



Ten Days Climate Diagnostics Bulletin

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Dekad 1, 1st –10th August 2022

HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ *During the first dekad of August 2022, rainfall activities were observed over most of Subtropical and tropical band of the Continent, with above-average to well above-average rainfall conditions observed over some westernmost of Western Africa, most of the northern part of Central Africa and northern parts of the Eastern Africa regions. Below-average to well below-average rainfall was recorded over western and central parts of Western Africa and southern side of the Central Africa..*
- ✓ *The dekad was characterized by neutral to cold SSTs conditions in the eastern parts of the Atlantic Ocean closer to the western coastline of the Continent. In addition, in the equatorial pacific region, La Nina conditions have persisted during most of the four last weeks. Over the Indian Ocean, the SSTs were mostly dominated by neutral to cold conditions led to reduced rainfall over the most the eastern side of East African countries. These conditions of the above average precipitation were led by easterly wave in some parts of the Equatorial and Subtropical band over the Continent.*
- ✓ *The outlook for 14 to 22 August 2022, depict a general tendency of below to normal precipitation over southern part of Mali, south western parts of Burkina Faso and northern parts of central Africa. But during the first to second week above average precipitations are expected to be observe from Senegal, Guinea, eastern Burkina Faso, Niger, Nigeria, Chad, Cameroon, CAR, Congo, DRC, South-Sudan, Sudan and Ethiopia.*

1.0 GENERAL CLIMATOLOGICAL SITUATION

Subsection 1.1 provides the strength of the surface pressure systems, ITD, CAB and ITCZ displacements, while subsection 1.2 is discussing the state of the troposphere and gives a summary of monsoon and relative humidity thresholds.

1.1 SURFACE

Pressure Systems

- **The Azores High** observed a central value of 1025 hPa, it was the similar when compared to the previous dekad and strengthened by 6hPa compared to the climatological mean (1991-2020). The Azores high moved to the east to climatology over the North Atlantic Ocean and was located at 22°W and 47°N.
- **St. Helena High** observed a central pressure value of 1021hPa, a 5hPa weakened from the previous dekad and weakened by 3hPa the climatological mean (1991-2020). It was located at 2°E/30°S. It was moved to eastern of its climatological position over the South Atlantic Ocean.
- **Mascarene High:** The central value for Mascarene High was 1025hPa. It was weakened by 3hPa from the previous dekad and the climatological mean (1991-2020). Positioned at 57°E and 30°S, it moved to the south over the south Indian Ocean.
- **Heat Low:** Thermal low was observed with the value of 1011hPa over the southern parts of Democratic Republic of Congo, located at 20°E and 5°S stable to previous dekad and its climatological mean.

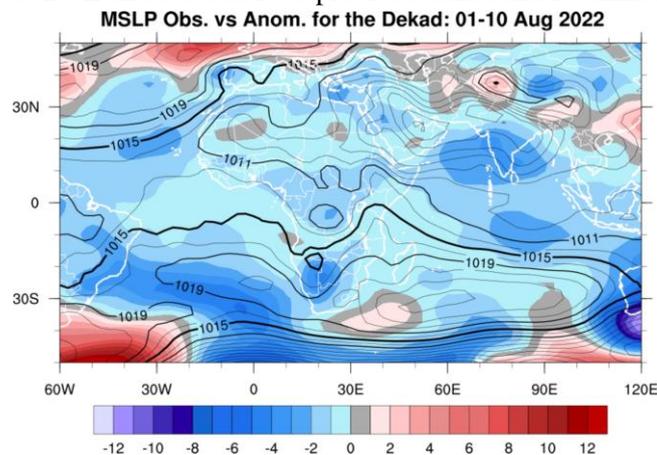


Figure 1. Observed Mean Sea Level Pressure (Contour) and anomaly (shaded) from 11th to 20th August 2022

1.2 TROPOSPHERE

1.2.1 African Monsoon

Figure 2a: This figure shows the dekad average wind at 850hPa. Negative wind from north to north-easterly and east anomalies of about 6m/s - 8m/s average wind speeds were observed over Chad, Botswana and Namibia. Positive wind anomaly observed over Angola, DRC, Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia and Angola.

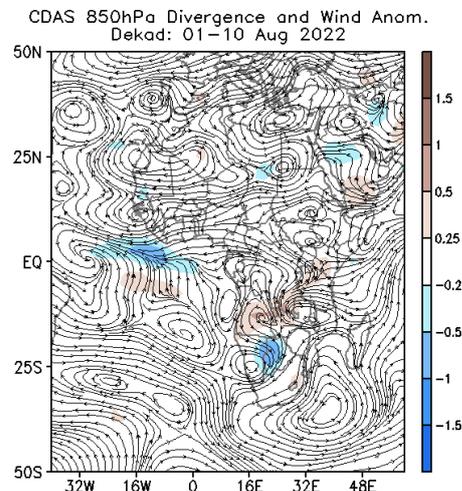


Figure 2a: Mean wind (m/s) at 850hPa from 1st to 10th August 2022, Source: NOAA/NCEP

Figure 2b: At the 700hpa level, the vortex wind anomaly was observed over northern parts the North Africa and Sahel region, in the southern parts of the Continent the neutral wind from eastern to north-western have been observed.

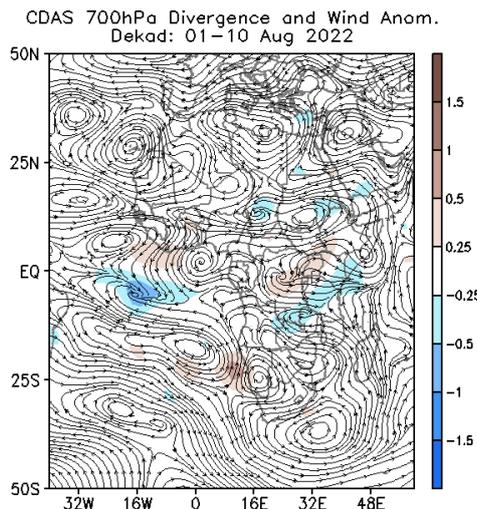


Figure 2b: Mean wind (m/s) at 700hPa from 1st to 10th August 2022, Source: NOAA/NCEP

Figure 2c: At the 200hpa level, the vortex wind anomaly was observed over northern parts the North Africa and Sahel region and Congo basin. Very strong northerly wind vector anomalies at 200hPa observed mainly over the continent East Africa region.

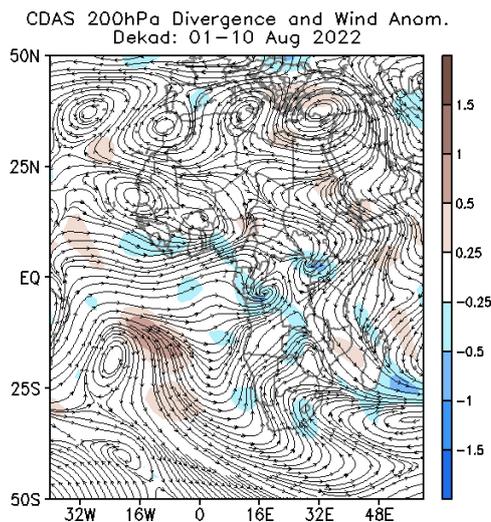


Figure 2c: Mean wind at 200 hPa (m/s) during the period 1st to 10th August 2022 (Source: NOAA/NCEP)

1.3. Relative Humidity (RH) at 850hPa

Figure 4 shows the dekadal observed relative humidity and anomalies at 850hPa for the first dekad of August 2022 for the reference period 1991-2020. Wet atmospheric conditions (relative humidity $\geq 60\%$) were observed over central parts of the Western Africa countries, the central parts of Central Africa, central and southern of East African and eastern of SADC region. The rest of the continent observed RH values $\leq 60\%$.

Negative anomalies were observed during the first dekad of August 2022 over DRC, Uganda, northern Congo, Mali northern parts of Mauritania and Algeria, the positive anomalies were recorded over the rest of the continent

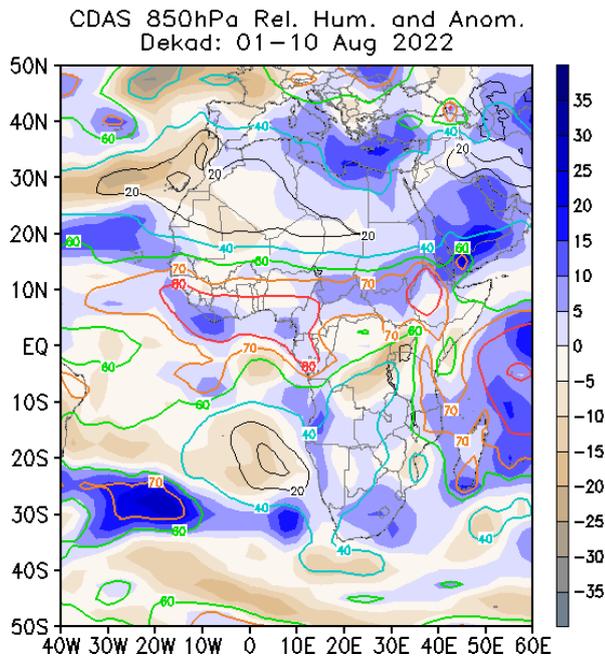


Figure 4. RH (%) at 850hPa (contour) and anomaly (shaded) during the period 1st to 10th August 2022 (SOURCE/. NOAA/. NCEP-CAR/. CDAS1)

1.2.4 Relative Humidity at 700hPa

Figure 5 presents the dekad observed relative humidity at 700hPa. The figure shows that high relative humidity values $\geq 60\%$ at 700hPa were observed over most of Guinea Gulf and most parts parts the Sahel Countries, northern and central and southern of Central Africa region and Eastern Africa. The rest of the continent observed RH values $\leq 60\%$.

The relative humidity anomalies for the first dekad of August 2022 were negative over Egypt, Mauritania, Mali, and Niger, western parts of Africa DRC, Rwanda, Burundi, Tanzania, Somalia, and Madagascar. The rest of the continent observed positive anomalies.

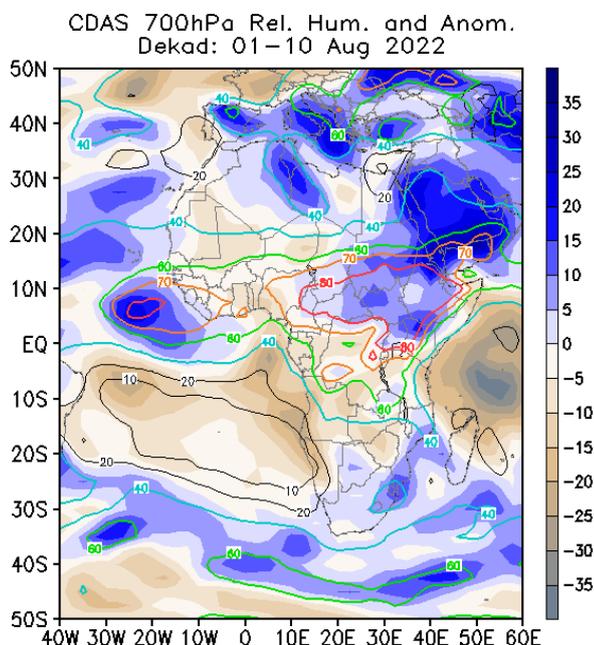


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2.0 PRECIPITATION

Figure 8 shows the observed precipitation as a percentage of average for the first dekad of August 2022.

2.1 Precipitation

During the first dekad of August 2022, rainfall activities were observed over most of Subtropical and tropical band of the Continent, with above-average to well above-average rainfall conditions observed over some westernmost of Western Africa, most of the northern part of Central Africa and northern parts of the Eastern Africa regions. Below-average to well below-average rainfall was recorded over western and central parts of Western Africa and southern side of the Central Africa.

Details:

- **North Africa:** This region experienced mostly near average rainfall conditions..
- **Sahel:** Below to well below average rainfall conditions were experienced over eastern Mauritania, most of Mali, western Burkina Faso, some parts Niger. During the same dekad above to well above average precipitation over some parts of Senegal, Gambia, Guinea, central of Niger and Chad
- **Gulf of Guinea countries:** Most parts the region received below to well below-average precipitation over Ivory Coast, Ghana, Benin, Nigeria, Togo and Benin.
- **Central Africa countries:** experience above to well above normal precipitation was observed over much CAR, Cameroon, northern Congo and DRC.
- **East African countries:** most of eastern parts observed above to well above average rainfall conditions over southern parts of Sudan, south pocket area of South-Sudan, Eritrea, north and east of Ethiopia, below to well below average were observed over South Sudan, central and western Ethiopia and Uganda.
- **Southern Africa countries:** most parts of the SADC region are off-season.

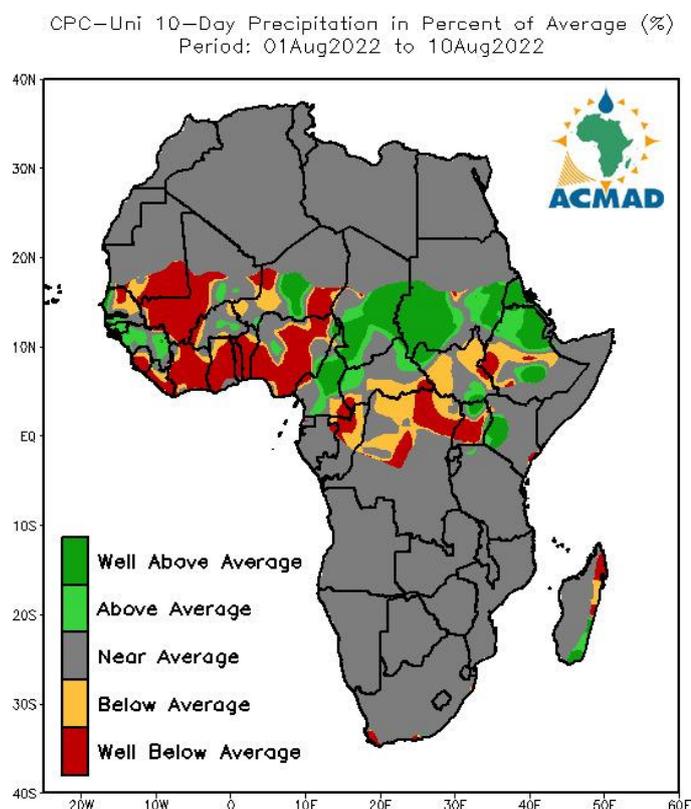


Figure 6: Precipitation in the percentage of the average for the first dekad 1st to 10th August 2022. The reference period used is 1991-2020. Source: NOAA/ NCEP/ CPC/ UNIFIED/ Africa/ DAILY/)

3.0 OUTLOOK RAINFALL VALID FOR 08 TO 21 AUGUST 2022

3.1 PRECIPITATION

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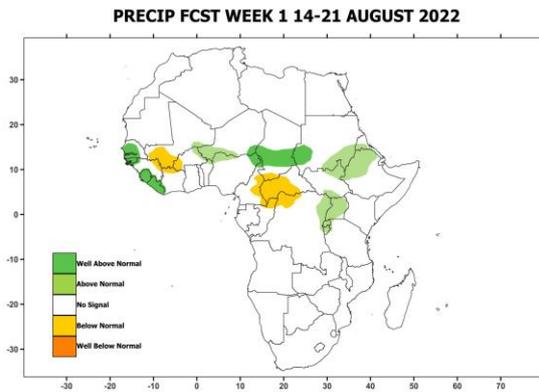


Figure 9a: Precipitation forecast for 14-21 August 2022

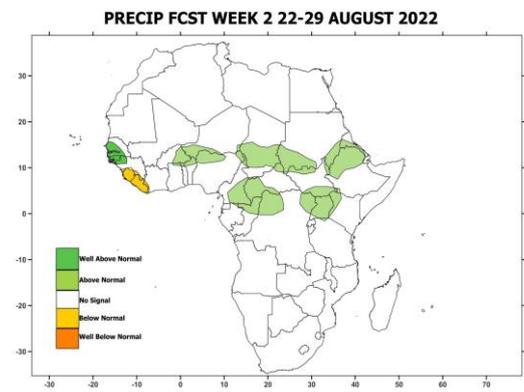


Figure 9b: Precipitation forecast for 22-29 August 2022