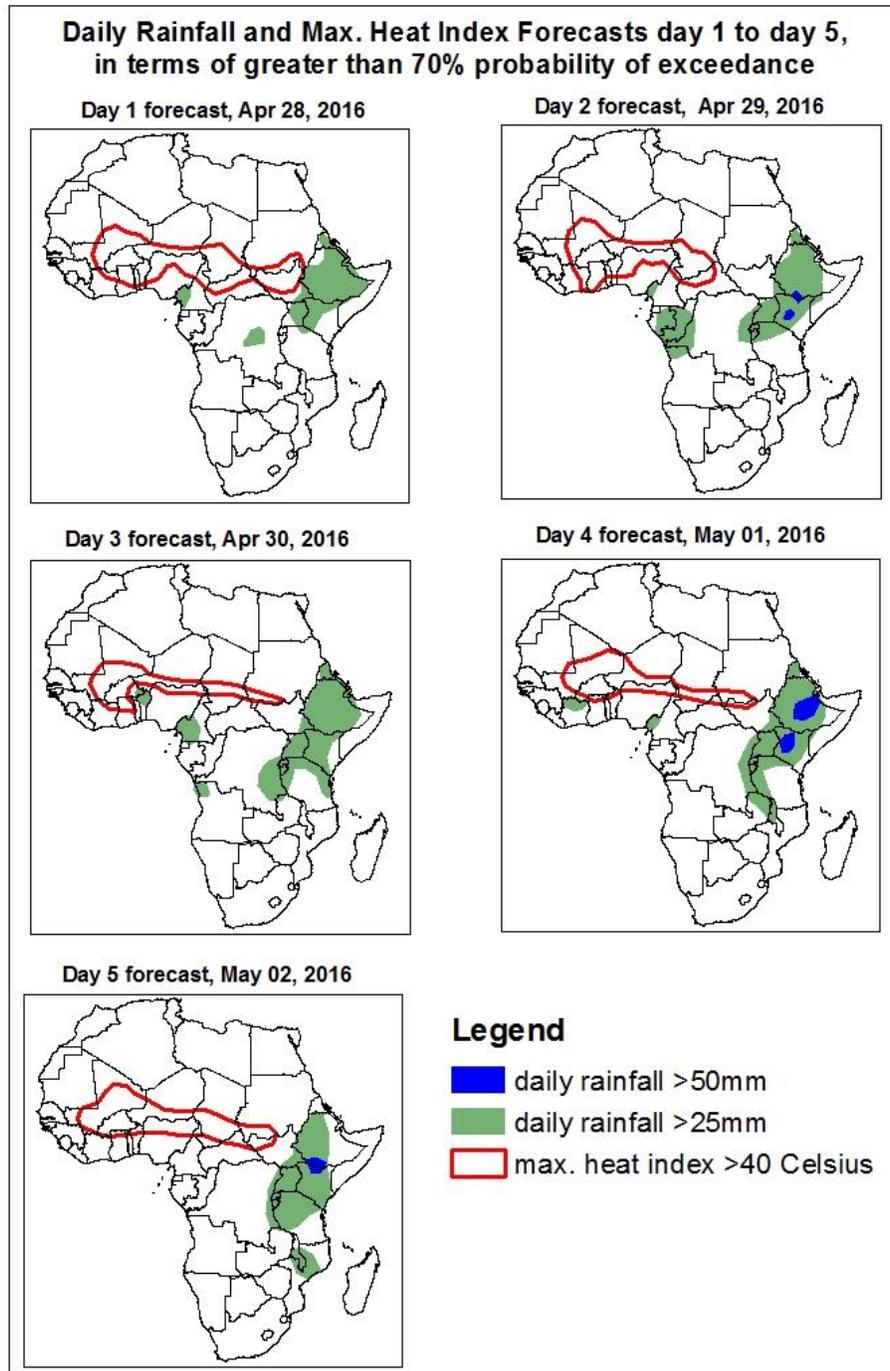


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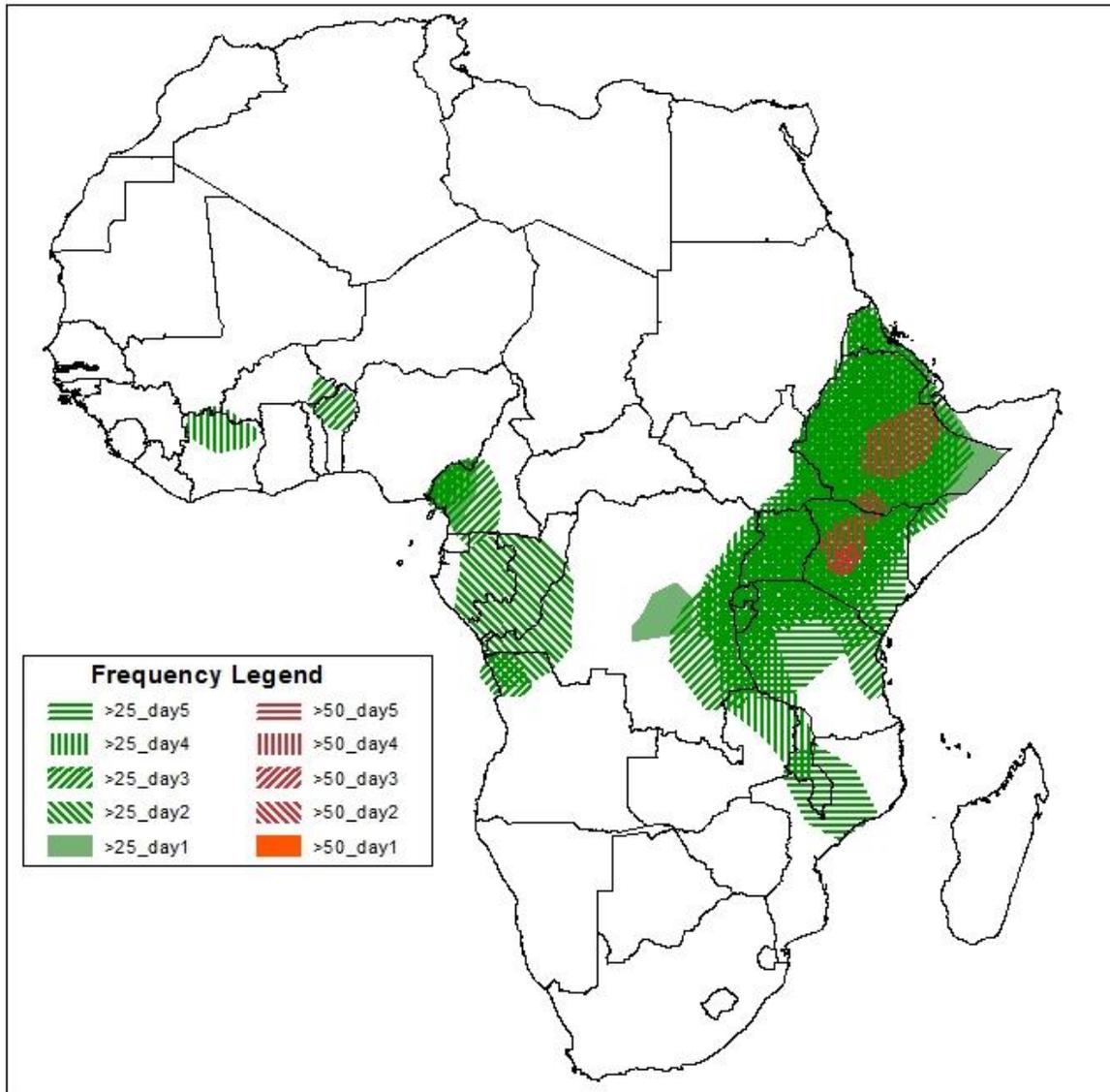
1. Rainfall, Heat Index and Dust Concentration Forecasts, (Issued on April 27, 2016)

1.1. Daily Rainfall and Maximum Heat Index Forecasts (valid: April 28– May 02, 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 Apr 28 -May 02, 2016

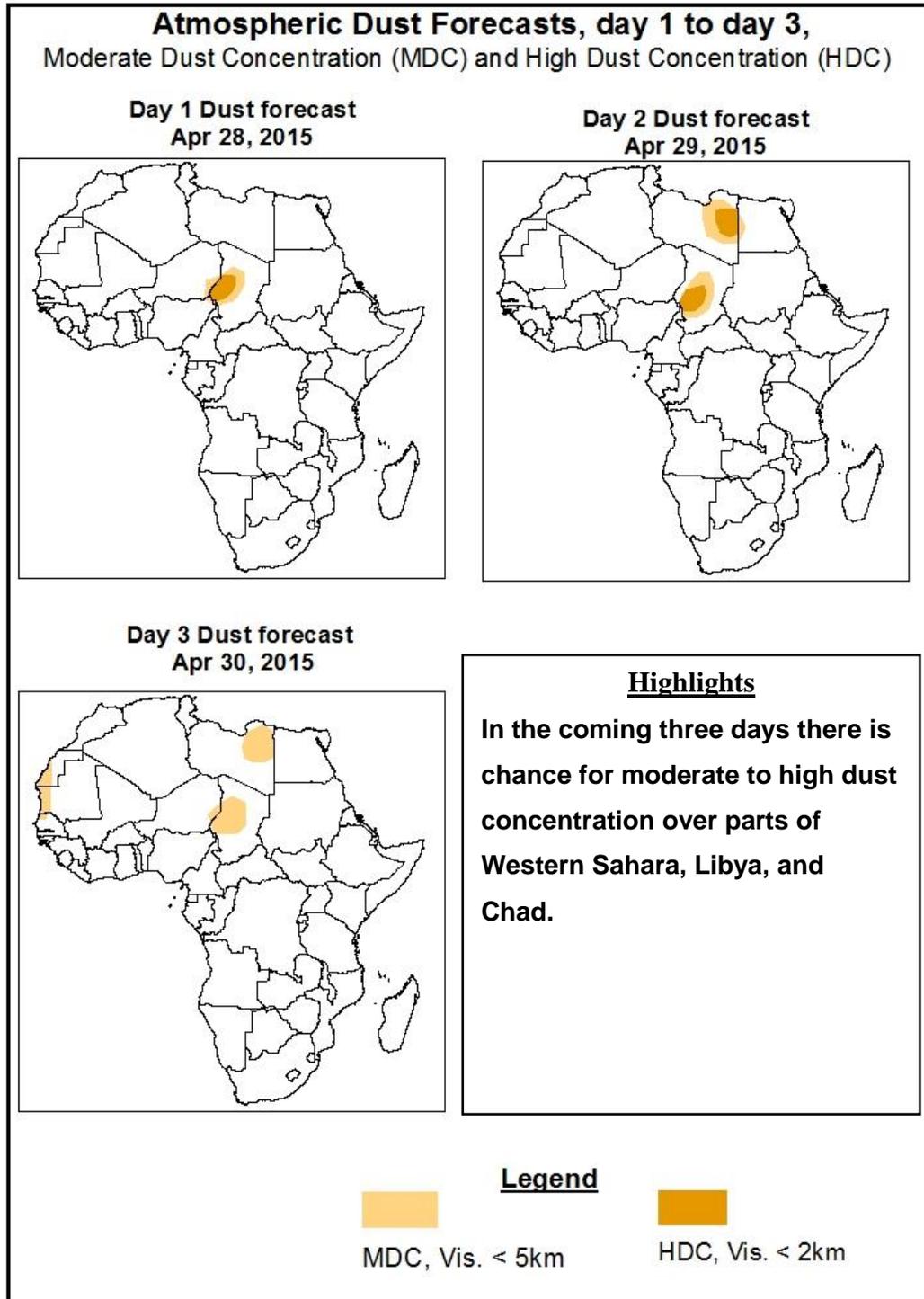


Highlights

In the coming five days, there is an increased chance for two or more days of moderate to heavy rainfall over portions of Northern Ivory Coast and Togo, parts of Cameroon, Gabon, Congo, SE Sudan, DRC, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Kenya, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Zambia and Mozambique.

1.2. Atmospheric Dust Concentration Forecasts (valid: April 28 – April 30, 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: April 28 – May 02, 2016

The central pressure value associated with the Azores high pressure system over Northeast Atlantic with an initial central pressure value of about 1024Hpa is expected to intensify to about 1034Hpa in the next 72Hrs. It is expected to weaken to 1030Hpa during the forecast period.

The St. Helena High pressure system over the Southeast Atlantic Ocean with an initial central pressure value of 1026Hpa is expected to intensify to about 1029Hpa in the next 48Hrs. It is expected to weaken to about 1027Hpa in the next 96Hrs.

The Mascarene high pressure system over the Southwest Indian Ocean with an initial central value of 1030Hpa is expected to intensify to about 1036Hpa in the next 72Hrs. It is expected to weaken to about 1027Hpa during the forecast period.

At 925HPa level, dry northeasterly to easterly flow is expected to prevail across parts of the Sahel region and Northwest Africa, leading to increased atmospheric dust concentration in some of these areas.

At 850hPa level, low level moisture convergence across southern DRC is expected to enhance rainfall during the forecast period. Monsoon flow from the Indian Ocean across East Africa and the seasonal wind convergences across eastern DRC and the Lake Victoria region is expected to enhance rainfall in the area during the forecast period.

In the coming five days, there is an increased chance for two or more days of moderate to heavy rainfall over portions of Guinea, Liberia, Southern Burkina Faso, Ghana, Northern Togo, Central Nigeria, Cameroon, CAR, Gabon, Congo, Eastern DRC, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Kenya, Ethiopia, Somali and Tanzania.

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, CAR and parts of South Sudan.

2.0. Previous and Current Day Weather over Africa

2.1. *Weather assessment for the previous day* (April 26, 2016)

Moderate to locally heavy rainfall was observed over portions of Guinea, Cameroon, CAR, Gabon, Congo, DRC, Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda, Western Kenya, Ethiopia and Somali.

2.2. *Weather assessment for the current day* (April 27, 2016)

Intense convective clouds are observed across parts of Central and NE Nigeria, Northern Cameroon, South Sudan, CAR, SE Congo, DRC, Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia and Somali.

