

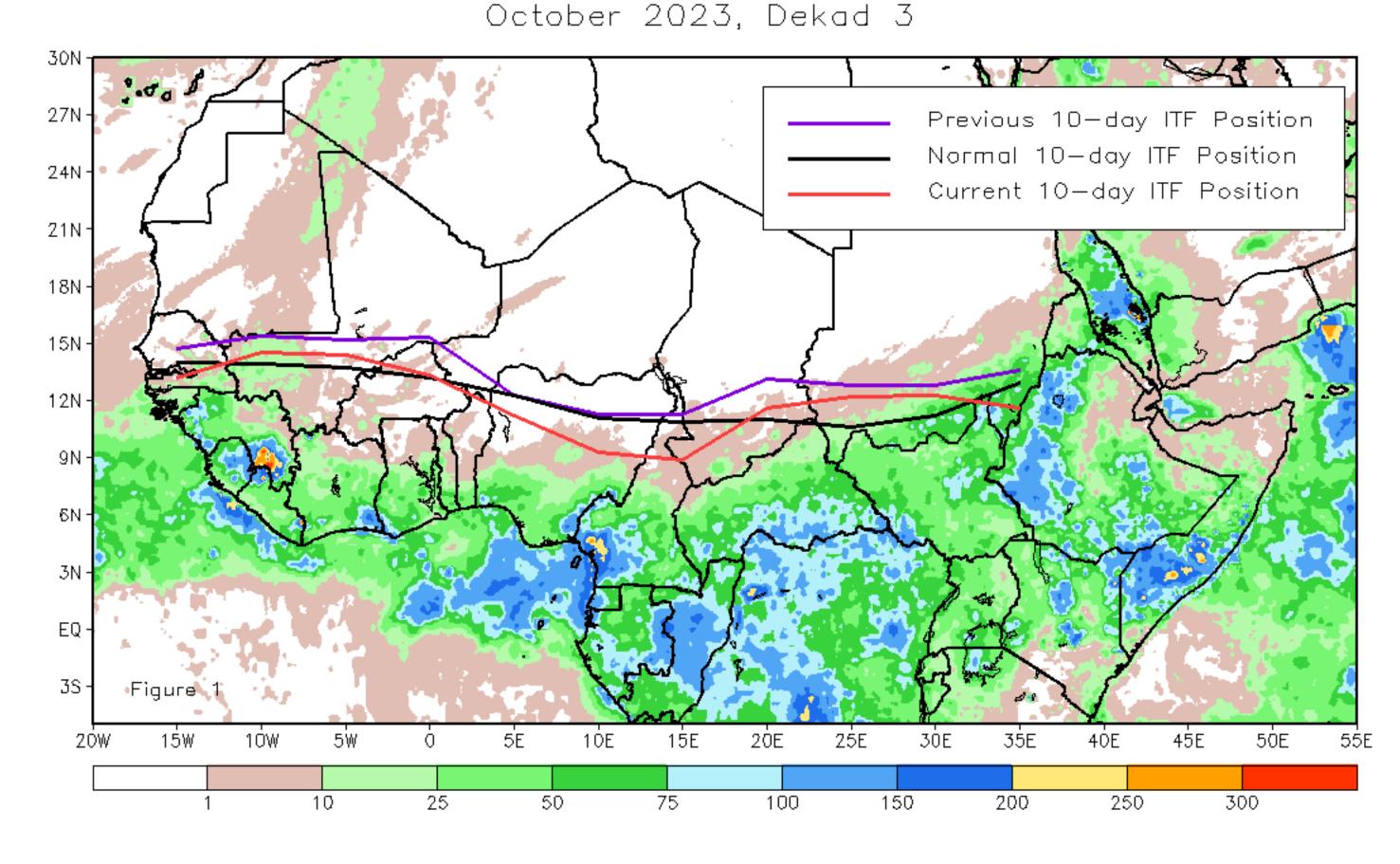
CPC Africa Desk InterTropical (ITF) Front Analysis

October 2023, Dekad 3

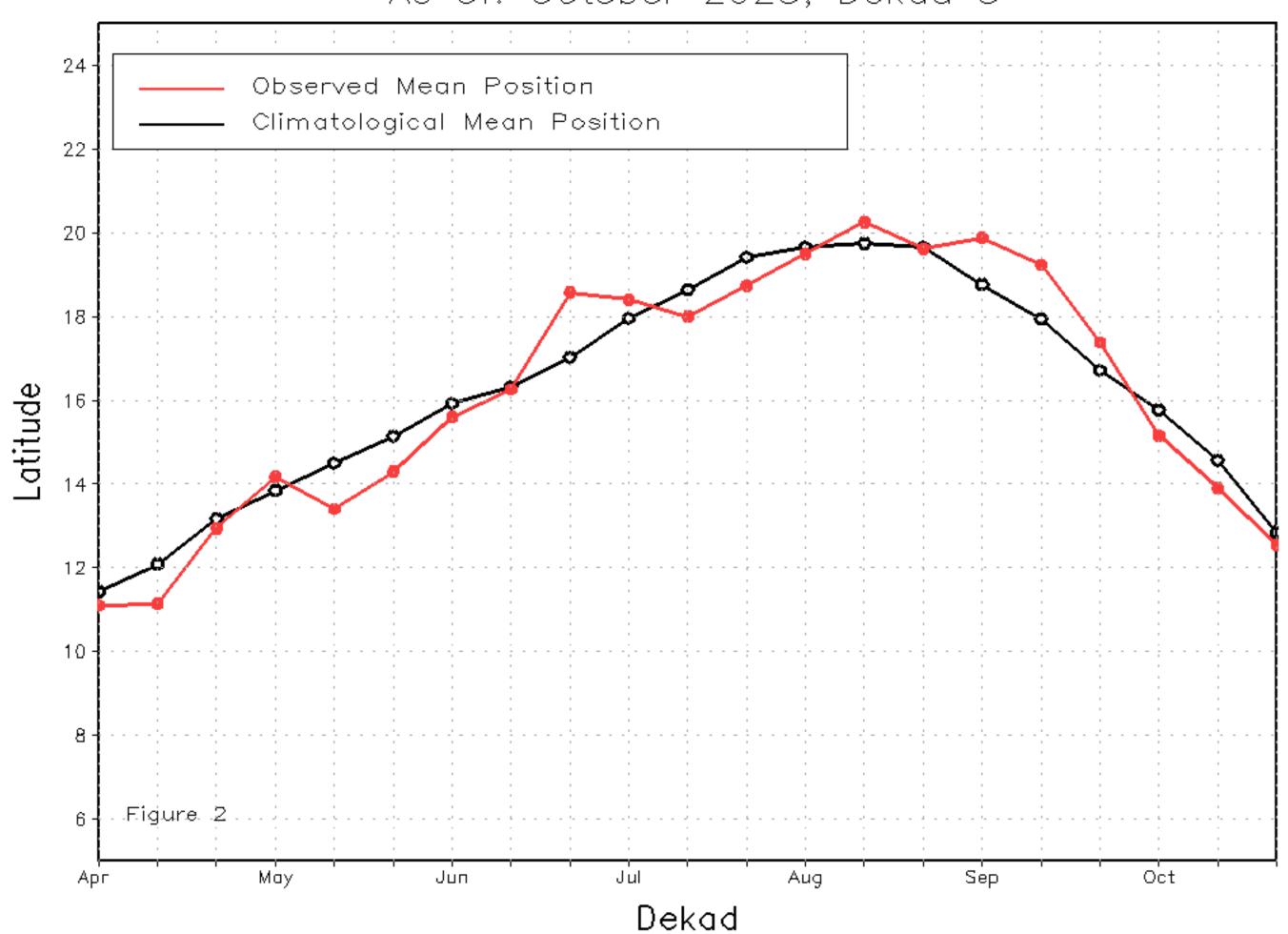
Discussion:

From 21-31 October, the ITF propagated south relative to the previous position along its entire length. The western (10W-10E) portion of the ITF was located approximately at 12.5N, which was below the climatological position by 0.3 degrees. Also, at the eastern (20E-35E) portion, the ITF was approximated at 11.9N, which was above the long-term average position by 0.5 degrees. Figure 1 displays the current position of the ITF relative to the climatological position during the 3rd dekad of October and its previous position during the 2nd dekad of October. 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 2023.

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



Mean Western Portion of the ITF: Averaged 10W to 10E As of: October 2023, Dekad 3



Mean Eastern Portion of the ITF: Averaged 20E to 35E As of: October 2023, Dekad 3

