



SEASONAL PRECIPITATION FORECAST VALID FOR THE PERIOD OF
JULY – AUGUST – SEPTEMBER 2008
IN WEST AFRICA, CHAD AND CAMEROON
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A. INTRODUCTION

From one year to another, the sea surface temperature variations in the pacific (El Nino / La Nina), the Atlantic and the Indian Ocean influence July-August-September 2008 precipitation over West Africa.

B. CURRENT STATE OF THE OCEANS

The seasonal forecast forum was organized at ACMAD from 21st to 23rd May 2008. The forecast is based on analysis of the ocean conditions and their evolution, the outputs of statistical and dynamical seasonal forecasting systems.

B.1 THE EQUATORIAL PACIFIC

The cool water observed over the Pacific over the past few months will develop from a slightly cold condition to neutral during the period July-August-September 2008.

B.2 THE TROPICAL ATLANTIC

In the Gulf Guinea and the Northern tropical Atlantic, the warm water observed since the beginning of the year will persist during the period July-August-September 2008.

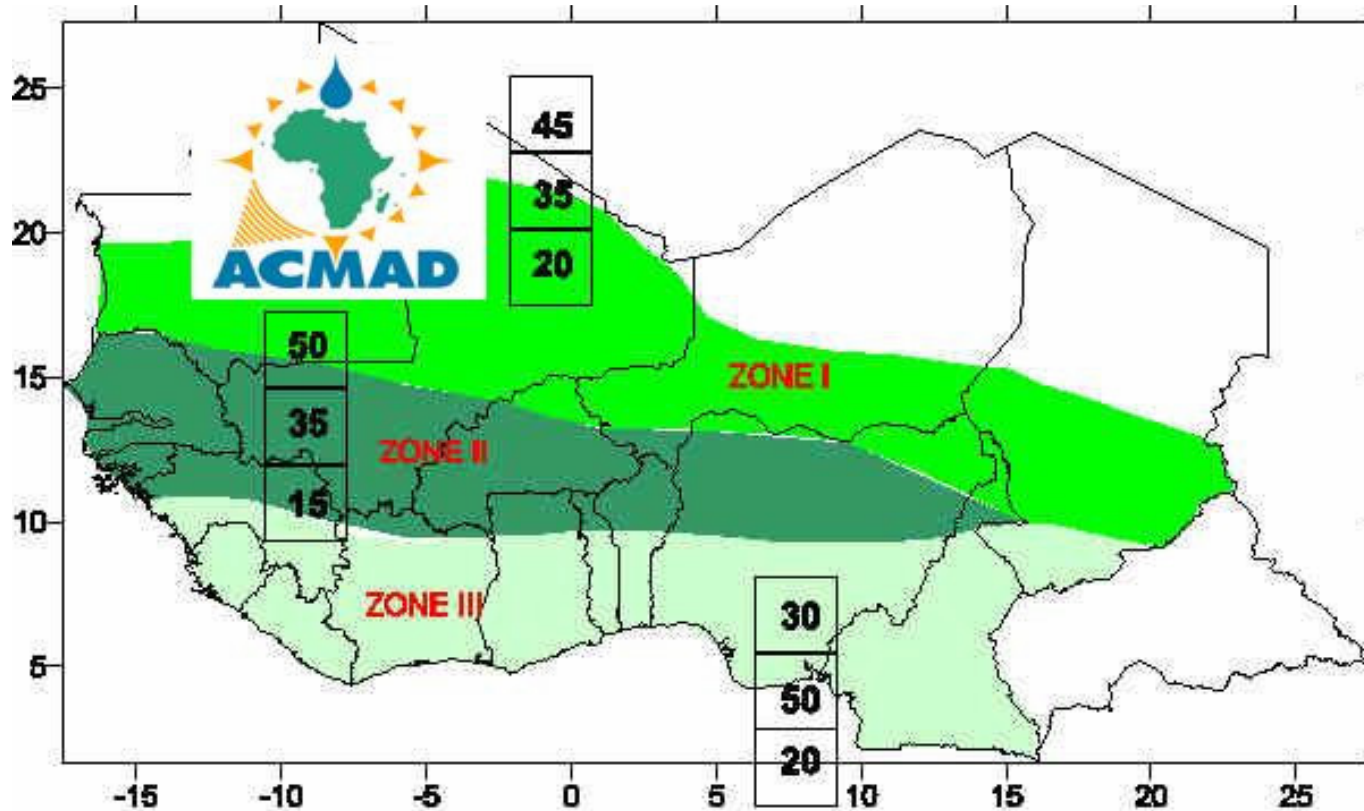
B.3 THE INDIAN OCEAN

The neutral conditions currently observed over the equatorial Indian ocean will not undergo significant evolution during the coming four months.

C. FORECAST

The analysis of the sea surface temperatures, the products from seasonal forecasts systems of the global and national centers led to the following consensus:

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ZONE 1 : Above normal rainfall more likely - ZONE 2 : Above normal rainfall very likely - ZONE 3 : Normal rainfall more likely

NB : The possibilities of rainfall deficits are very unlikely.

The quantity of rainfall is expected to be close to that of the year 1999.