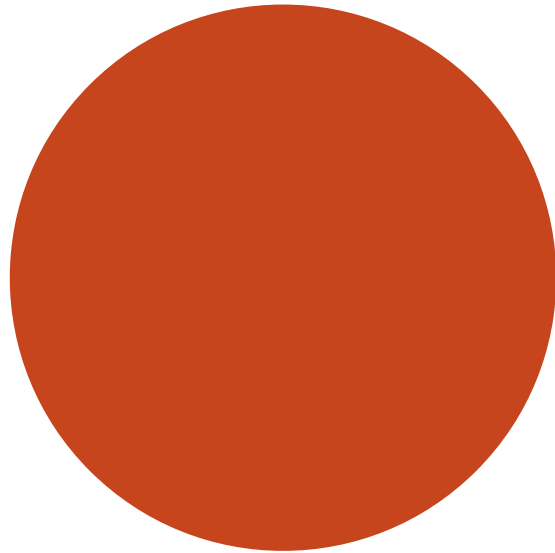




WMO El Niño/La Niña Update

AUGUST 2026

ESTIMATED ENSO PROBABILITIES FOR SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2026



■ ~ 100% El Niño

■ ~ 0% ENSO-Neutral

■ ~ 0% La Niña

- El Niño is firmly established and strengthening.
- Forecasts indicate a near-100 % probability that El Niño will persist through September-November 2026 and December 2026-February 2027, with further strengthening forecast before peaking towards the end of 2026.
- Confidence in the outlook is high, supported by strong oceanic and atmospheric signals and close agreement among seasonal prediction systems, indicating that El Niño will persist at least into early 2027.
- ENSO-neutral conditions have a negligible probability, with no indication of a return to La Niña over the outlook period.
- Significant climate impacts are possible worldwide, but their magnitude and location will vary by region and cannot be determined by the strength of the El Niño event alone.

Information on ENSO should be combined with other regionally and locally relevant factors in order to anticipate its effects on regional climates.