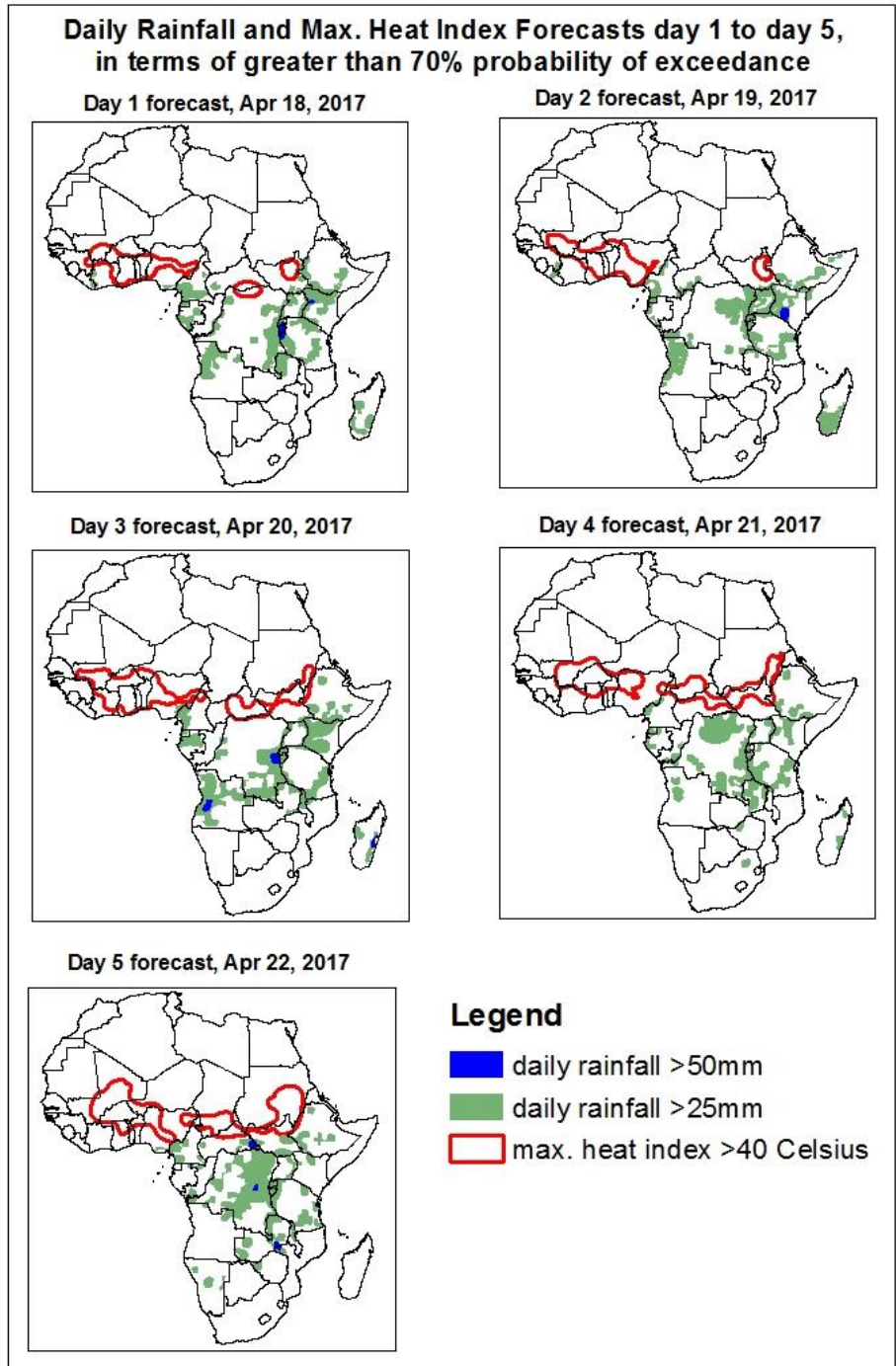


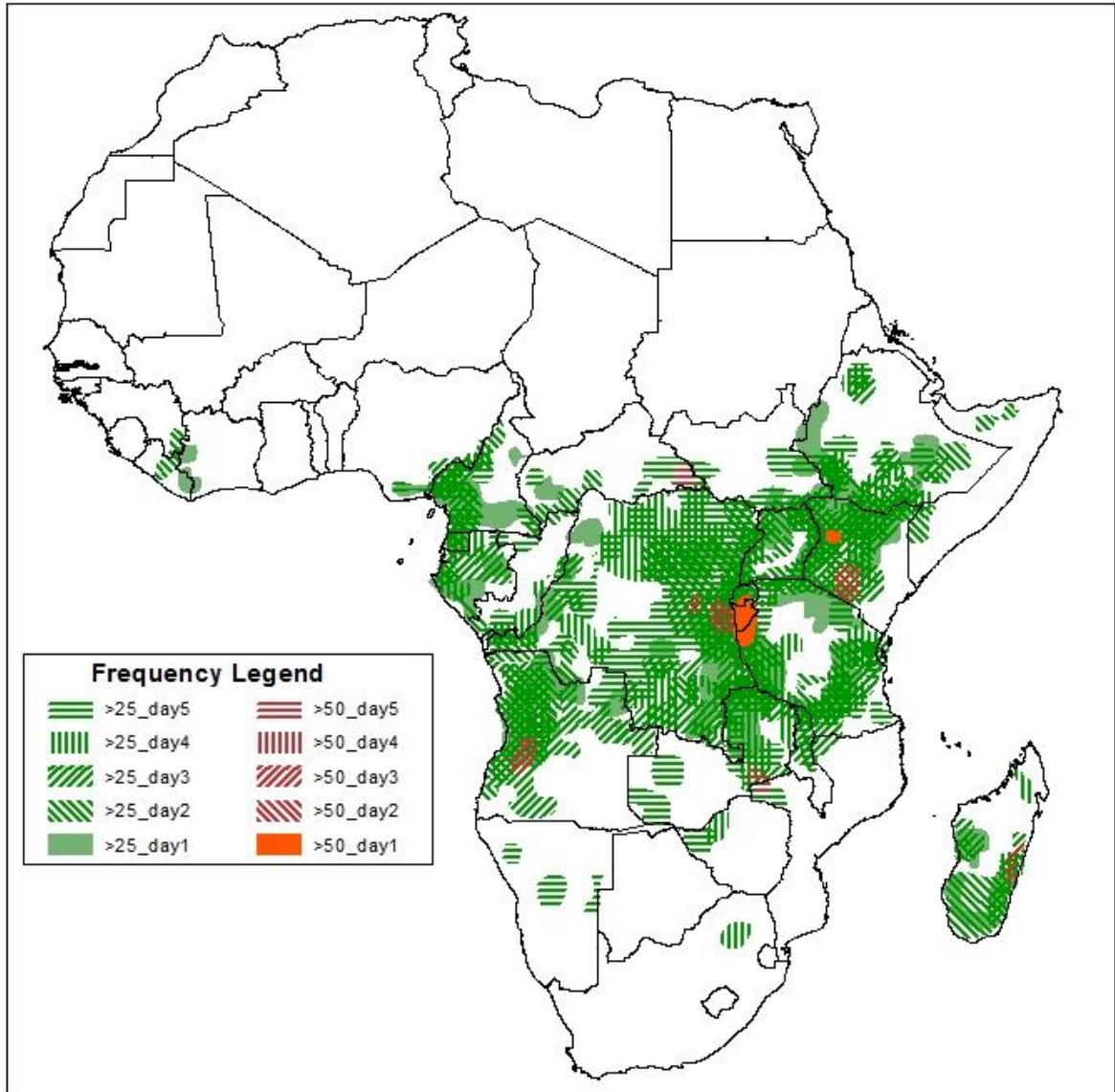
1. Rainfall, Heat Index and Dust Concentration Forecasts, (Issued on Apr 17, 2017)

1.1. Daily Rainfall and Maximum Heat Index Forecasts (valid: Apr 18 – 22, 2017)

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.



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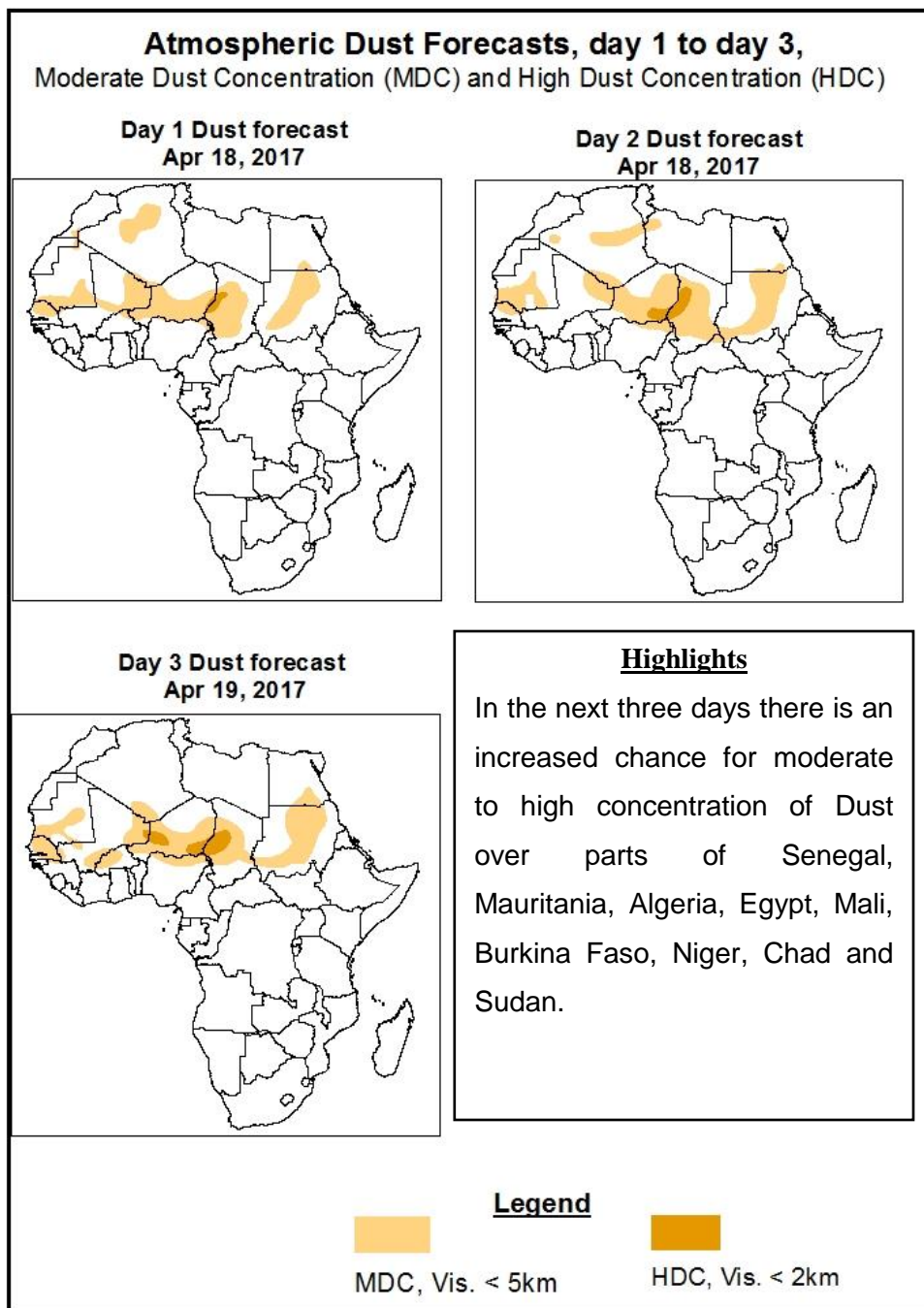


Highlights

In the next five days, lower level wind convergences across the Central and South African countries are expected to enhance rainfall in their respective regions. Therefore, there is an increased chance for two or more days of moderate to heavy rainfall over portions of Cameroon, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, DRC, Ethiopia, Uganda, Kenya, Burundi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Angola, Zambia, Malawi and Madagascar, local areas Cote d'Ivoire, Nigeria, South Sudan, CAR, Congo, Mozambique, Zimbabwe and South Africa.

1.2. Atmospheric Dust Concentration Forecasts (valid: Apr 18 – 20, 2017)

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: Apr 18 – Apr 22, 2017

The Azores High Pressure system over the North Atlantic Ocean is expected to intensify with its value of the central pressure increasing from 1028hPa to 1039hPa during the next 72 hours and weaken to 1032hPa during the remaining forecast period.

The St. Helena High Pressure system over the Southeast of the Atlantic Ocean is expected to weaken with its value of the central pressure decreasing from 1031hPa to 1025hPa during the forecast period.

The Mascarene High Pressure system over the Southwest Indian Ocean is expected to intensify with its value of the central pressure increasing from 1023hPa to 1027hPa during the next 48 hours and weaken to 1024hPa during the remaining forecast period.

At 925hPa, strong dry Northeasterly to Easterly winds may lead from light to moderate dust concentration over parts of Senegal, Mauritania, Western Sahara, Morocco, Algeria, Libya, Egypt, Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger, Chad and Sudan.

At 850hPa level, lower level wind convergences are expected to prevail over Cameroon, Congo, CAR, DRC, South Sudan, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Angola, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Namibia, Botswana, South Africa and Madagascar.

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2.0. Previous and Current Day Weather over Africa

2.1. Weather assessment for the previous day (Apr 16, 2017)

Light to moderate rainfall was observed over portions of Sudan, Cote d'Ivoire, Nigeria, Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Congo, CAR, DRC, Ethiopia, Somalia, Burundi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Angola, Zambia, Malawi, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, South Africa and Madagascar.

2.2. Weather assessment for the current day (Apr 17, 2017)

Intense convective clouds are observed over portions of Mali, Burkina Faso, Guinea, Liberia, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Benin, Nigeria, Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Congo, CAR, DRC, South Chad, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Somalia, Kenya, Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Angola, Zambia, Malawi, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Mozambique, South Africa and Madagascar.

