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Kiribati will be heading towards drier condition starting from May to October 2018.

People are urged to conserve their rainwater supplies as dry condition is approaching and will last for six months.

The Kiribati Meteorological Service has been issuing below normal rainfall which is currently experienced and expected to continue in the months ahead for all islands of Kiribati.

This was mostly driven by El Nino Southern Oscillation or ENSO which is now in Neutral phase and expected to continue into Neutral until August 2018.

ENSO Neutral phase would mean either cool or warm Sea Surface Temperature which were unmarking phases of El Nino and La Nina. Therefore, chances of having rainfall in Kiribati is very limited during times of Neutral conditions.

It should be noted that there was other short scale climate variability which could affect Kiribati rainfall in the shorter scale and apart from ENSO, these includes, the Madden Julian Oscillation (MJO), SPCZ, ITCZ, nearby rotating tropical depressions and or cyclones.

Further information

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