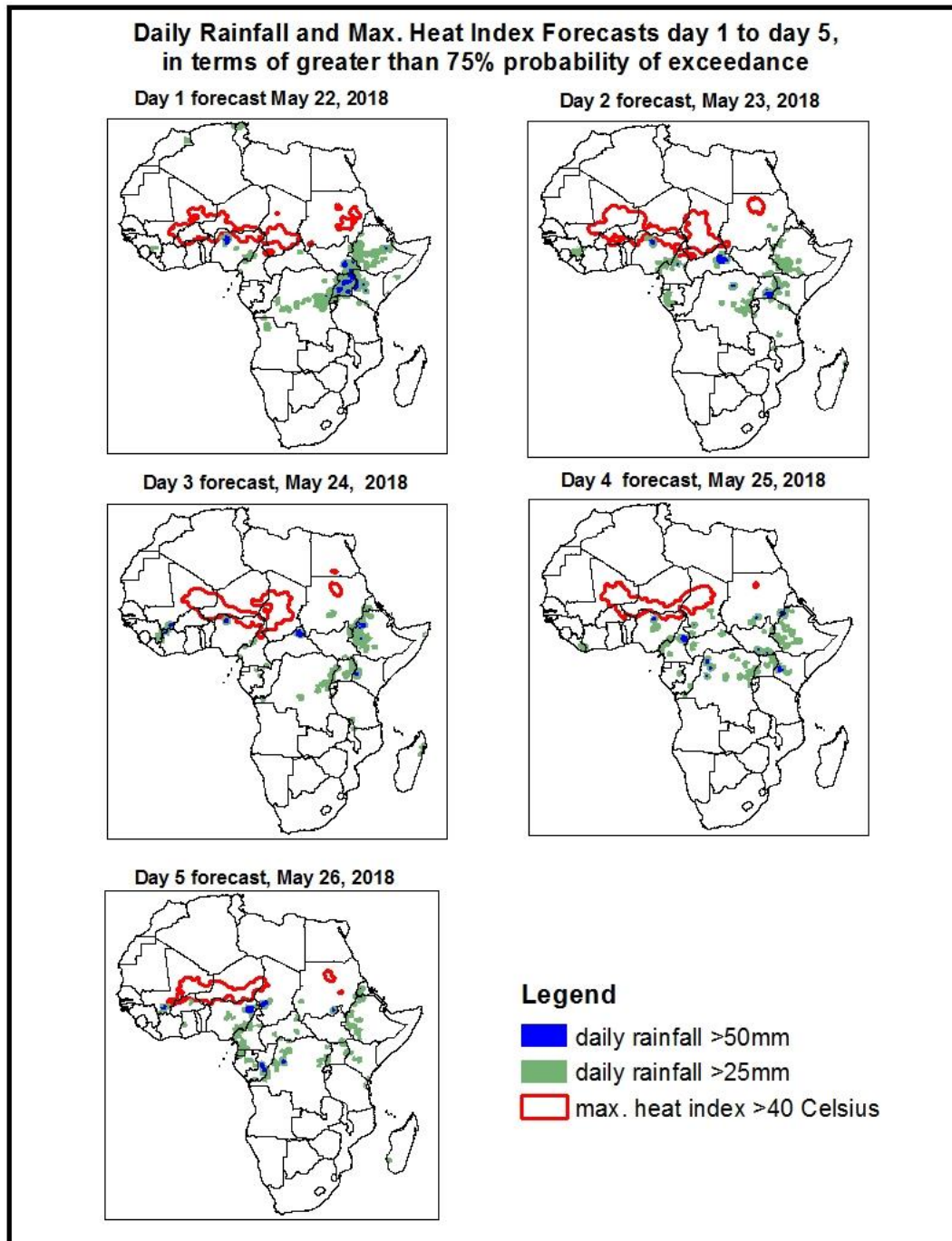


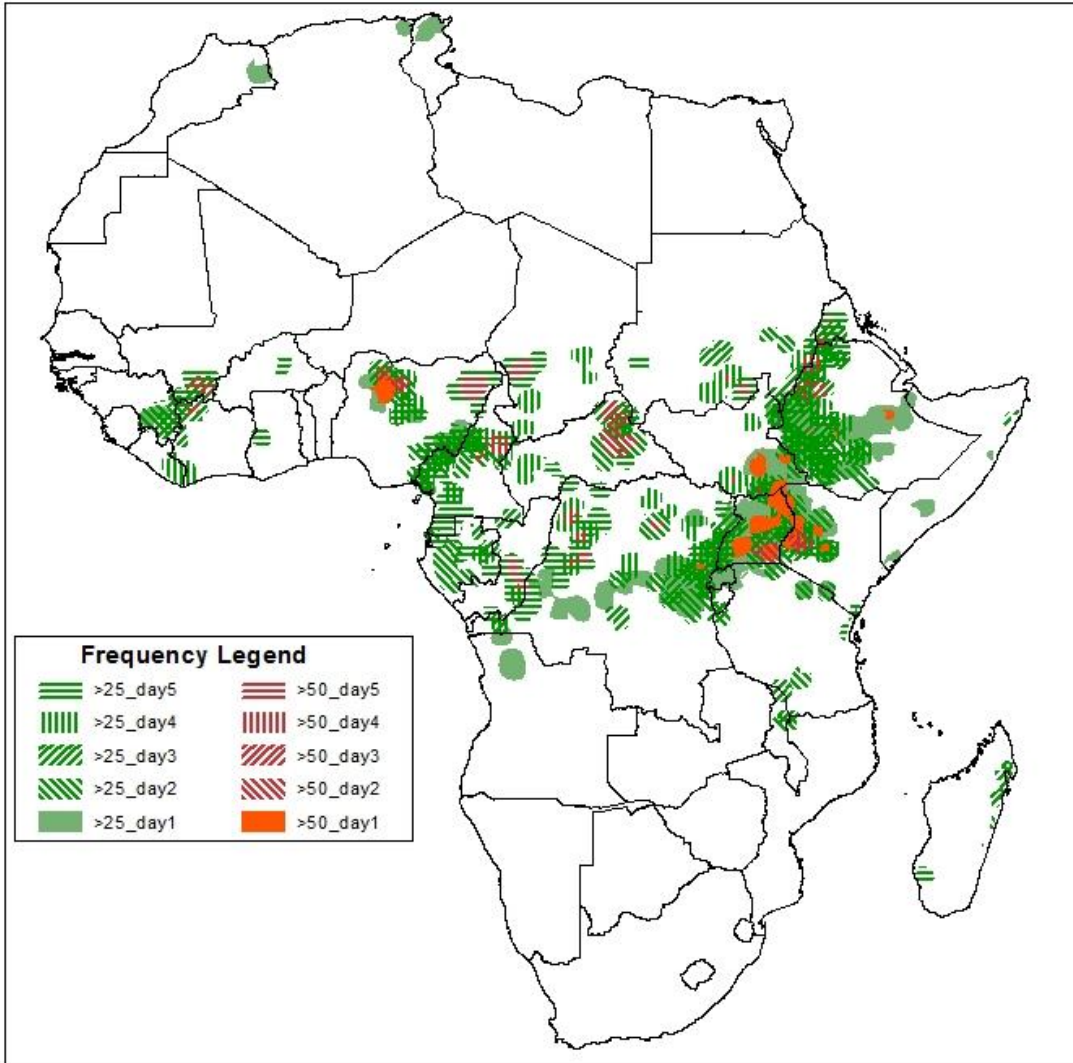
1. Rainfall, Heat Index and Dust Concentration Forecasts, (Issued on May 21, 2018)

1.1. Daily Rainfall and Maximum Heat Index Forecasts (valid: May 22, – May 26, 2018)

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



Five Days Rainfall Forecast Summary 22 May - 26 May, 2018.

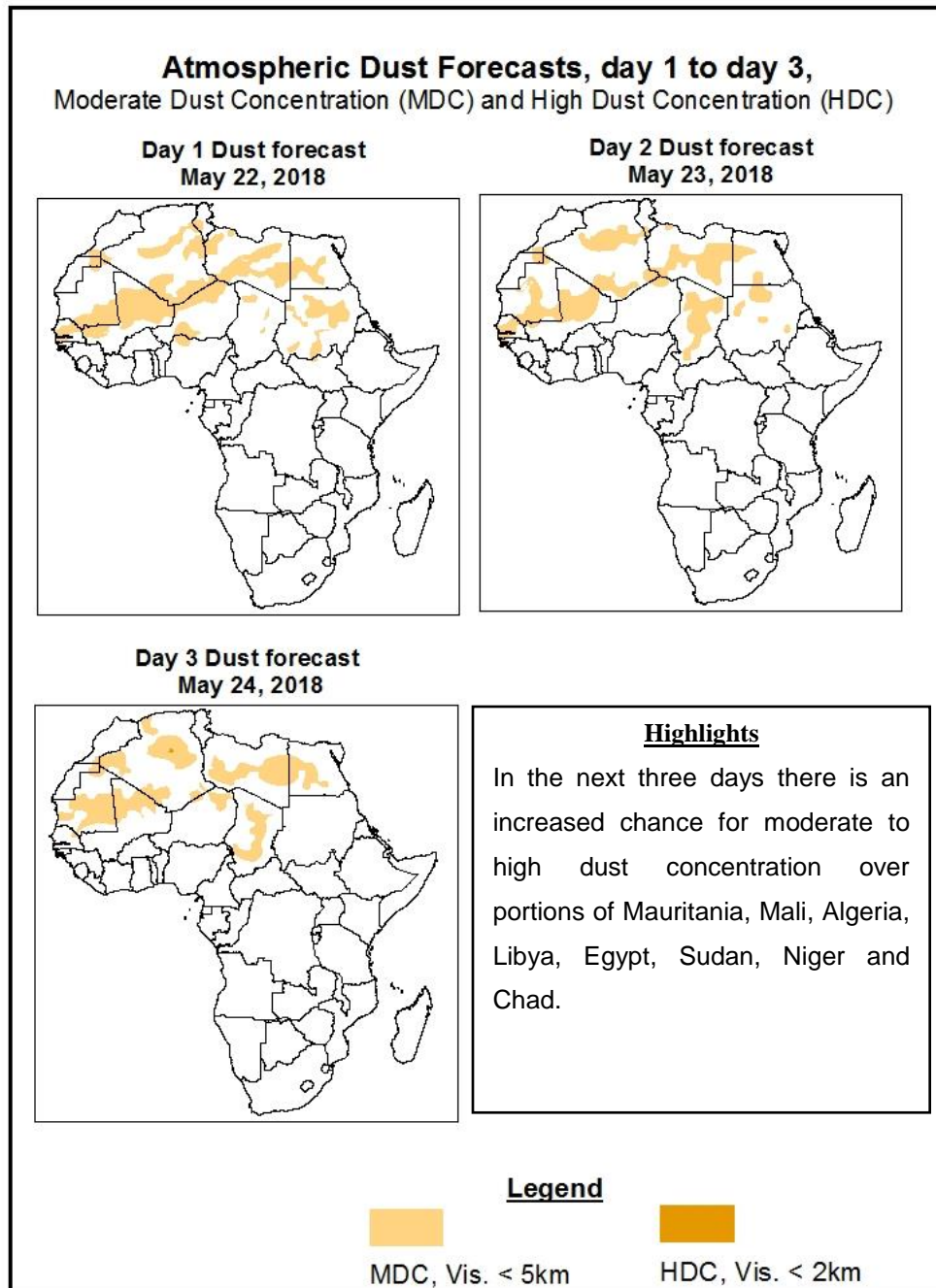


Highlights

In the next five days, lower-level wind divergence across part of Gulf of Guinea countries and lower-level convergence over part of Nigeria, Cameroon and the eastern Africa are expected to enhance rainfall in Nigeria, Cameroon and part of the eastern Africa then a reduction of rainfall over the western Africa. As a result, there is an increased chance for two or more days of moderate to heavy rainfall over portions of Guinea, Mali, Ivory Coast, Nigeria, Cameroon, Chad, Sudan, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Congo, DRC, CAR, South Sudan, Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia and Eritrea.

1.2. Atmospheric Dust Concentration Forecasts (valid: May 22 – May 24, 2018)

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 22– May 26, 2018

The Azores High Pressure system over the North Atlantic Ocean is expected to weaken during the forecast period. The central pressure values ranges from about 1026 hPa to 1023 hPa during the forecast period.

The St. Helena High Pressure system over the Southeast Atlantic Ocean is expected to intensify during the forecast period. The central pressure values ranges from about 1022 hPa to 1024 hPa during the forecast period.

The Mascarene High Pressure system over the Southwest Indian Ocean is expected to intensify during the forecast period. The central pressure values ranges from about 1023 hPa to 1030 hPa during the forecast period.

At 925hPa, dry strong northeasterly to easterly wind is expected to prevail across northern Africa and portions of the Sahel region.

At 850hPa, in West Africa, it is expected the oscillation of the Inter Tropical Convergence Zone above the Gulf of Guinea countries while the area of wind convergence remain active in he the eastern part of South Sudan during the forecast period.

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2.0. Previous and Current Day Weather over Africa

2.1. Weather assessment for the previous day (May 20, 2018)

Moderate to locally heavy rainfall was observed over parts of Morocco, Algeria, Guinea, Mali, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Sao Tome and Principe, Congo, Angola, CAR, DRC, Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia, and South Africa.

2.2. Weather assessment for the current day (May 21, 2018)

Intense convective clouds are observed over across most parts of East Africa.

