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Global: Monthly Climate Outlook February to November

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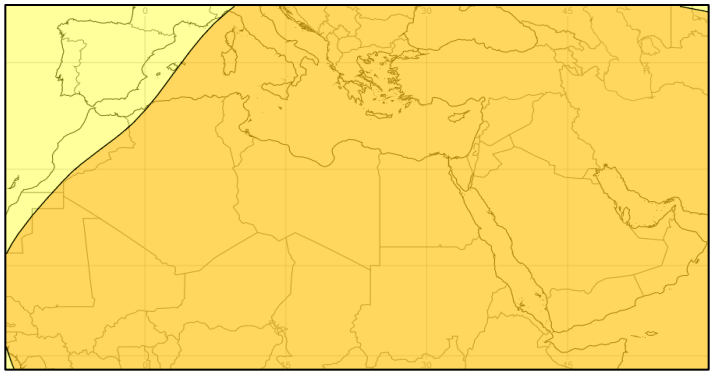
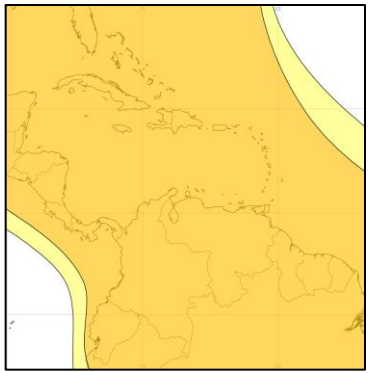
MENA, Caribbean and British Overseas Territories Current Status and Outlook - Temperature

Current Status: In the Caribbean region, northern areas were cold in February, with near normal temperatures in March and April. Conditions were mixed for Colombia and Venezuela with some areas experiencing cool or cold conditions. Across MENA, many areas were warm or hot in February. In March and April, conditions were mixed, while most areas still observed normal temperatures, parts of Syria and Iraq were cool or cold.

Outlook: Warmer than normal conditions likely or very likely across all areas.





3-Month Outlook June to August - Temperature

Below Normal		Near-Normal	Above Normal	
Much More Likely	Likely		Likely	Much More Likely

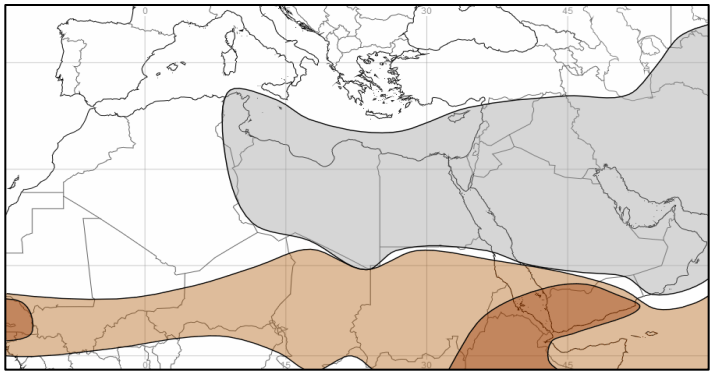
Left: Middle East and North Africa
Right: Caribbean region

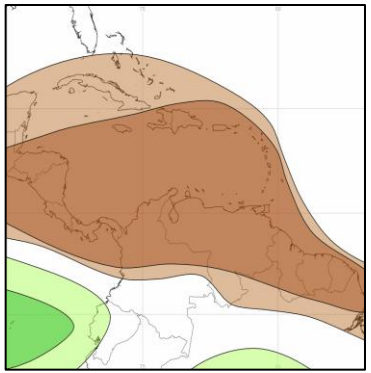
MENA, Caribbean and British Overseas Territories Current Status and Outlook - Rainfall

Current Status: March and April tends to be part of the wetter time of year across much of MENA, although with a transition to drier conditions through April. Some areas were wet or very wet in February and March, including much of the Levant and Algeria. Turkey, Syria and Iraq were wet in February, but most other areas in MENA were dry or very dry. Mostly normal conditions have been observed in the Caribbean region in February and March, though Guyana was very dry and Hispaniola, Jamaica and Cuba were very wet in March. Conditions were mixed in April with the Caribbean region and Hispaniola very wet and Guyana and Columbia dry.

Outlook: Across much of the Caribbean and northern parts of South America, drier than normal conditions are likely. Early indications for the tropical cyclone season in the Atlantic basin suggest below normal activity, particularly around the Caribbean. Across large parts of the Levant, only small amounts of rain usually fall in the northern hemisphere summer, with some areas completely dry. Here, normal rainfall conditions are expected.

Tropical Cyclone outlook: Information can be found here.





3-Month Outlook June to August - Rainfall

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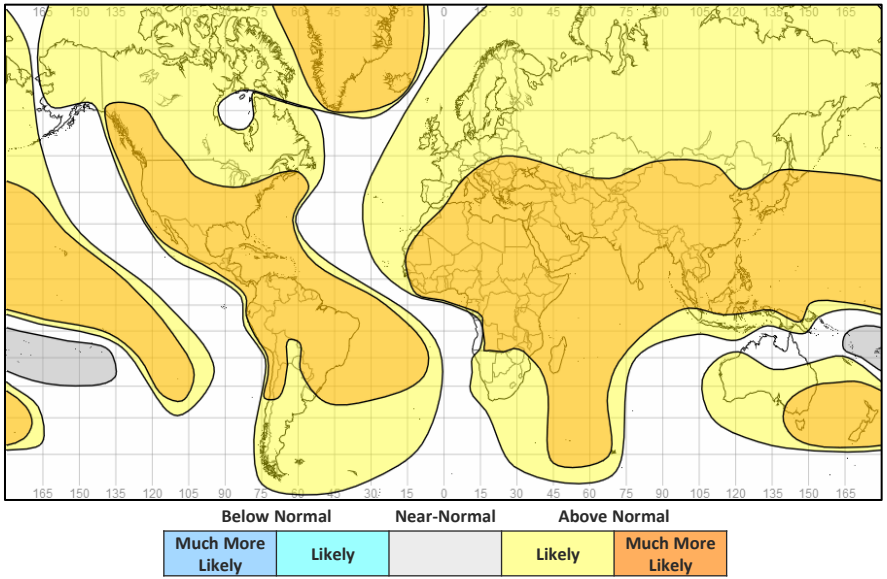
Global Outlook - Temperature

Outlook: With the backdrop of a warming climate and the very high chance of El Niño developing during this period, most land areas are likely to be warmer than normal with very limited exceptions. These include, northern Australia and the South Pacific Islands where near normal temperature conditions are more likely.

3-Month Outlook June to August - Temperature



Global Outlook - Rainfall

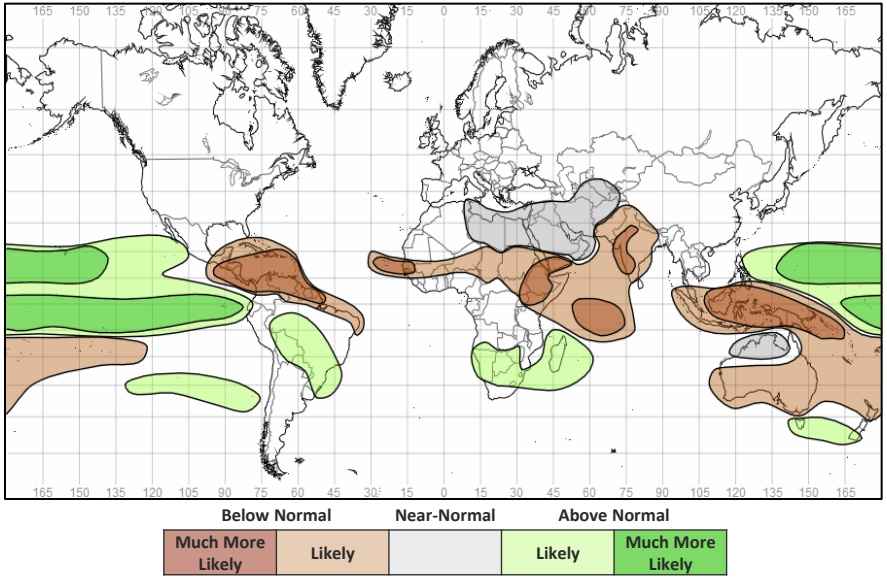
Outlook:

El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) –ENSO-neutral conditions are currently present, though sea surface temperature and atmospheric observations suggest a transition toward El Niño. There is a now a very high likelihood of El Niño developing over the next three months (over an 80% chance), with this predicted event then likely to persist throughout the rest of the year, well into the northern hemisphere winter. In terms of strength, a moderate El Niño is most likely during the period June – August with around a 70% chance of this El Niño becoming a strong or very strong event later in the year (November – January), rivalling the 1997-98 and 2015-16 events.

El Niño is highly likely to become the dominant factor driving global weather patterns on seasonal timescales. Wide reaching impacts are possible. Depending on the time of year, El Niño typically results in drier than normal conditions across Southern Africa and Eastern Africa, the Indian subcontinent, Indonesia, Southeast Asia, and northern South America, and wetter than normal conditions in parts of East Africa, southern Europe, southern USA, and parts of South America and East Asia. However, no two events are the same, as the effects of El Niño combine with other drivers of weather and climate variability (such as the Indian Ocean Dipole) and other local geophysical factors. It is also worth noting that a strong El Niño does not necessarily equate to strong El Niño impacts in any given location. It is therefore essential to closely monitor the latest seasonal and sub-seasonal forecasts to assess possible impacts. More information on typical impacts can be found here https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/research/climate/seasonal-to-decadal/gpc-outlooks/el-nino-la-nina/enso-impacts

Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) – The Indian Ocean Dipole is neutral and is not expected to provide significant predictive value for this period.

3-Month Outlook June to August - Rainfall



Current Status

Current Status maps

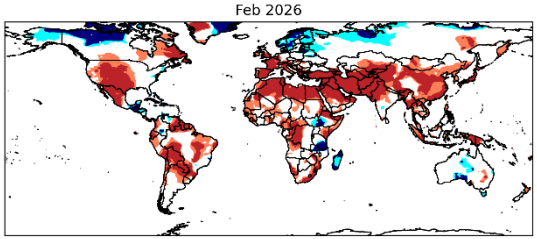
MENA – Middle East

MENA – North Africa

Caribbean

British Overseas Territories

Current Status – Temperature percentiles



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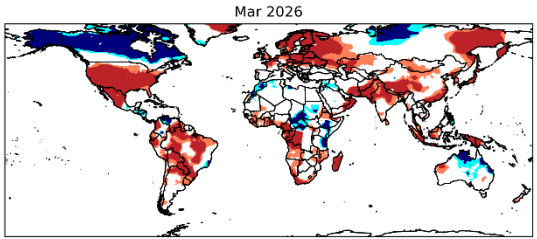

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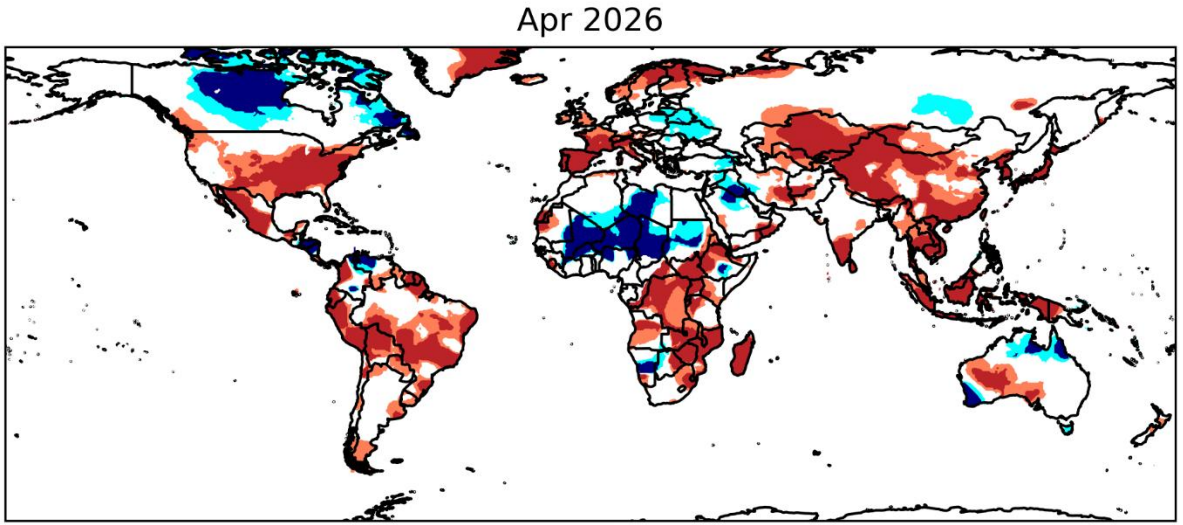
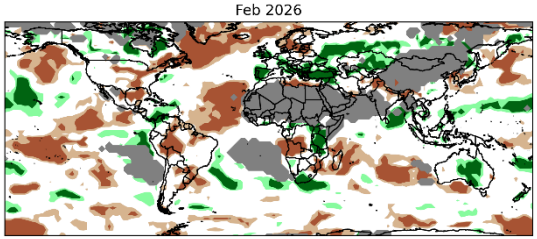


April

Notes: The percentiles shown in the map indicate a ranking of temperature, with the 0th percentile being the coolest and the 100th percentile being the warmest in the 1981-2010 climatology. Orange and red shading represent values above the 80th (Warm) and 90th (Hot) percentile, respectively; regions shaded in light and dark blue indicate values below the 20th (Cool) and 10th (Cold) percentile, with respect to the 1981-2010 climatology. The data used in this map are from the NOAA Climate Prediction Center.

Current Status – Precipitation percentiles



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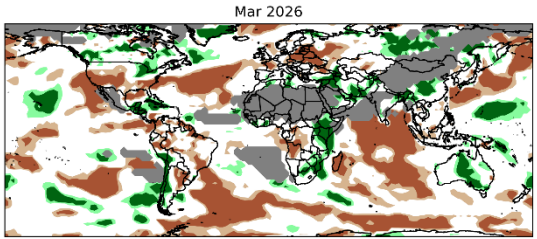

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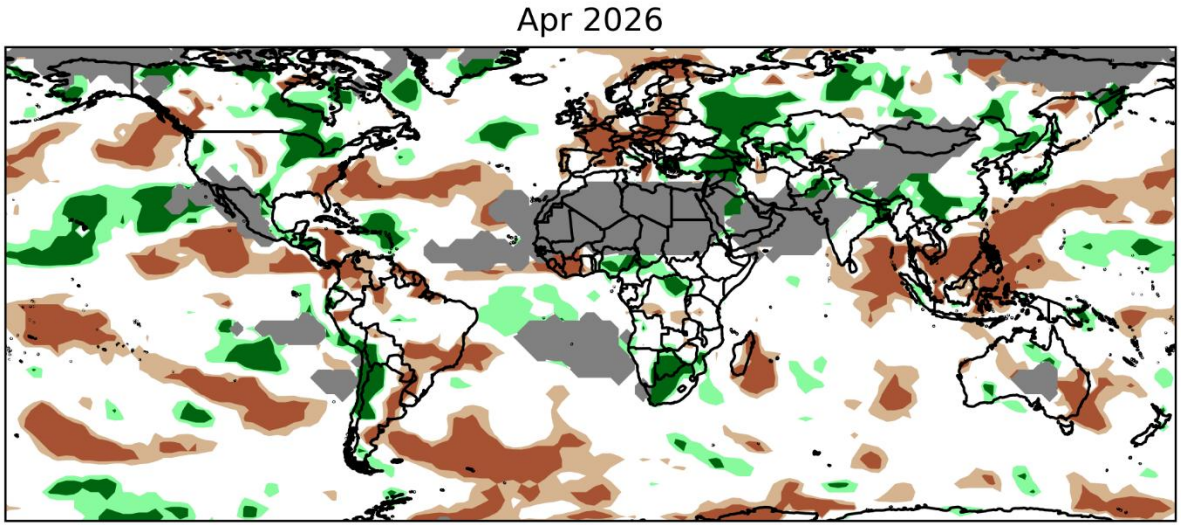

April

Notes: The percentiles shown in the map indicate a ranking of rainfall, with the 0th percentile being the driest and the 100th percentile being the wettest in the 1981-2010 climatology. Green and dark green shading represent values above the 80th (Wet) and 90th (Very Wet) percentile, respectively; regions shaded in light and dark brown indicate rainfall below the 20th (Dry) and 10th (Very Dry) percentile, with respect to the 1981-2010 climatology. Grey areas on the map mask out regions that receive less than 10 mm/month of rainfall on normal in the 1981-2010 climatology for the month. The data used in this map are from the NOAA Climate Prediction Center.

Current Status – MENA – Middle East

	Current Status: Temperature			Current Status: Rainfall		
	February	March	April	February	March	April
Turkey	Hot	Normal	Normal	Very Wet	Normal (1)	Mixed (3)
Palestine	Hot	Normal	Normal	Normal	Very Wet	Normal*
Lebanon	Hot	Normal	Normal	Normal	Very Wet	Normal*
Jordan	Hot	Normal	Normal	Very Dry	Wet	Normal*
Syria	Hot	Cool	Normal (2)	Very Wet	Very Wet	Mixed (4)
Iraq	Hot	Cool	Cool (5)	Very Wet	Very Wet	Mixed (4)
Yemen	Warm	Normal	Normal	Normal*	Normal*	Normal*

Notes:

The table gives an assessment of whether temperature and rainfall across each country have been above normal, normal or below normal over the past three months, using data from the NOAA Climate Prediction Center and the IRI Map Room: http://iridl.ldeo.columbia.edu/maproom/.

* Region usually experiences less than 10mm/month rainfall during the month (dry season).

Additional Information:

Note (1): Very Wet in the south
Note (2): Mainly Normal, but Cool in the east
Note (3): Normal or Wet in the west, Very Wet in the east
Note (4): Normal* in the south, Very Wet in the north
Note (5): Cool, Cold in south

Current Status – MENA – North Africa

	Current Status: Temperature			Current Status: Rainfall		
	February	March	April	February	March	April
Morocco	Warm	Cold	Normal (1)	Normal	Normal	Normal*
Algeria	Hot	Normal	Normal	Normal	Wet	Normal*
Tunisia	Hot	Normal	Normal	Very Dry	Normal	Normal*
Libya	Hot	Normal	Mixed (2)	Very Dry	Very Wet	Normal*
Egypt	Hot	Normal	Normal	Very Dry	Normal*	Normal*

Notes:

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* Region usually experiences less than 10mm/month rainfall during the month (dry season).

Additional Information:

Note (1): Mainly Normal, but Hot in the far south
Note (2): Cool or Cold in central and some northern parts, else Normal

Current Status – Caribbean and Central America

	Current Status: Temperature			Current Status: Rainfall		
	February	March	April	February	March	April
Caribbean Region	Mixed (3)	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal (6)	Very Wet
Haiti	Cold	Normal	Normal	Normal	Very Wet	Very Wet
Guyana	Hot	Hot	Warm	Dry	Dry	Dry
Venezuela	Mixed (1)	Mixed (1)	Mixed (1)	Normal (4)	Normal (7)	Normal (7)
Colombia	Mixed (2)	Mixed (2)	Mixed (2)	Normal (5)	Normal (7)	Very Dry

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Additional Information:
Note (1): Hot in the east, but cool or cold in the west
Note (2): Normal or cool, but hot in the west
Note (3): Hot across the Lesser Antilles, Cold elsewhere
Note (4): Very Dry in southeast
Note (5): Very Wet in the north.
Note (6): Very Wet across Hispaniola, Cuba and Jamaica.
Note (7): Some central and northern regions Dry.

Current Status – British Overseas Territories

	Current Status: Temperature			Current Status: Rainfall		
	February	March	April	February	March	April
Southern Europe	Hot	Normal	Mixed (2)	Mixed (1)	Normal	Mixed (3)
Central Indian Ocean	Normal	Cold	Normal	Normal	Very Dry	Normal
Central Pacific	Cold	Cold	Normal	Very Dry	Normal	Very Dry

Notes:

The table gives an assessment of whether temperature and rainfall across each country have been above normal, normal or below normal over the past three months, using data from the NOAA Climate Prediction Center and the IRI Map Room: http://iridl.ldeo.columbia.edu/maproom/.

* Region usually experiences less than 10mm/month rainfall during the month (dry season).

Additional Information:

Note (1): Very Wet in Gibraltar, normal in Cyprus
Note (2): Hot in Gibraltar, Normal in Cyprus
Note (3): Dry in Gibraltar, Normal in Cyprus

Outlooks

Outlooks – Notes for use

MENA – Middle East

MENA – North Africa

Caribbean

British Overseas Territories

Outlooks: Notes for use

Outlooks for months 4 to 6:

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Information provided in this presentation should be used to raise early awareness of potential hazards only and should be updated with the 3-month outlook when available.

Climatological odds:

A forecast is only provided in the outlooks where there is information in the model data about likely outcomes. Therefore, where the likelihoods for above-, near- and below- normal conditions are evenly balanced the phrase 'climatological odds' will be used. This means the outcome could fall anywhere within the possible climatological range. Near-normal conditions should not necessarily be assumed, and users should update with shorter-term forecasts when available.

Outlook: March to August – MENA – Middle East (1)

		Forecast summary		
		June	June to August	September to November
Turkey	*Temperature*	Likely to be warmer than normal	**Much more likely to be warmer than normal**	Much more likely to be warmer than normal
	Rainfall	Climatological odds	Climatological odds	Likely to be wetter than normal
Palestine	*Temperature*	**Much more likely to be warmer than normal**	**Much more likely to be warmer than normal**	Much more likely to be warmer than normal
	Rainfall	Likely to be near-normal	Likely to be near-normal	Likely to be wetter than normal
Lebanon	*Temperature*	**Much more likely to be warmer than normal**	**Much more likely to be warmer than normal**	Much more likely to be warmer than normal
	Rainfall	Likely to be near-normal	Likely to be near-normal	Likely to be wetter than normal
Jordan	*Temperature*	**Much more likely to be warmer than normal**	**Much more likely to be warmer than normal**	Much more likely to be warmer than normal
	Rainfall	Likely to be near-normal	Likely to be near-normal	Likely to be wetter than normal

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Outlook: March to August – MENA – Middle East (2)

		Forecast summary		
		June	June to August	September to November
Syria	*Temperature*	**Much more likely to be warmer than normal**	**Much more likely to be warmer than normal**	Much more likely to be warmer than normal
	Rainfall	Likely to be near-normal	Likely to be near-normal	Likely to be wetter than normal
Iraq	*Temperature*	**Much more likely to be warmer than normal**	**Much more likely to be warmer than normal**	Much more likely to be warmer than normal
	Rainfall	Likely to be near-normal	Likely to be near-normal	Likely to be wetter than normal
Yemen	*Temperature*	**Much more likely to be warmer than normal**	**Much more likely to be warmer than normal**	Much more likely to be warmer than normal
	Rainfall	Likely to be near-normal in most places, but Likely to be drier than normal in the far west	**Much more likely to be drier than normal**	Climatological odds

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Outlook: March to August – MENA – North Africa

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		June	June to August	September to November
Morocco	*Temperature*	Likely to be warmer than normal	Likely to be warmer than normal	Likely to be warmer than normal
	Rainfall	Climatological odds	Climatological odds	Climatological odds
Algeria	*Temperature*	Much more likely to be warmer than normal	Much more likely to be warmer than normal	Much more likely to be warmer than normal
	Rainfall	Likely to be near-normal	Climatological odds	Likely to be wetter than normal
Tunisia	*Temperature*	Likely to be warmer than normal	Much more likely to be warmer than normal	Much more likely to be warmer than normal
	Rainfall	Likely to be near-normal	Likely to be near-normal	Likely to be wetter than normal
Libya	*Temperature*	Much more likely to be warmer than normal	Much more likely to be warmer than normal	Much more likely to be warmer than normal
	Rainfall	Likely to be near-normal	Likely to be near-normal	Likely to be wetter than normal
Egypt	*Temperature*	Much more likely to be warmer than normal	Much more likely to be warmer than normal	Much more likely to be warmer than normal
	Rainfall	Likely to be near-normal	Likely to be near-normal	Likely to be wetter than normal

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Outlook: March to August – Caribbean and Central America (1)

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		June	June to August	September to November
Caribbean Region	*Temperature*	**Much more likely to be warmer than normal**	**Much more likely to be warmer than normal**	Much more likely to be warmer than normal
	Rainfall	**Much more likely to be drier than normal**	**Much more likely to be drier than normal**	Much more likely to be drier than normal
Haiti	*Temperature*	**Much more likely to be warmer than normal**	**Much more likely to be warmer than normal**	Much more likely to be warmer than normal
	Rainfall	**Likely to be drier than normal**	**Much more likely to be drier than normal**	Much more likely to be drier than normal
Guyana	*Temperature*	**Much more likely to be warmer than normal**	**Much more likely to be warmer than normal**	Much more likely to be warmer than normal
	Rainfall	Climatological odds	**Much more likely to be drier than normal**	Much more likely to be drier than normal

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		Forecast summary		
		June	June to August	September to November
Venezuela	*Temperature*	**Much more likely to be warmer than normal**	**Much more likely to be warmer than normal**	Much more likely to be warmer than normal
	Rainfall	Climatological odds	**Much more likely to be drier than normal**	Much more likely to be drier than normal
Colombia	*Temperature*	**Much more likely to be warmer than normal**	**Much more likely to be warmer than normal**	Much more likely to be warmer than normal
	Rainfall	Climatological odds in the south but **Much more likely to be drier than normal** in the north	Climatological odds in the south but **Much more likely to be drier than normal** in the north	Likely to be drier than normal

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Outlook: March to August – British Overseas Territories

		Forecast summary		
		June	June to August	September to November
Southern Europe	*Temperature*	Likely to be warmer than normal, and **Much more likely to be warmer than normal** in Cyprus	Likely to be warmer than normal, and **Much more likely to be warmer than normal** in Cyprus	Much more likely to be warmer than normal
	Rainfall	Likely to be near-normal	Likely to be near-normal	Climatological odds in Gibraltar, but Likely to be wetter than normal in Cyprus
Central Indian Ocean	*Temperature*	**Much more likely to be warmer than normal**	**Much more likely to be warmer than normal**	Much more likely to be warmer than normal
	Rainfall	Likely to be drier than normal	**Much more likely to be drier than normal**	Much more likely to be drier than normal
Central Pacific	*Temperature*	**Much more likely to be warmer than normal**	**Much more likely to be warmer than normal**	Likely to be near-normal
	Rainfall	Likely to be wetter than normal	Likely to be wetter than normal	Likely to be wetter than normal

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Annex 1 – Supplemental Information

For further information

WMO Lead Centre for Long-Range Forecast Multi-Model Ensemble (LC-LRFMME)
https://www.wmolc.org/

International Research Institute for Climate and Society (IRI)
http://iridl.ldeo.columbia.edu/maproom/

NOAA El Niño technical info
https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/access/monitoring/enso/

Met Office
https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/services/government/international-development

Met Office North Atlantic Tropical Storm Outlook:
North Atlantic tropical storm seasonal forecast 2026 - Met Office

Climate Outlook Fora (WMO Factsheet), including:

CARICOF - CariCOF Climate Outlooks – Caribbean Regional Climate Centre – Latest output – May 2026

Technical notes

The WMO lead centre for long-range forecast multi-model ensemble (LC-LRFMME) produce a probabilistic multi-model mean forecast product in which the multi-model mean is based on uncalibrated model output with a model weighting system that accounts for errors in both the forecast probability and ensemble mean. The method used by LC-LRFMME separately computes a probabilistic forecast and calculates tercile probabilities with respect to climatology for each individual model, before creating the weighted multi-model mean. In seasonal prediction, shifts in the tercile probabilities are always closely associated with the shifts in the probability of extremes, and we can use the probability of terciles to provide information on the likelihood of above- or below- normal conditions. The thresholds used in the forecast summaries are defined below.

Seasonal forecasts rely on the aspects of the global weather and climate system that are more predictable, such as tropical sea-surface temperatures or the El Niño–Southern Oscillation (ENSO). However, whilst such forecasts may be able to show what is more or less likely to occur, they acknowledge that other outcomes are possible.

In addition, forecast uncertainty generally increases with longer range so the 6-month outlook is less reliable. It is also based on less information, because not all models are available to this range. Therefore the information presented here should be used to raise early awareness of potential hazards, and should be updated with the 3-month outlook when available.

In the report and tables precipitation is referred to as rainfall but in fact encompasses any form of water, liquid or solid, falling from the sky. Temperatures are the (2 metre) near-surface temperature.

Description	Definition
Much more likely to be below normal	When probability of lower tercile > 70%
More likely to be below normal	When probability of lower tercile is 40-70%
Likely to be normal	When probability of middle tercile is 40-70%
Much more likely to be near-normal	When probability of middle tercile > 70%
Likely to be above near-normal	When probability of upper tercile is 40-70%
Much more likely to be above normal	When probability of upper tercile > 70%
Climatological odds	When probabilities for all categories are roughly 33%

Global Producing Centres (GPC) forecasts used by WMO LC-LRFMME:

- GPC CPTEC (INPE),
- GPC ECMWF,
- GPC Exeter (Met Office),
- GPC Melbourne (BOM),
- GPC Montreal (CMC),
- GPC Moscow (Hydromet Centre of Russia),
- GPC Offenbach (DWD),
- GPC Pretoria (SAWS),
- GPC Seoul (KMA),
- GPC Tokyo (JMA),
- GPC Toulouse (Meteo France),
- GPC Washington (NCEP)

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