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## **OPEN** Author Correction: Sahel rainfall strength and onset improvements due to more realistic Atlantic cold tongue development in a climate model

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This Article contains errors.

In the Introduction,

"The maximum continental warming follows the solar heating northward, whereas the maximum cooling of the ocean surface, driven by meridional and zonal wind stress, is geographically fixed just south of the Equator. These different physical processes combined with land-air interactions<sup>3,4</sup> lead to a more step-wise than gradual onset of the WAM<sup>5</sup>."

should read:

"The maximum continental warming follows the solar heating northward, whereas the wind-driven maximum cooling of the ocean surface remains south of the Equator<sup>5</sup>. These different physical processes combined with land-air interactions<sup>3,4</sup> lead to a more step-wise than gradual onset of the WAM."

In the legend of Figure 1,

"SST biases against OISSTv2 for the months July to August."

should read:

"SST biases against OISSTv2 for the months July to September."

In the Acknowledgements,

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