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SEASONAL FORECAST OUTLOOK BULLETIN FOR April-May-June 2014 IN NORTH AFRICA

Seasonal forecast outlook for North Africa RCC domain is based on the ARPEGE-Climat coupled model output jointly with seasonal forecasts issued from ECMWF, UK Met-Office and IRI. The ARPEGE-Climat coupled model is running at Maroc-Meteo super-computer each month to elaborate seasonal ensemble forecasts. Sets of 27 forecasts are initialized by 9 atmospheric analysis, taken from ECMWF database, and 3 ocean analysis (PSY2G3R3) issued from MERCATOR center.

We also try to exploit the sources of predictability contained in the sea surface temperature (SST) by statistical methods when it is possible. We note, however, that this influence is not the same from one region to another or throughout all the year.

NB: 1. New: Since March 2014, statistical forecasts are elaborated for the outlooks especially for seasons showing interesting scores.

2. A new version of ARPEGE-Climat model with high and variable resolution (between 55km and ~100km over North Africa RCC domain) is operational at Maroc-Météo from January 2014

Synthesis:































The analysis of SST anomalies, knowledge of climate variability of North Africa and seasonal forecast issued from dynamical and statistical models for AMJ 2014 show probably:

- For temperature:
 - ✚ Normal to above normal conditions over Morocco
 - ✚ Above normal conditions over Algeria, Tunisia, Libya and Egypt

***NB: Precipitation forecasts are given for September to May (the main rainy season).
Temperature forecasts are given for January to December.***

**Tables summarizing seasonal forecast for April-May-June 2014
in North Africa**

1. Seasonal temperatures forecast

Model/multi-model	Morocco	Algeria	Tunisia	Libya	Egypt
<i>ARPEGE-Climat</i>					
<i>ECMWF</i>	 C&E  Elsewhere			 N  S	 N  S
<i>UK Met-Office</i>	 E  Elsewhere	 W  E			
<i>IRI</i>					
<i>Statistical model</i>					
Synthesis	Probably normal to above normal conditions	Probably above normal conditions	Probably above normal conditions	Probably above normal conditions	Probably above normal conditions

Legend

 Below-Normal
  Normal
  Above-Normal
 No special scenario

N :North ; S:South ; W:West ; E:East ; C:Center