

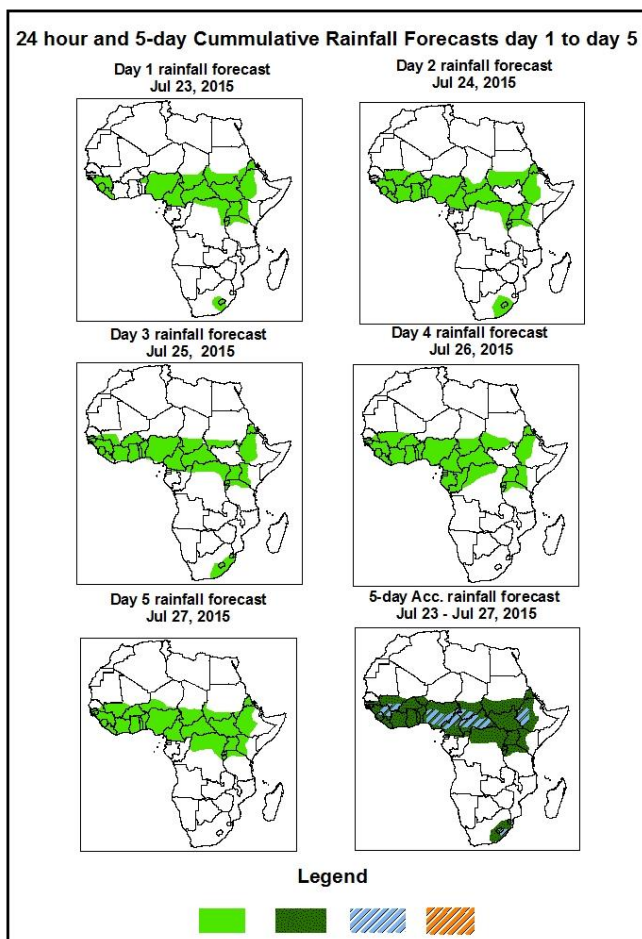


NCEP Contributions to the WMO Severe Weather Forecasting Demonstration Project (SWFDP) and to the African Monsoon Multidisciplinary Analysis (AMMA) Initiative

1. Rainfall Forecast: Valid 06Z of July 23 – 06Z of July 27, 2015. (Issued at 1530Z of July 22, 2015)

1.1. Twenty Four Hour Cumulative Rainfall Forecasts

The forecasts are expressed in terms of high probability of precipitation (POP), based on the NCEP/GFS and the NCEP global ensemble forecasts system (GEFS) and expert assessment.

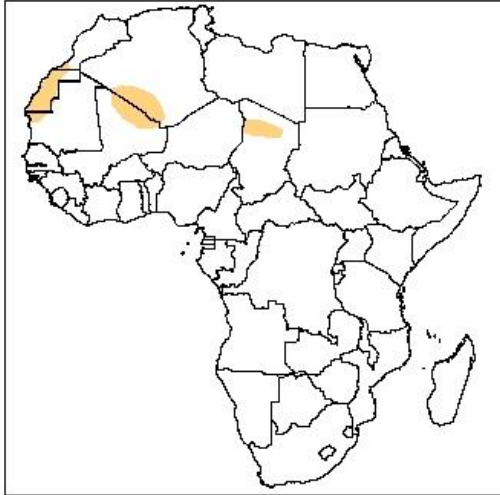


Summary

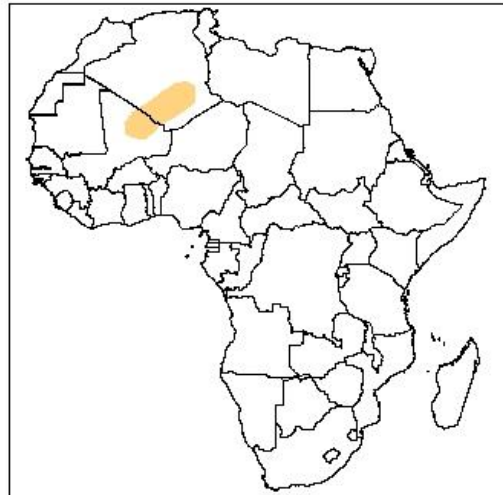
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Atmospheric Dust Forecasts, day 1 to day 3,
Moderate Dust Concentration (MDC) and High Dust Concentration (HDC)

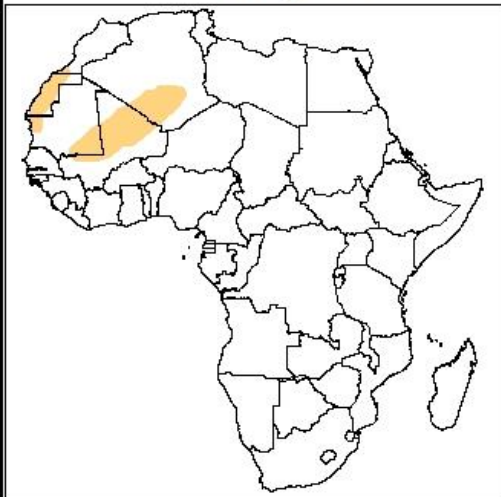
Day 1 Dust forecast
Jul 23, 2015



Day 2 Dust forecast
Jul 24, 2015



Day 3 Dust forecast
Jul 25, 2015



Highlights

There is an increased chance for moderate to high dust concentration over some parts of the Sahel and North African countries..

Legend



MDC, Vis. < 5km



HDC, Vis. < 1km

1.2. Model Discussion, Valid: July 23 – July 27, 2015

The Azores high pressure system over Northeast Atlantic Ocean is expected to maintain an average central pressure value of 1026hpa during the forecast period, according to the GFS model.

The St Helena high pressure system over the Southeast Atlantic Ocean is expected to relax, with its central pressure value is decreasing from about 1044hpa to 1037hpa during the forecast period.

The Mascarene high pressure system the Southwest Indian Ocean is expected to relax, with its central pressure value decreasing from 1032hpa to 1027 during the forecast period, according to the GFS model.

The heat low over northern Mali is expected to deepen gradually, with its central pressure value decreasing from about 1006hpa to 1004hpa during the forecast period.

The northern limit of the 1020hpa isobar associated with the East African ridge is expected to extend northwards up to the latitudes of Ethiopia during the forecast period.

At 925Hpa level, the monsoon flow from the Atlantic Ocean is expected to prevail across much of the Gulf of Guinea countries, and the neighboring areas of the Sahel and Central African countries. A zone of wind convergence is expected to prevail across the Sahel region, with a cyclonic circulation propagating westward the Sahel region during the forecast period.

At 850Hpa level, east-west oriented wind convergence is expected to remain active across the Sahel region, with feeble cyclonic circulations propagating westward between Chad and Mali during the forecast period. On the other hand, strong lower level wind associated with the Somali Jet is expected to remain along the East Africa coast and the neighboring areas of northwestern Indian Ocean and the Arabian Sea.

At 700hpa level, easterly flow is expected to prevail across West and Central Africa countries, with a trough in the easterlies propagating westwards across the Gulf of Guinea countries during the forecast period..

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2.0. Previous and Current Day Weather Discussion over Africa

(21 July – 22 July, 2015)

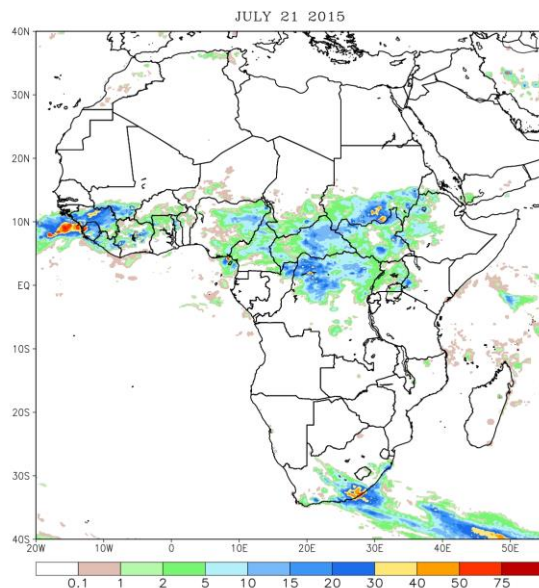
2.1. Weather assessment for the previous day (July 21, 2015)

Moderate to heavy rainfall were observed across Sierra Leon, Liberia, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Togo, Nigeria, Cameroon, Chad, CAR, DRC, Uganda, South Sudan, Sudan, South Africa, and Ethiopia.

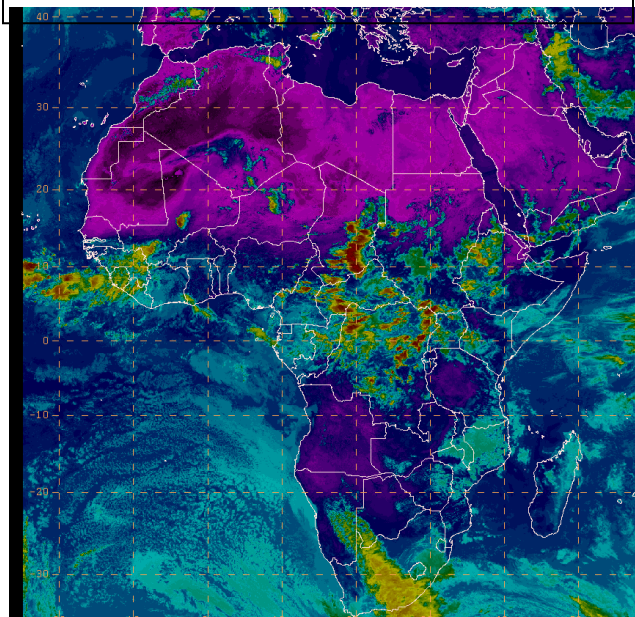
2.2. Weather assessment for the current day (July 22, 2015)

Intense convective deep clouds are observed over Mali, Guinea Conakry, Liberia, Chad, CAR, DRC, Uganda, South Sudan, Sudan, South Africa, and Ethiopia.

NOAA CPC FEWS–NET Rainfall Estimate (mm):
based on Satellite and Rain Gauge Data



IR Satellite Image (valid 1430Z of July 22, 2015)



Previous day rainfall condition over Africa (top Left) based on the NCEP CPCE/RFE and current day cloud cover (top right) based on IR Satellite image

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