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Climate Prediction Center Releases ENSO Diagnostics Discussion

On February 10 the Climate Prediction Center updated its El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) Diagnostics Discussion. The ENSO Diagnostics Discussion can be found at http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/analysis_monitoring/enso_advisory/index.html and includes a summary of recent climate conditions in the tropical Pacific and a synopsis of expected state of El Niño for the next few seasons. The product discusses an expected transition from weak warm-episode (El Niño) conditions to ENSO-neutral conditions during the next three months.

Climate Prediction Center Participates in Workshop to Define Climate Requirements for Upper-Air Observations

Jim Laver and Mel Gelman of the Climate Prediction Center participated in the NOAA/GCOS Workshop to Define Requirements for Upper-Air Data, in Boulder Co, February 8-11. Jim Laver presented an invited overview of upper-air data requirements for seasonal and interannual climate prediction. In breakout sessions, participants developed and refined upper-air data requirements for climate activities.

The Climate Prediction Center Director Represents NOAA in AMMA

CPC director Jim Laver received correspondence from M. Jacques Boulegue, Chair of the French Interagency Committee for the African Monsoon Multidisciplinary Analysis (AMMA) requesting confirmation as the NOAA representative to the AMMA International Governing Board (IGB). Mr. Laver confirmed his IGB membership as the NOAA representative and approved the terms of reference proposed for the IGB.