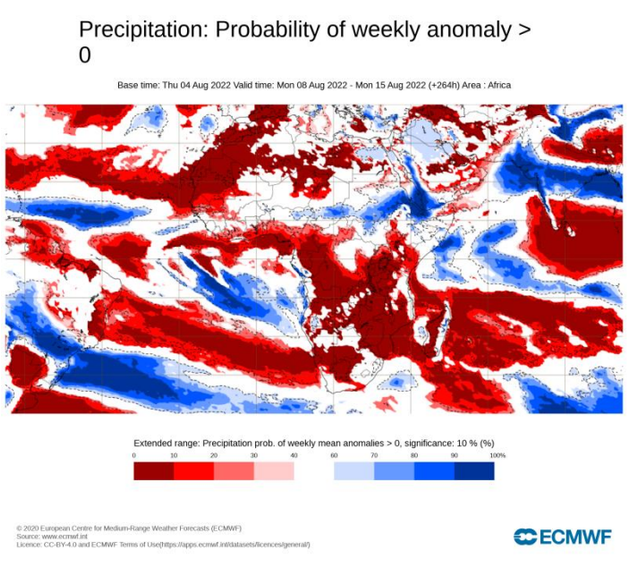


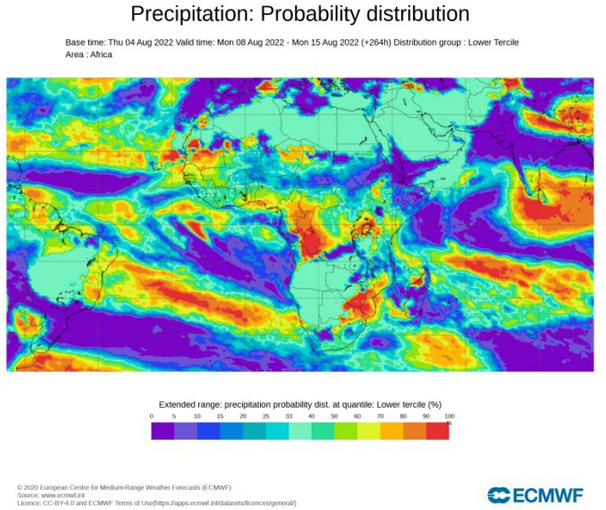
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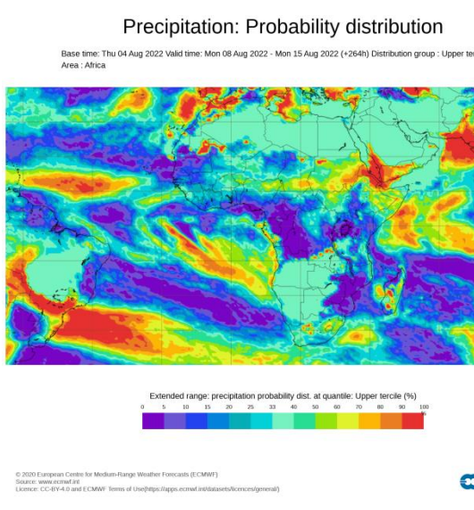
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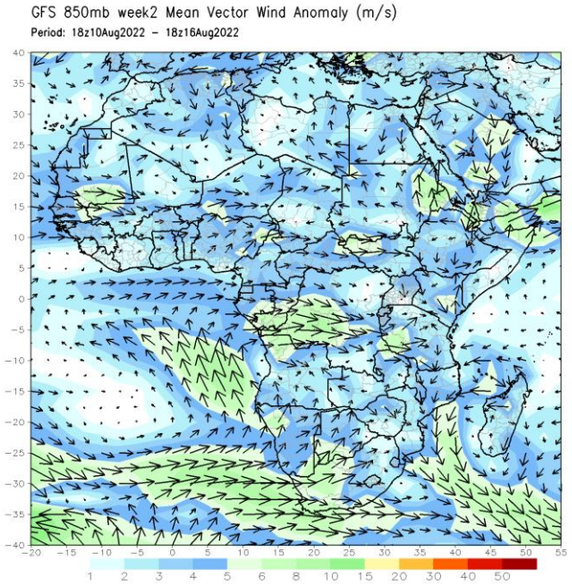


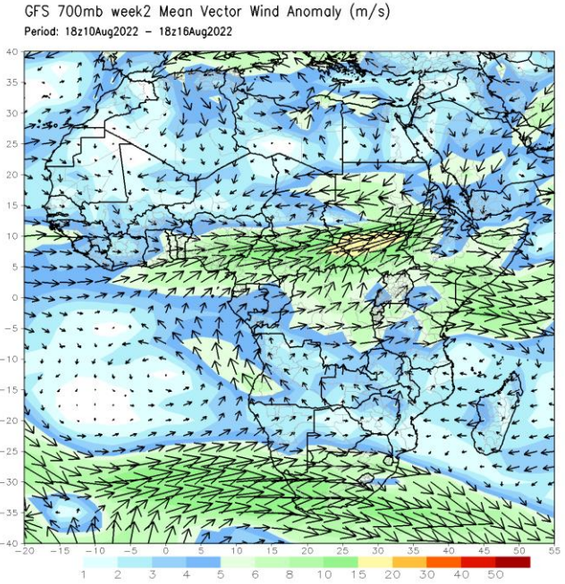
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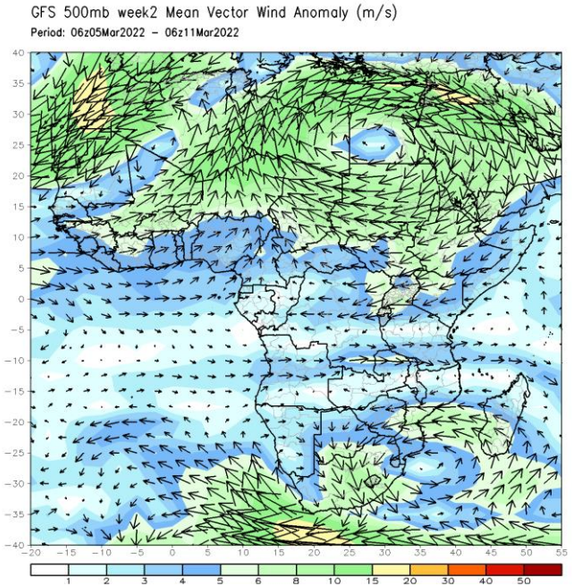
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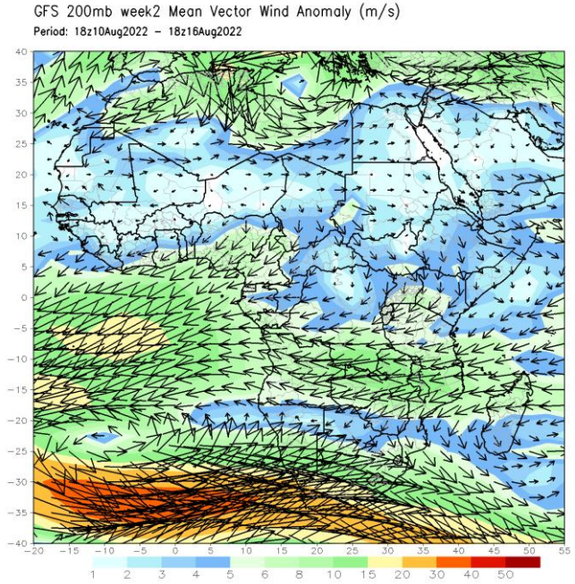
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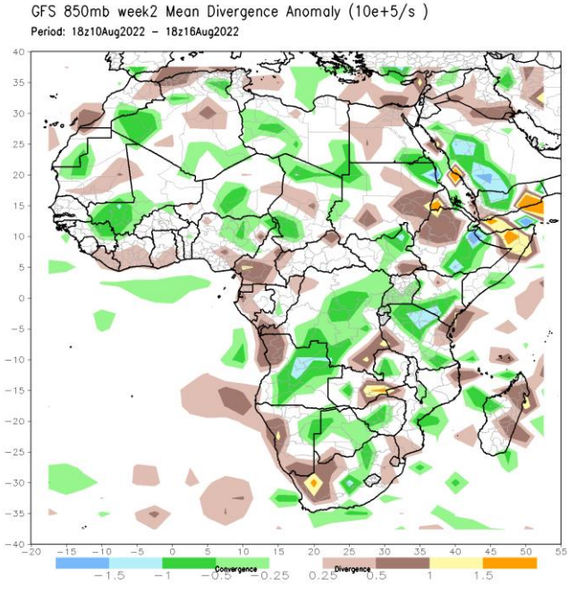
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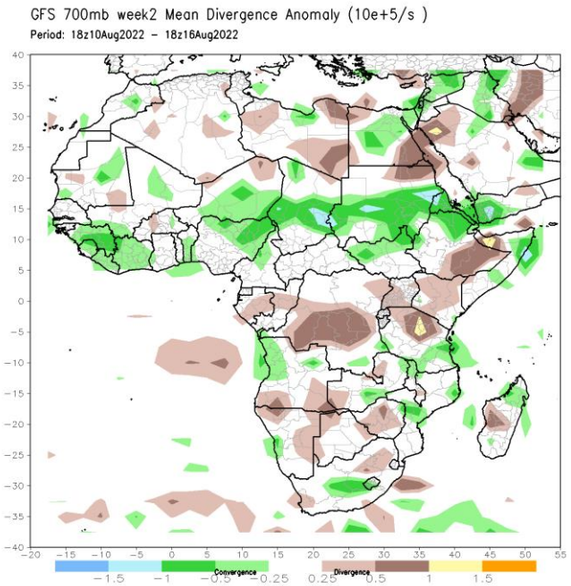


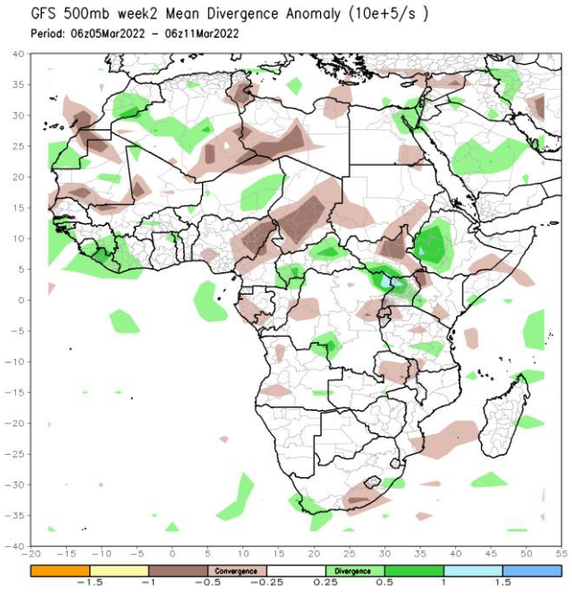


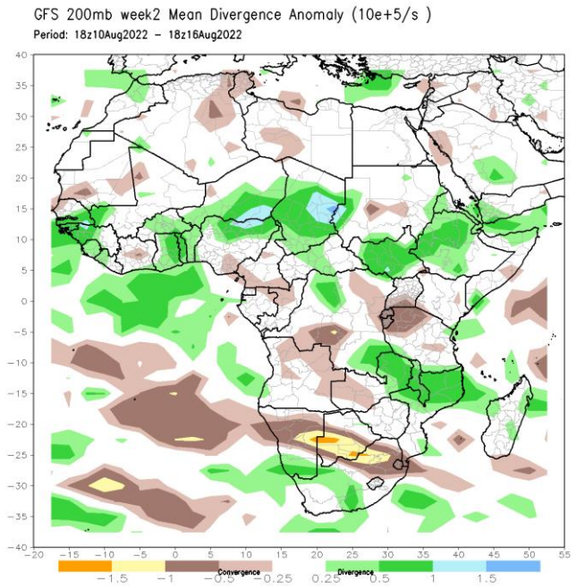




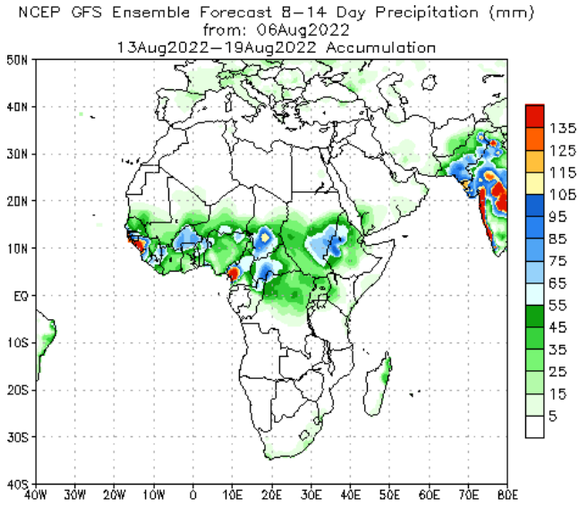


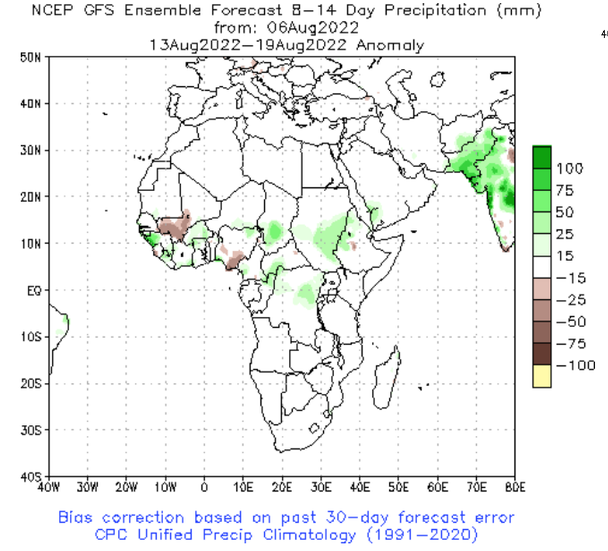


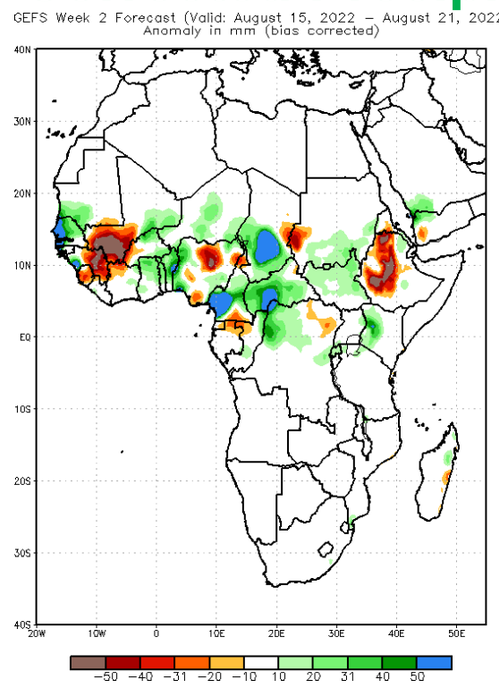


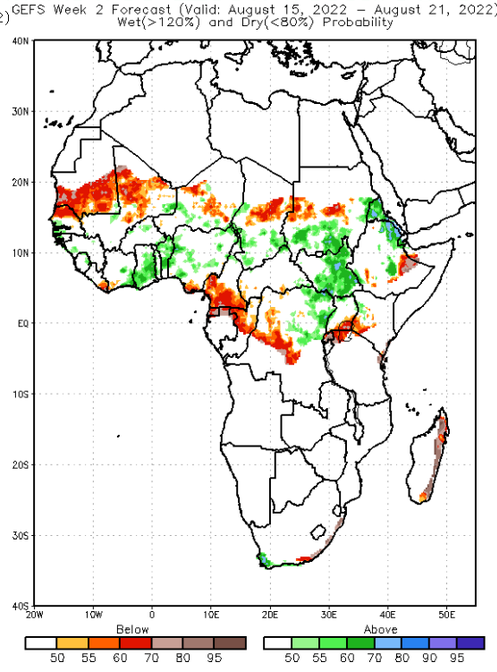


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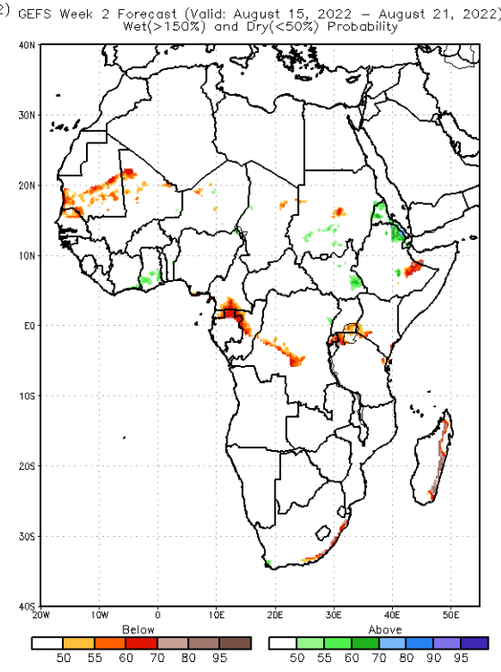


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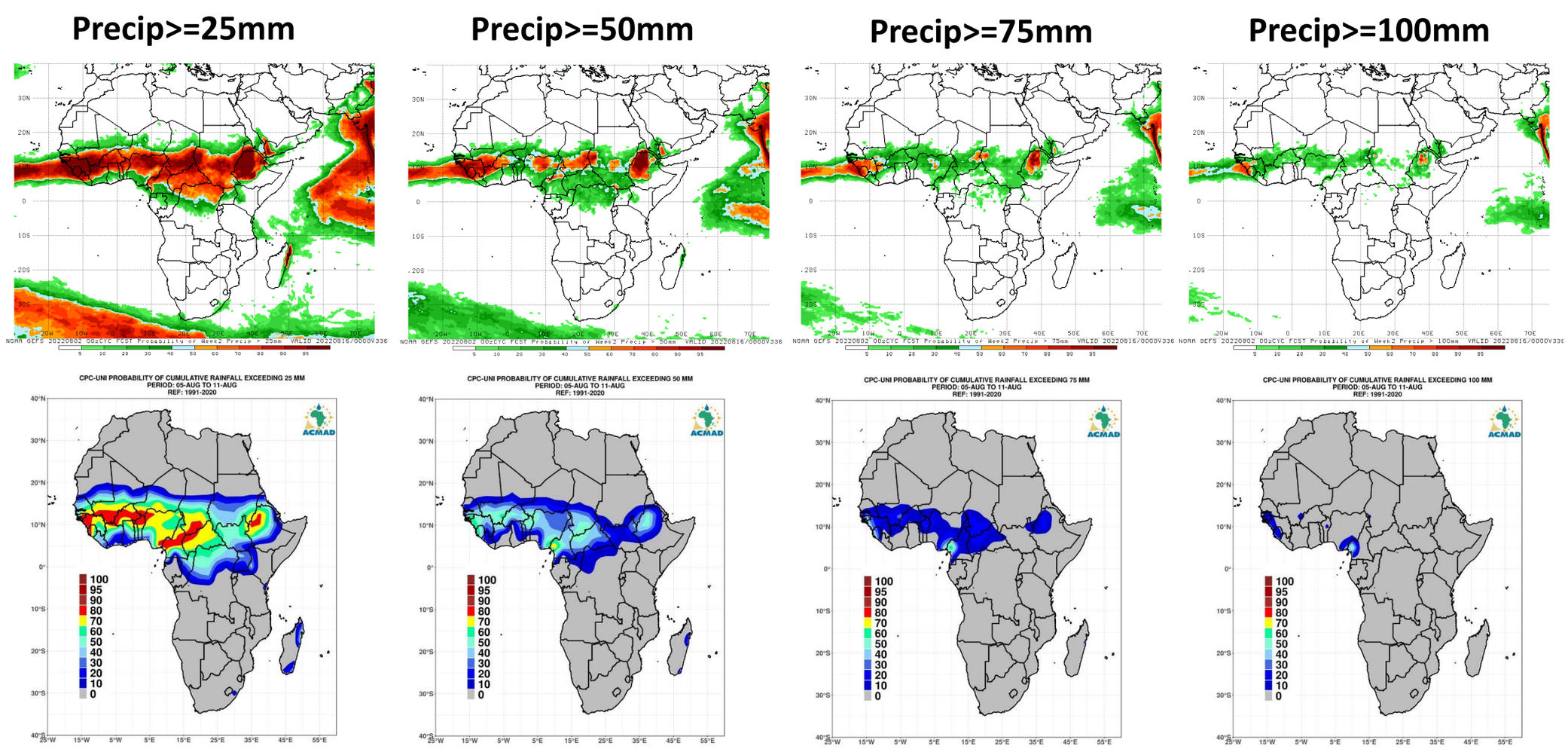
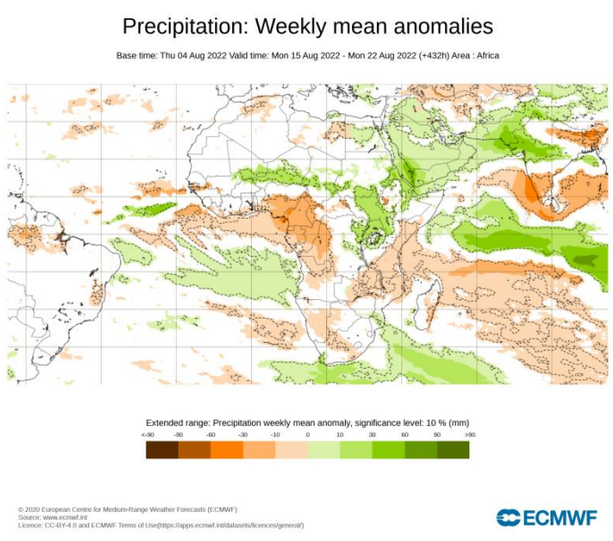
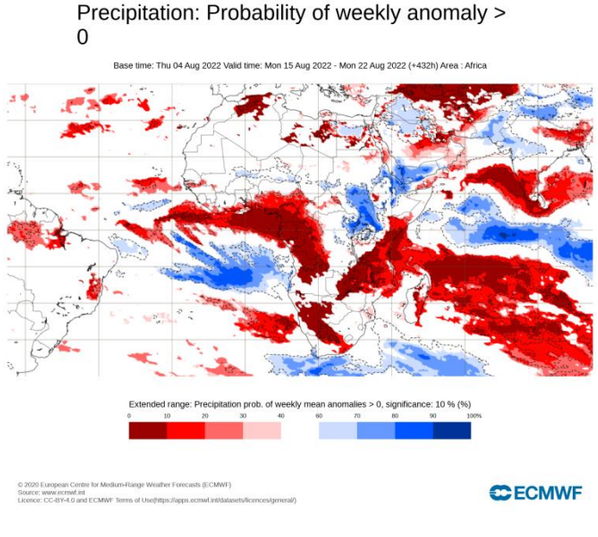


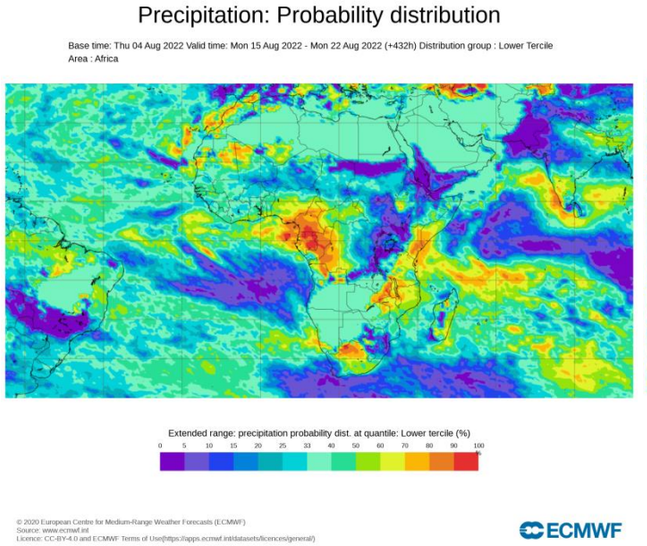
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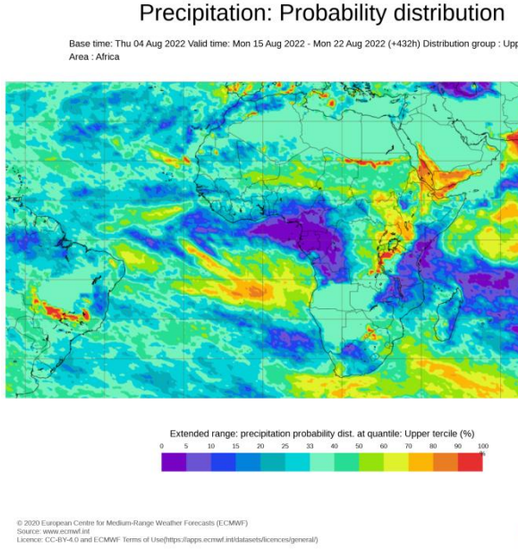
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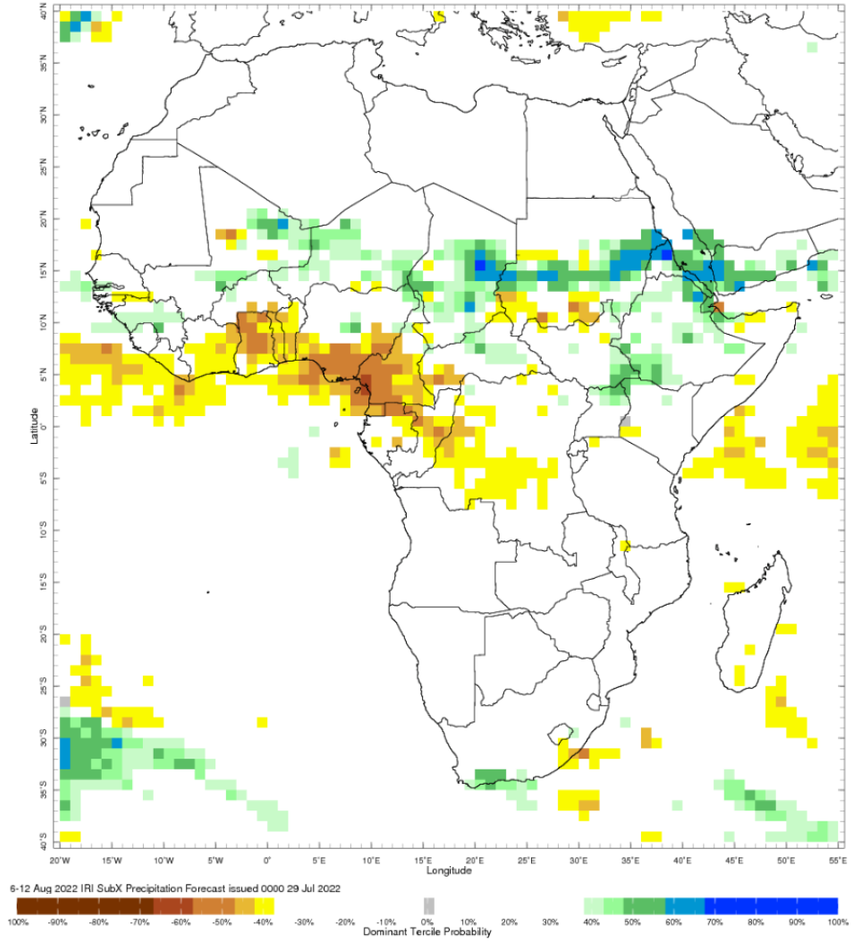


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Figure 34: Weekly tercile probability forecast below 33%

IRI SubX Precip Forecast : Week 1 and 2



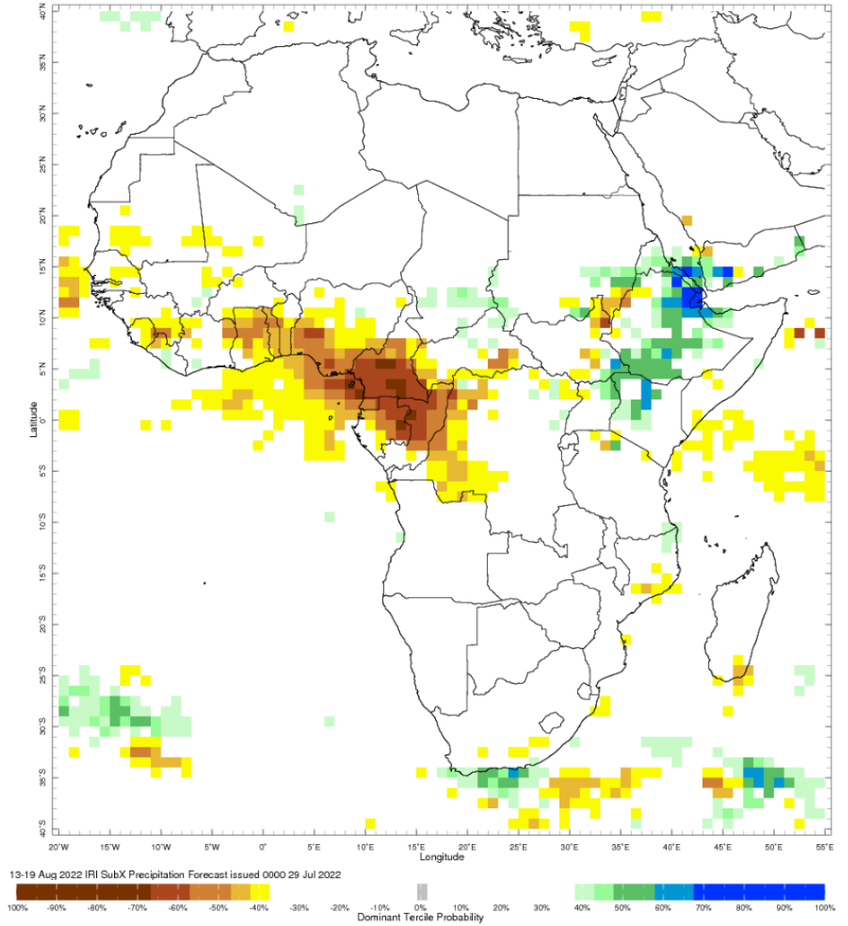
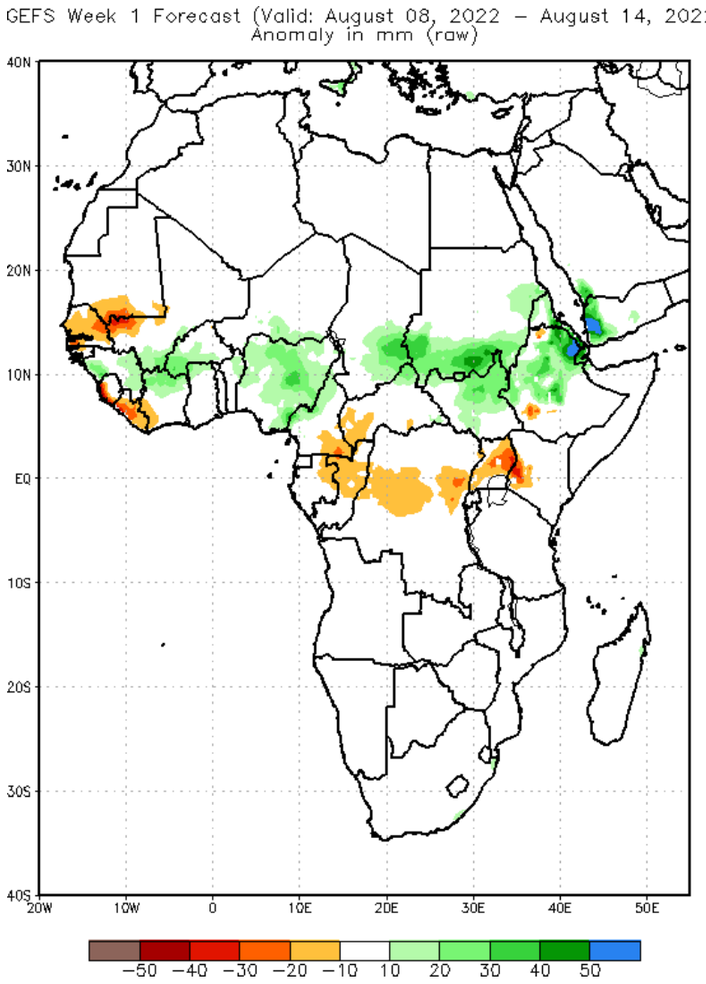
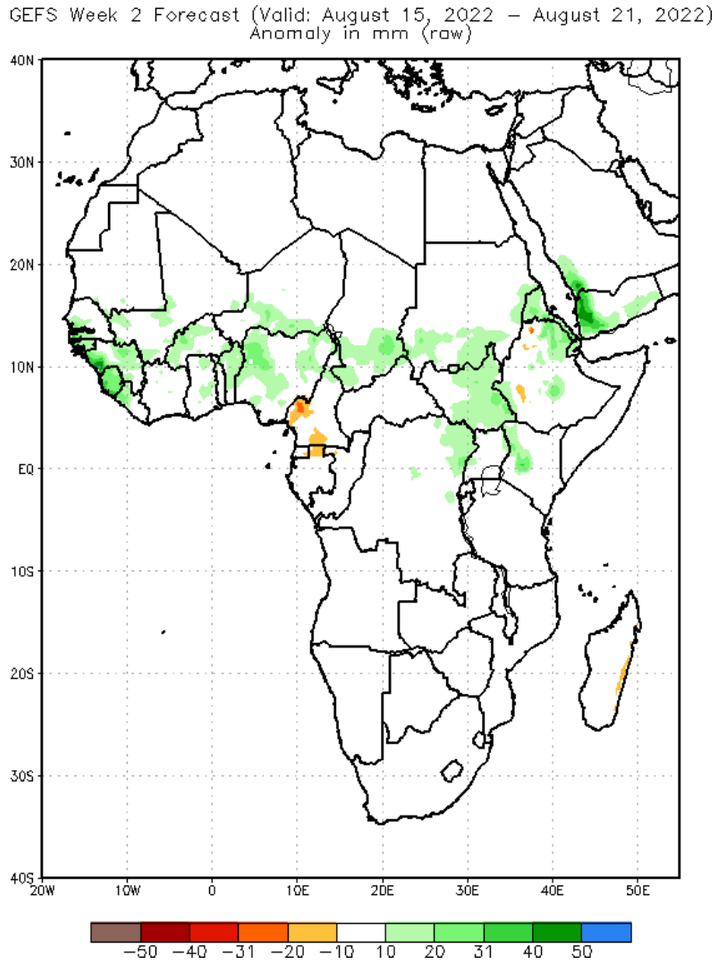


Figure 37: Precipitation and Anomaly forecast

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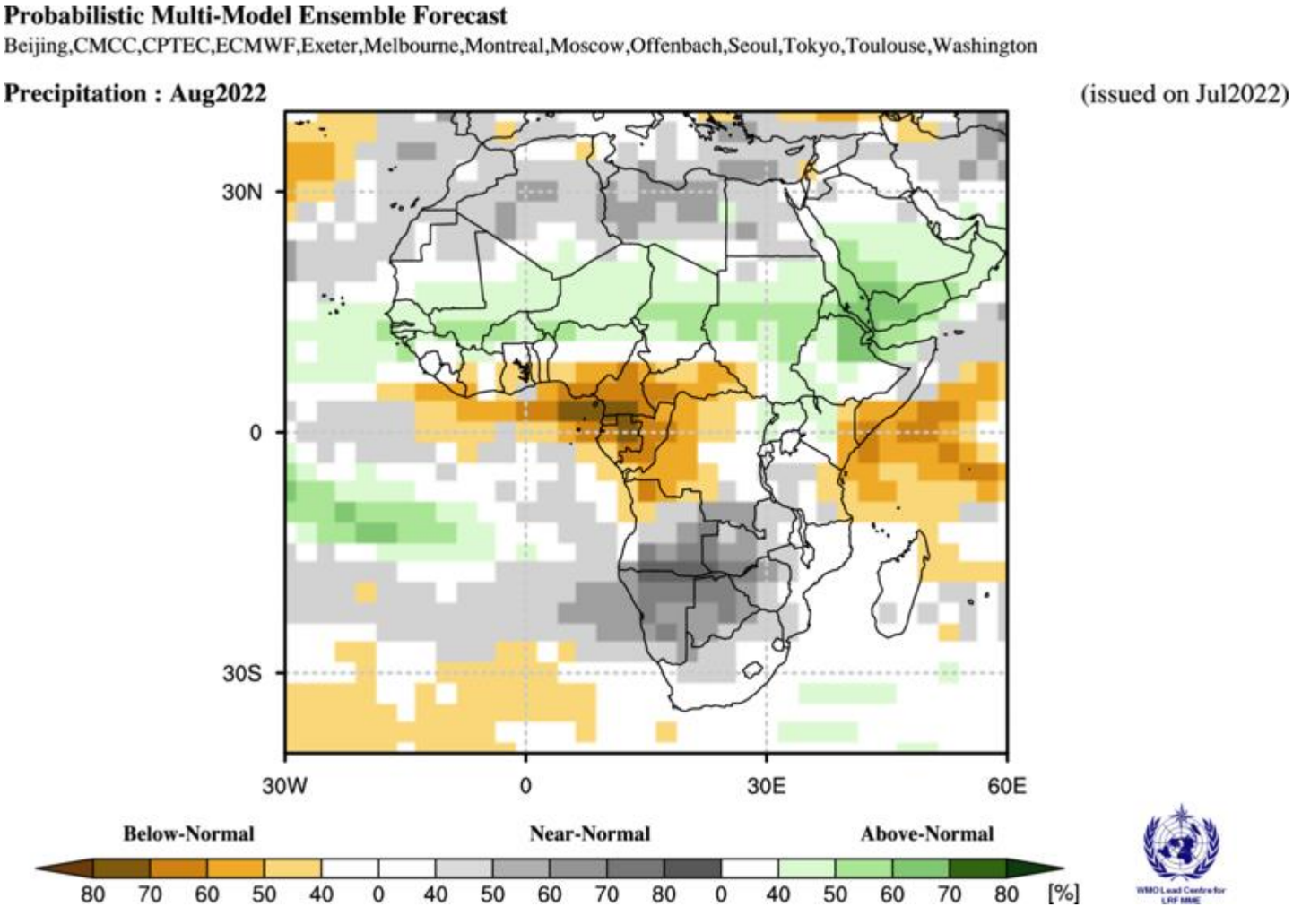
Consolidated Ensemble Forecast: Week 1 and 2





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Monthly Forecast from WMO Lead Centre Multi-Model Ensemble



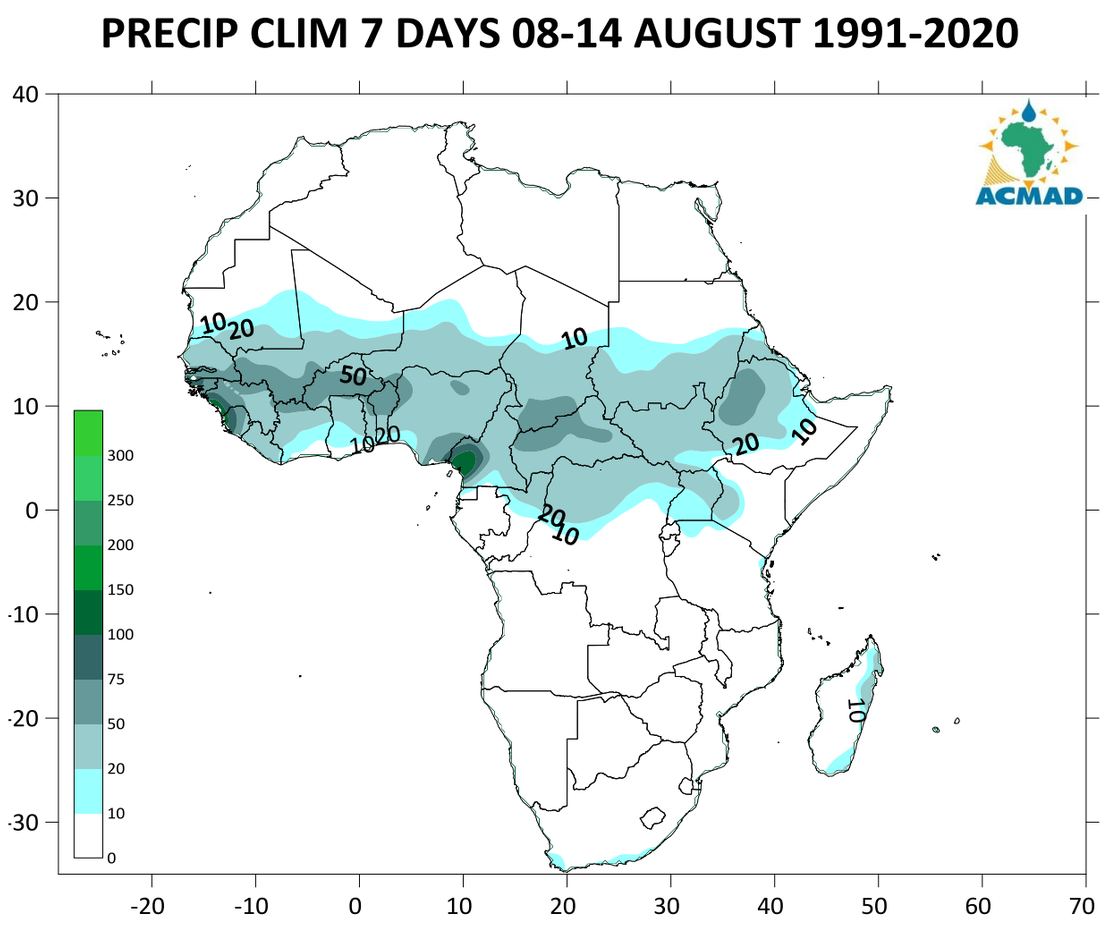
The LCMM-level model set tells us that part of the Africa region will have average to higher than average rainfall.

Figure 35: Monthly Precipitation forecast

https://www.wmolc.org/seasonPmmeUI/view?winName=PlotView1566209968309

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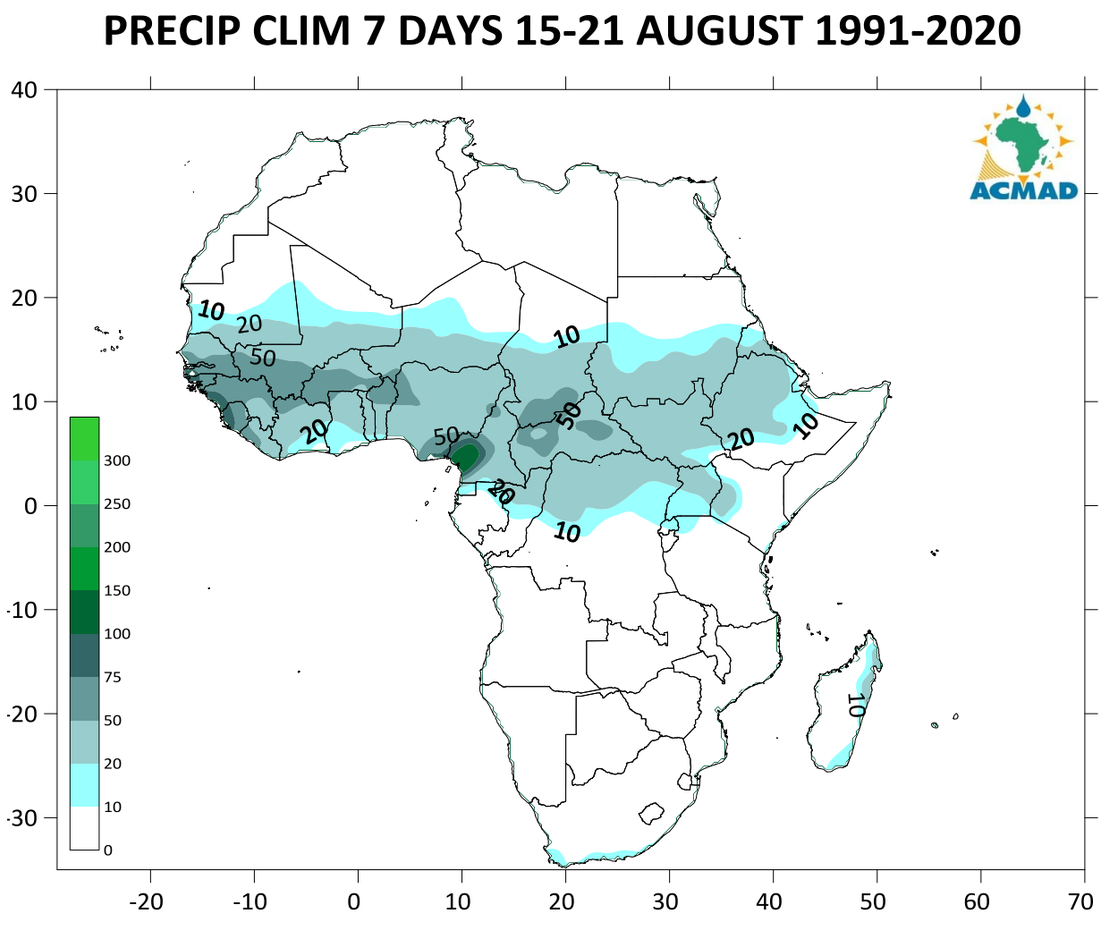
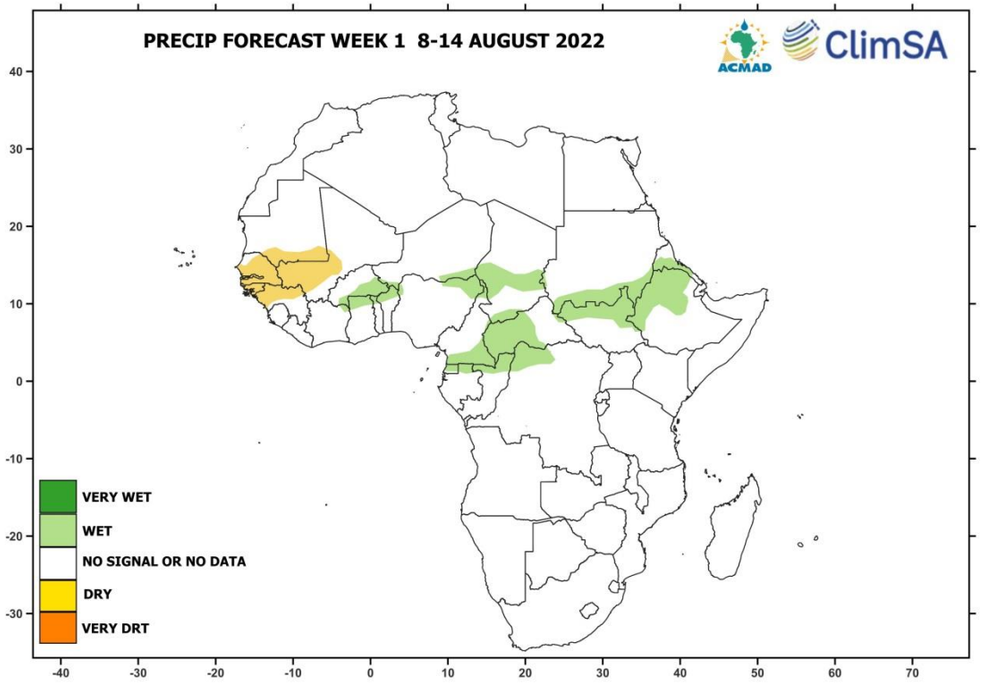


Figure 38: Climatology of Precipation for week-1(left panel) and week-2 (right panel)

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PRECIPITATIONS FORECAST FOR THE UPCOMING TWO WEEKS



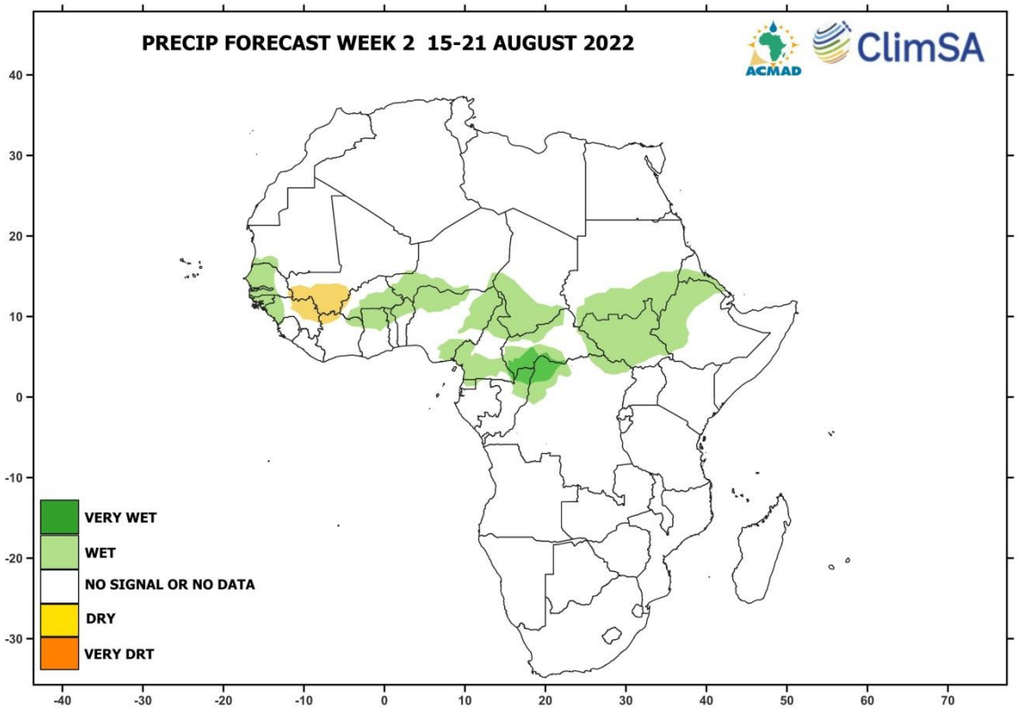


Figure 39: Precipitation Outlook for week-1 (left panel) and week-2 (right panel)