

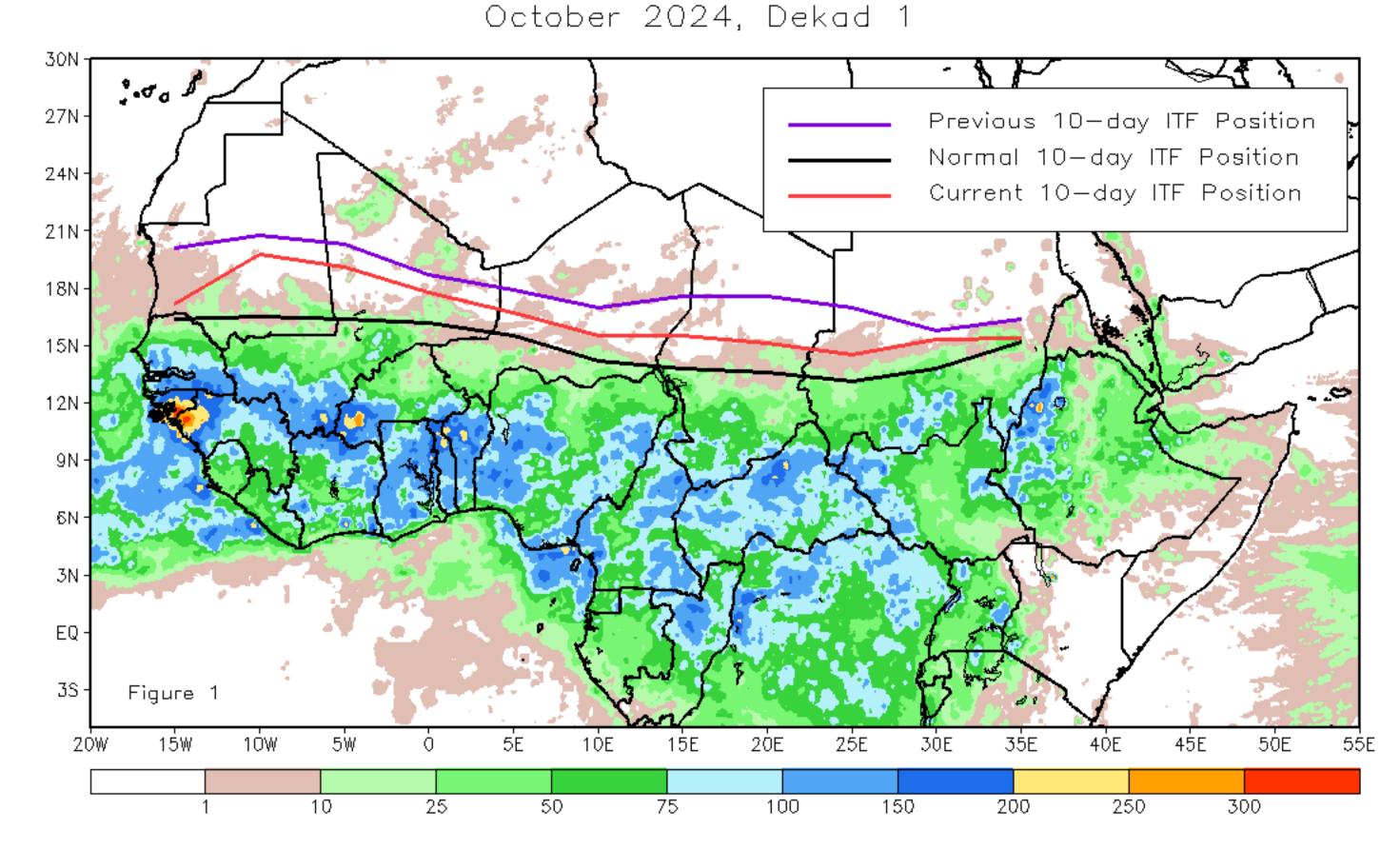
CPC Africa Desk InterTropical (ITF) Front Analysis

October 2024, Dekad 1

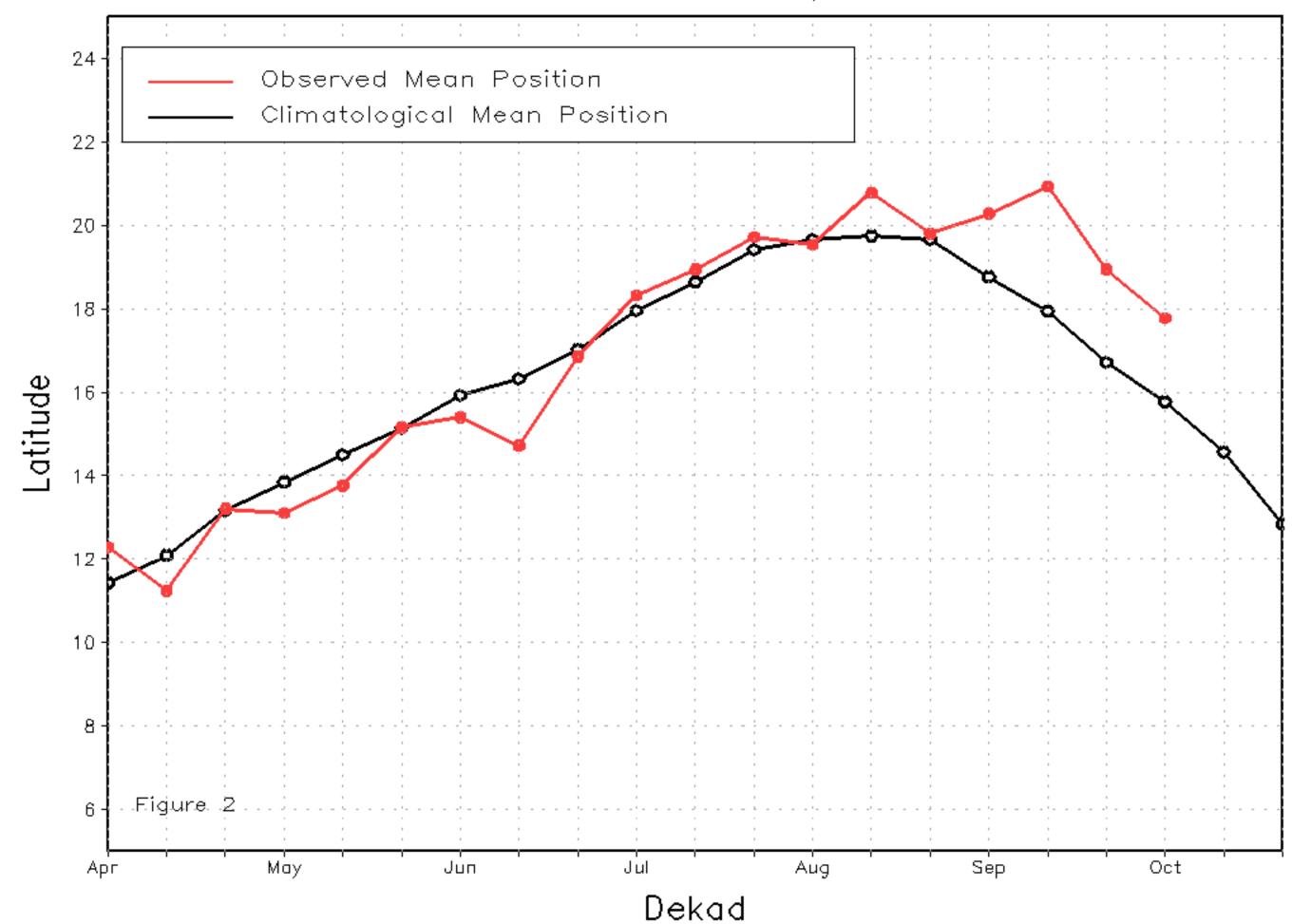
Discussion:

From October 1-10, the Inter-Tropical Front (ITF) moved southward along its entire length compared to its previous position. The western (10W-10E) portion of the ITF was approximately 17.8N, which remained well above the climatological position (as it has since late-August) by 2.0 degrees. Also, at the eastern (20E-35E) portion, the ITF was approximated at 15.1N, which was above the long-term average position (as it has been since June) by 1.2 degrees. Figure 1 displays the current position of the ITF relative to the climatological position during the 1st dekad of October and its previous position during the 3rd dekad of September. Figures 2 and 3 are time series, illustrating the latitudinal positions for the western and eastern portions of the ITF, respectively, and their seasonal evolutions since the beginning of April 2024.

Current vs. Normal Dekadal ITF Position and RFE Accumulated Precipitation (mm)







Mean Eastern Portion of the ITF: Averaged 20E to 35E As of: October 2024, Dekad 1

