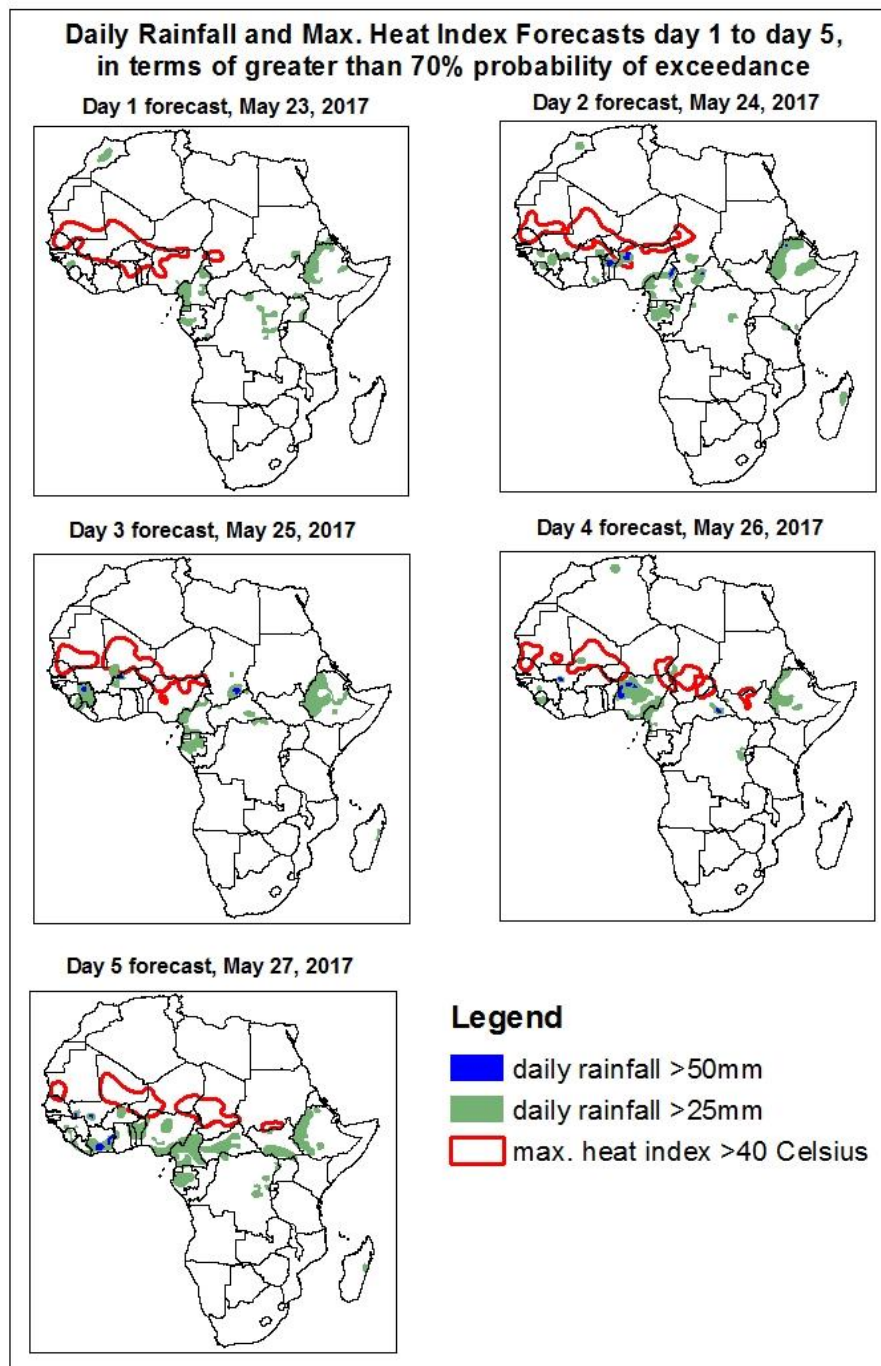


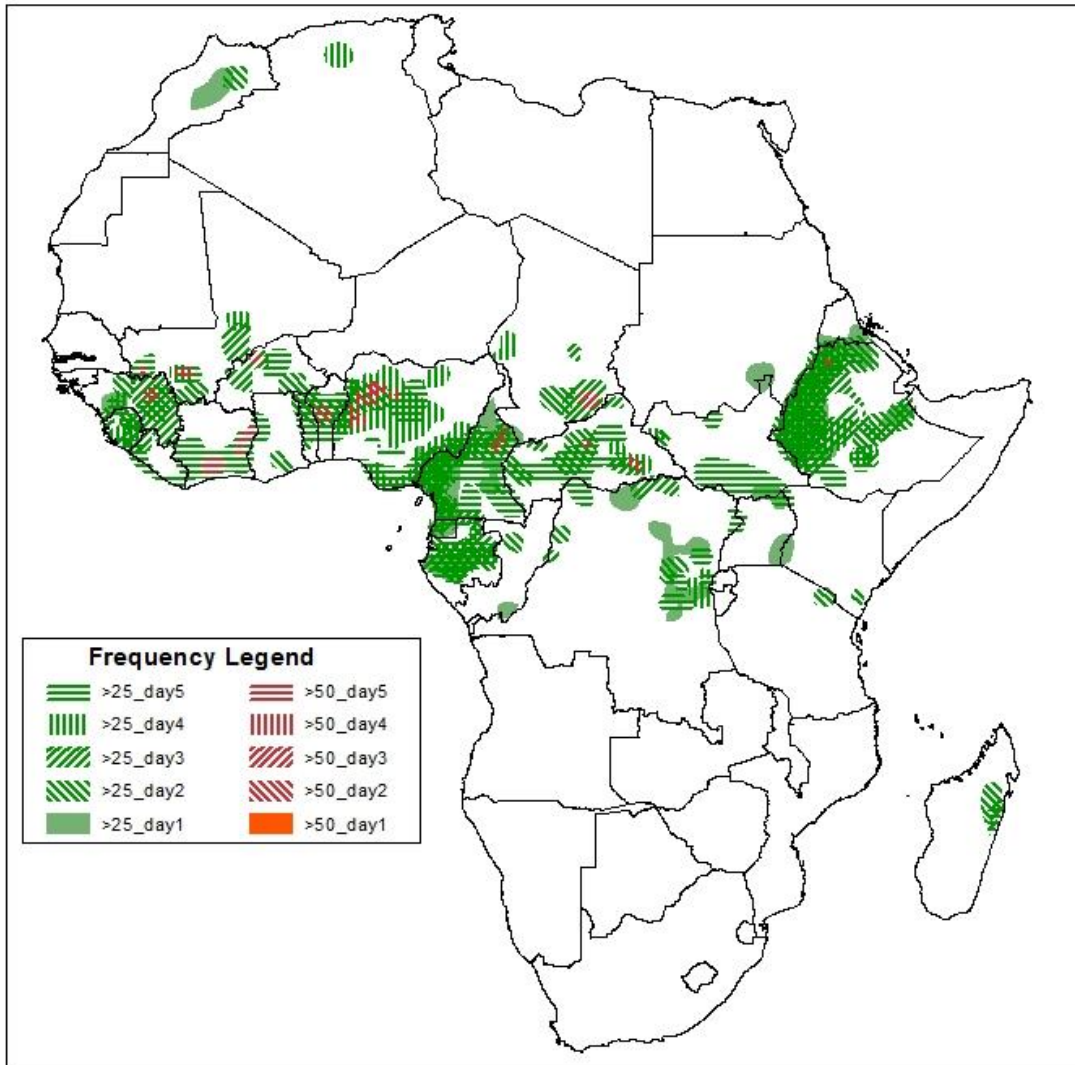
1. Rainfall, Heat Index and Dust Concentration Forecasts, (Issued on May 22, 2017)

1.1. Daily Rainfall and Maximum Heat Index Forecasts (valid: May 23 – 27, 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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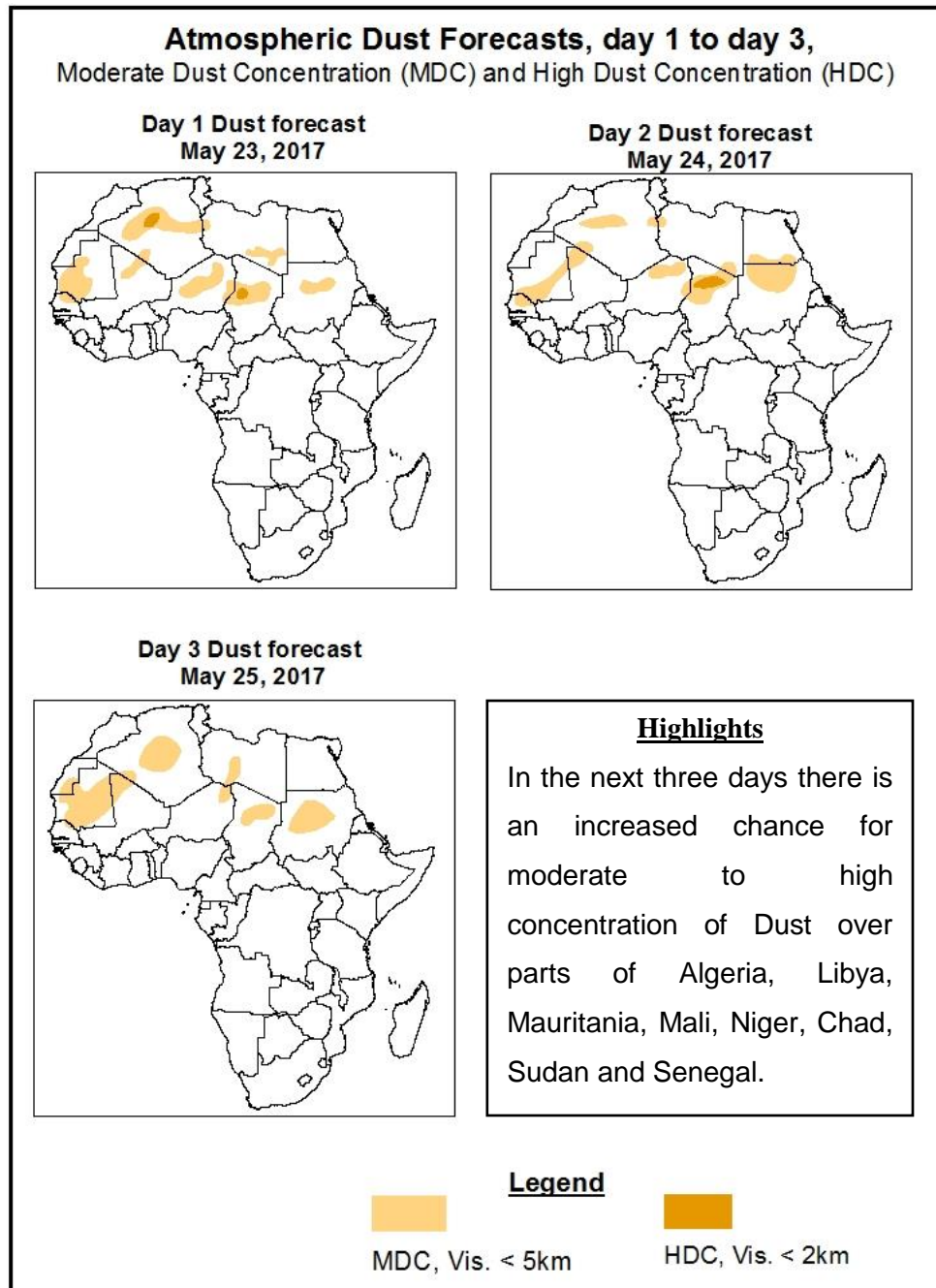


Highlights

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 Guinea, Sierra Leone, Togo, Benin, Nigeria, Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Ethiopia and local areas of Morocco, Mali, Burkina Faso, Chad, Eritrea, Liberia, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, CAR, DRC, South Sudan, Uganda and Madagascar.

1.2. Atmospheric Dust Concentration Forecasts (valid: May 23 – 25, 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: May 23 – 24, 2017

The Azores High Pressure system over the North Atlantic Ocean is expected to intensify with its value of the central pressure increasing from 1023hPa to 1026hPa during the next 96 hours and weaken to 1024hPa during the remaining forecast period.

The St. Helena High Pressure system over the Southeast of the Atlantic Ocean is expected to intensify with its value of the central pressure increasing from 1032hPa to 1034hPa during the next 48 hours and weaken to 1033hPa during the remaining 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 1024hPa to 1025hPa during the next 48 hours, weaken to 1023hPa during the next 72 hours and intensify to 1026hPa during the remaining forecast period.

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

At 850hPa level, lower level wind convergences are expected to prevail over Cameroon, Gabon, Congo, CAR, DRC, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Somalia, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, 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 (May 21, 2017)

Light to moderate rainfall was observed over portions of Mauritania, Sudan, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Congo, CAR, DRC, Ethiopia, Somalia, Kenya, Tanzania, Angola and Madagascar.

2.2. Weather assessment for the current day (May 22, 2017)

Intense convective clouds are observed over portions of Chad, Sudan, Eritrea, Nigeria, Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Congo, CAR, DRC, South Sudan, Ethiopia and Somalia.

