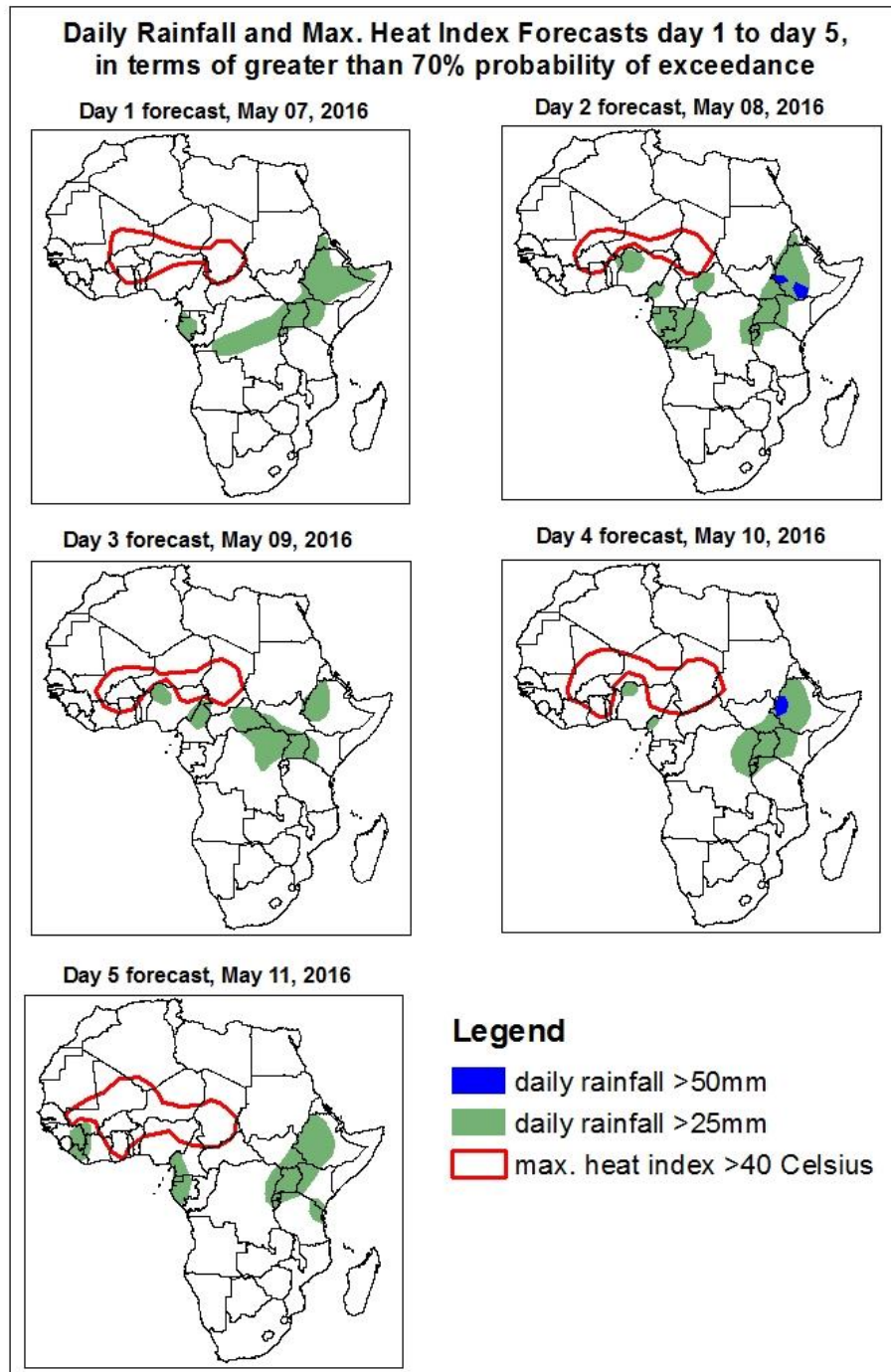


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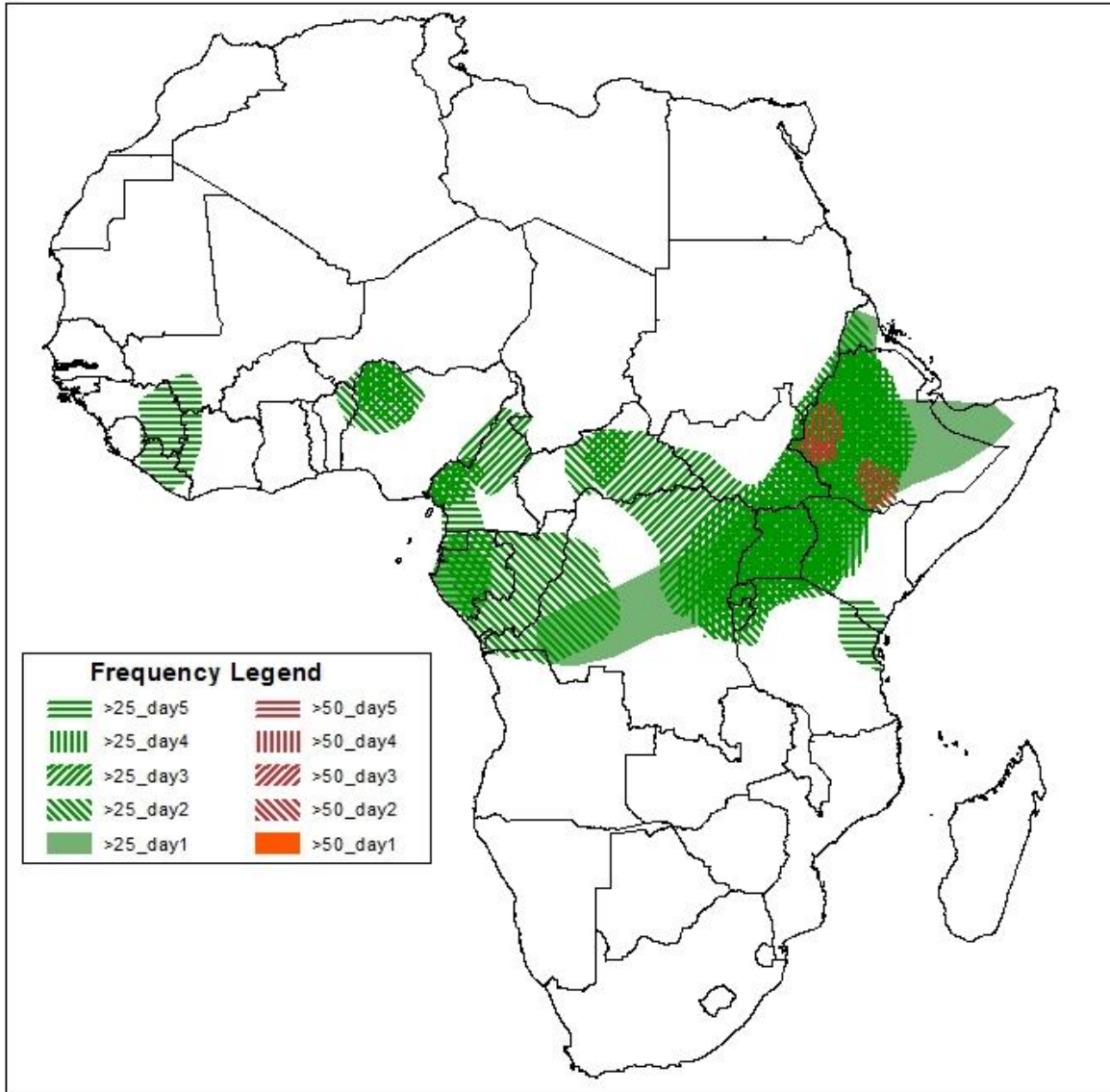
1. Rainfall, Heat Index and Dust Concentration Forecasts, (Issued on May 06, 2016)

1.1. Daily Rainfall and Maximum Heat Index Forecasts (valid: May 07– May 11, 2016)

The forecasts are expressed in terms of high probability of precipitation (POP) and high probability of maximum heat index, based on the NCEP/GFS, ECMWF and the NCEP Global Ensemble Forecasts System (GEFS) and expert assessment.



Five Days Rainfall Forecast Summary May 07 -May 11, 2016

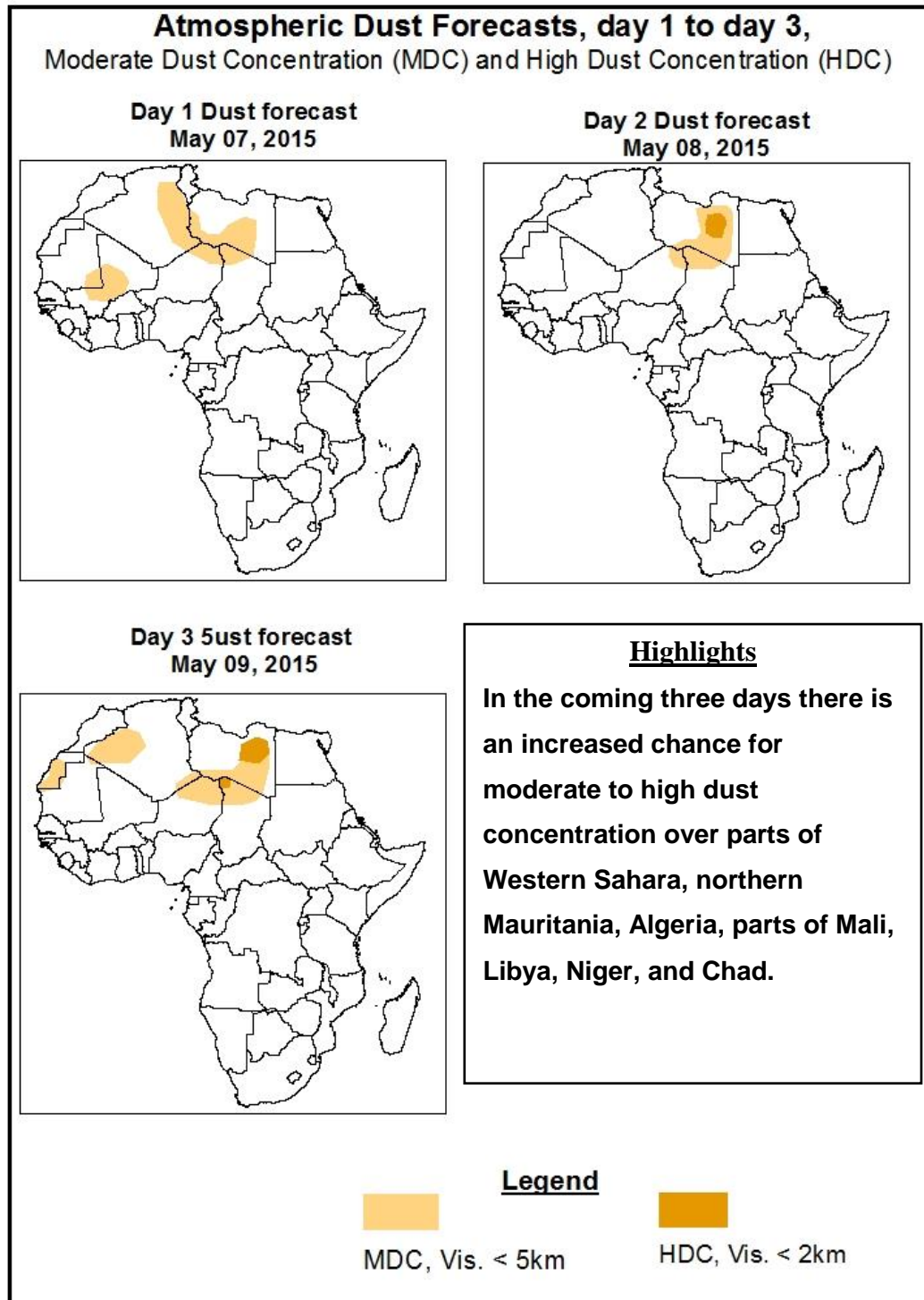


Highlights

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1.2. Atmospheric Dust Concentration Forecasts (valid: May 07 – May 09, 2016)

The forecasts are expressed in terms of high probability of dust concentration, based on the Navy Aerosol Analysis and Prediction System, NCEP/GFS lower-level wind forecasts and expert assessment.



1.3. Model Discussion, Valid: May 07 – May 11, 2016

The Azores high pressure system over the Northeast Atlantic Ocean is expected to weaken gradually, with its central pressure value decreasing from about 1030hPa to 1023hPa during the forecast period.

The St. Helena High pressure system over the Southeast Atlantic Ocean is expected to maintain an average central pressure value of 1024hPa during the forecast period.

The Mascarene high pressure system over the Southwest Indian Ocean is expected to weaken slightly with its central pressure value decreasing from about 1039hPa to 1032hPa during the forecast period.

The heat lows across the Sahel region and Sudan are expected to maintain an average central pressure value of 1007hPa during the forecast period.

At 925hPa level, dry northeasterly to easterly flow is expected to prevail across northern Africa and parts of the Sahel countries, whereas moist southwesterly monsoon flow is expected to prevail across the Gulf Guinea countries during the forecast period.

At 850hPa level, a zonal wind convergence is expected to prevail across in the region between northeastern Mali and Sudan across the Sahel region. A broad area of southeasterly flow is expected to prevail across eastern and central Africa, with stronger prevailing across coastal East Africa. Meridional wind convergence near the Lake Victoria region is also expected to maintain seasonal rainfall in the region.

At 500hPa level, a trough in mid-latitude westerly flow is expected to prevail across the Red Sea, with the southern extent of the westerly trough reaching the latitudes of Eritrea and Ethiopia during the forecast period.

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There is also an increased chance for maximum heat index values to exceed 40°C portions of Mali, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Togo, Nigeria, Niger, Chad, and parts of CAR.

2.0. Previous and Current Day Weather over Africa

2.1. Weather assessment for the previous day (May 05, 2016)

Moderate to locally heavy rainfall was observed over portions of local areas in Gulf of Guinea, Central Africa countries and Greater Horn of Africa.

2.2. Weather assessment for the current day (May 06, 2016)

Intense convective clouds are observed across parts of Gulf of Guinea, Central Africa countries and Greater Horn of Africa.

