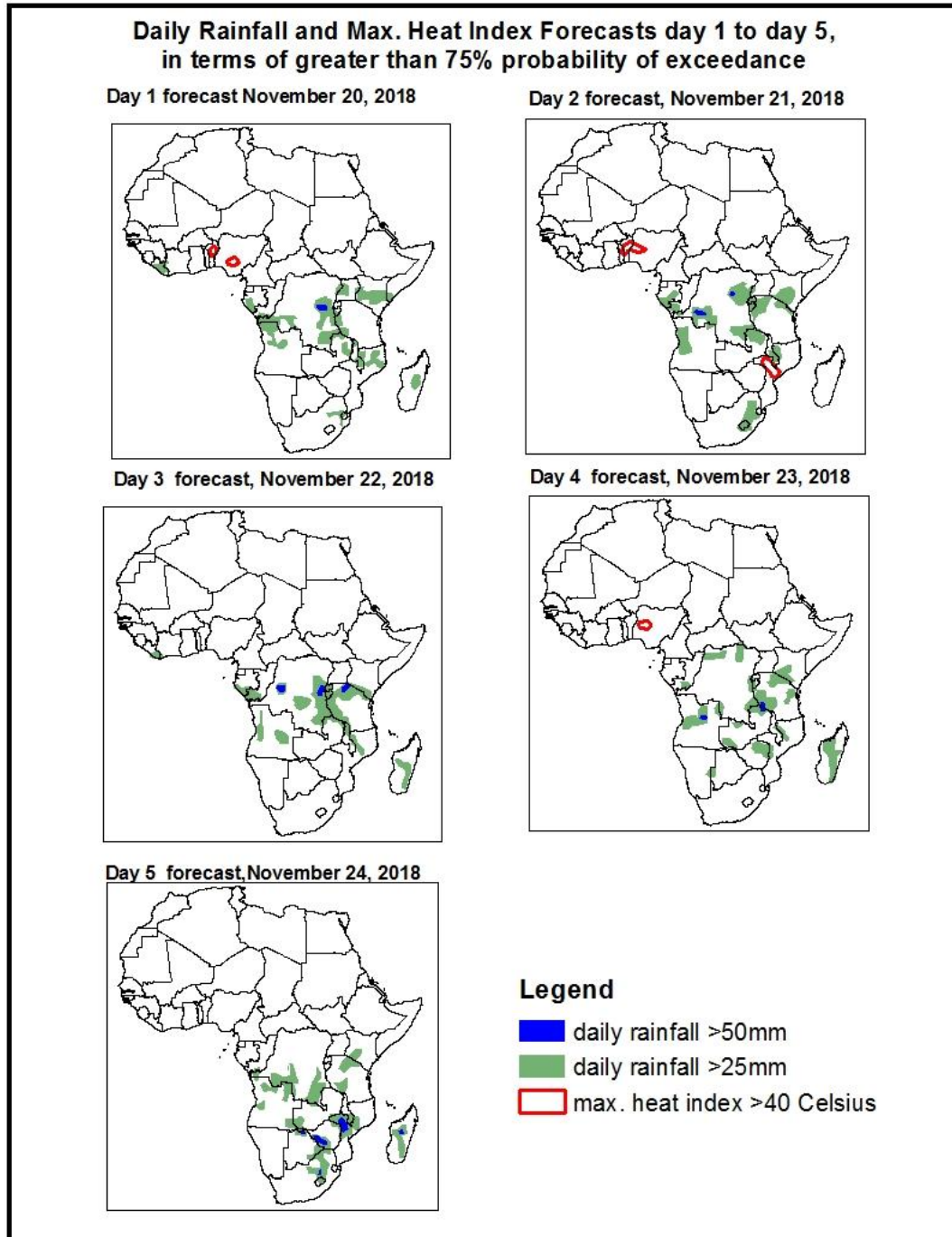


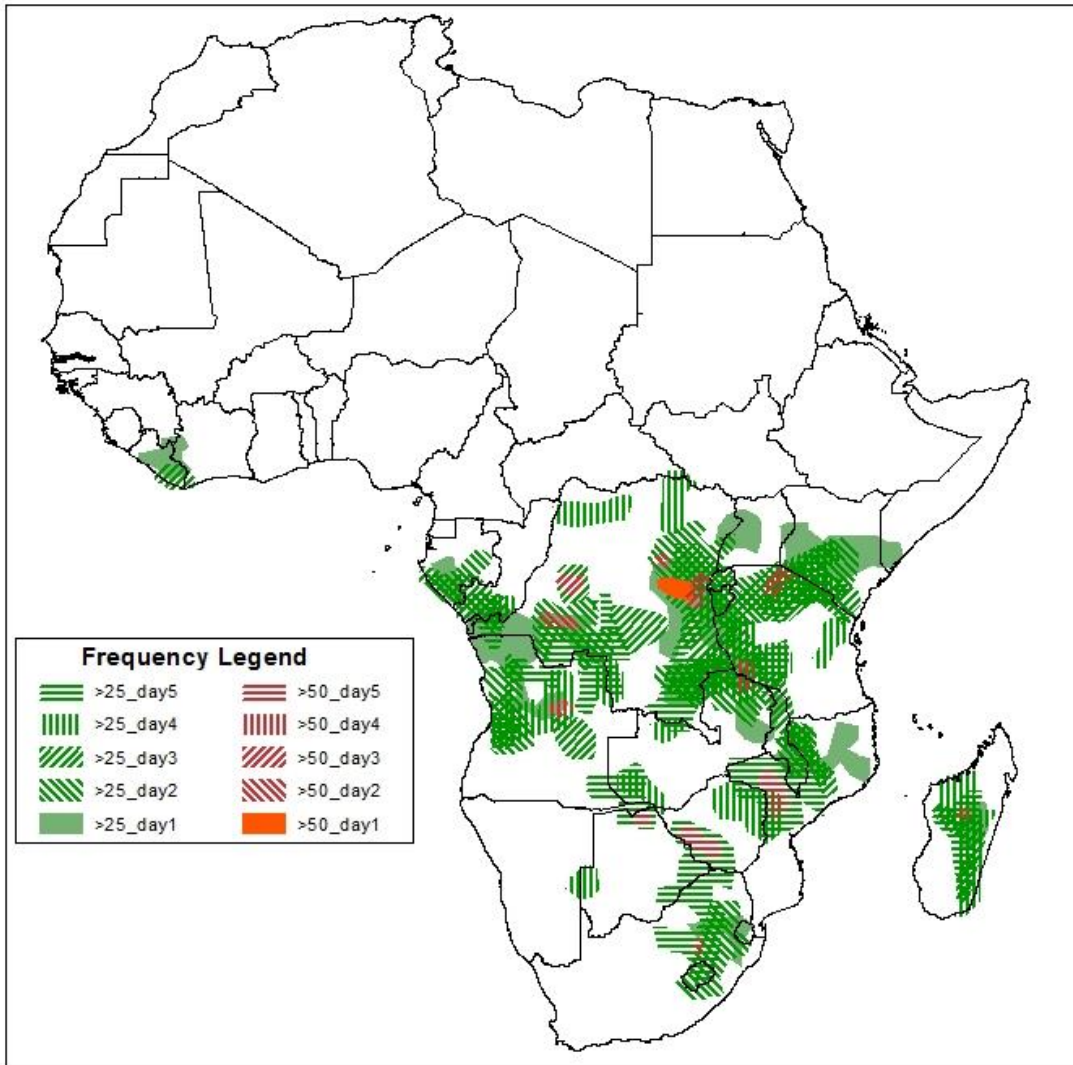
1. Rainfall, Heat Index and Dust Concentration Forecasts, (Issued on November 19, 2018)

1.1. Daily Rainfall and Maximum Heat Index Forecasts (valid: Nov 20 - 24, 2018)

The forecasts are expressed in terms of high probability of precipitation (POP), valid 06Z to 06Z, and exceedance probability of maximum heat index (>40°C), based on the NCEP/GFS and the NCEP Global Ensemble Forecasts System (GEFS) and expert assessment.



Five Days Rainfall Forecast Summary 20 - 24 November , 2018.

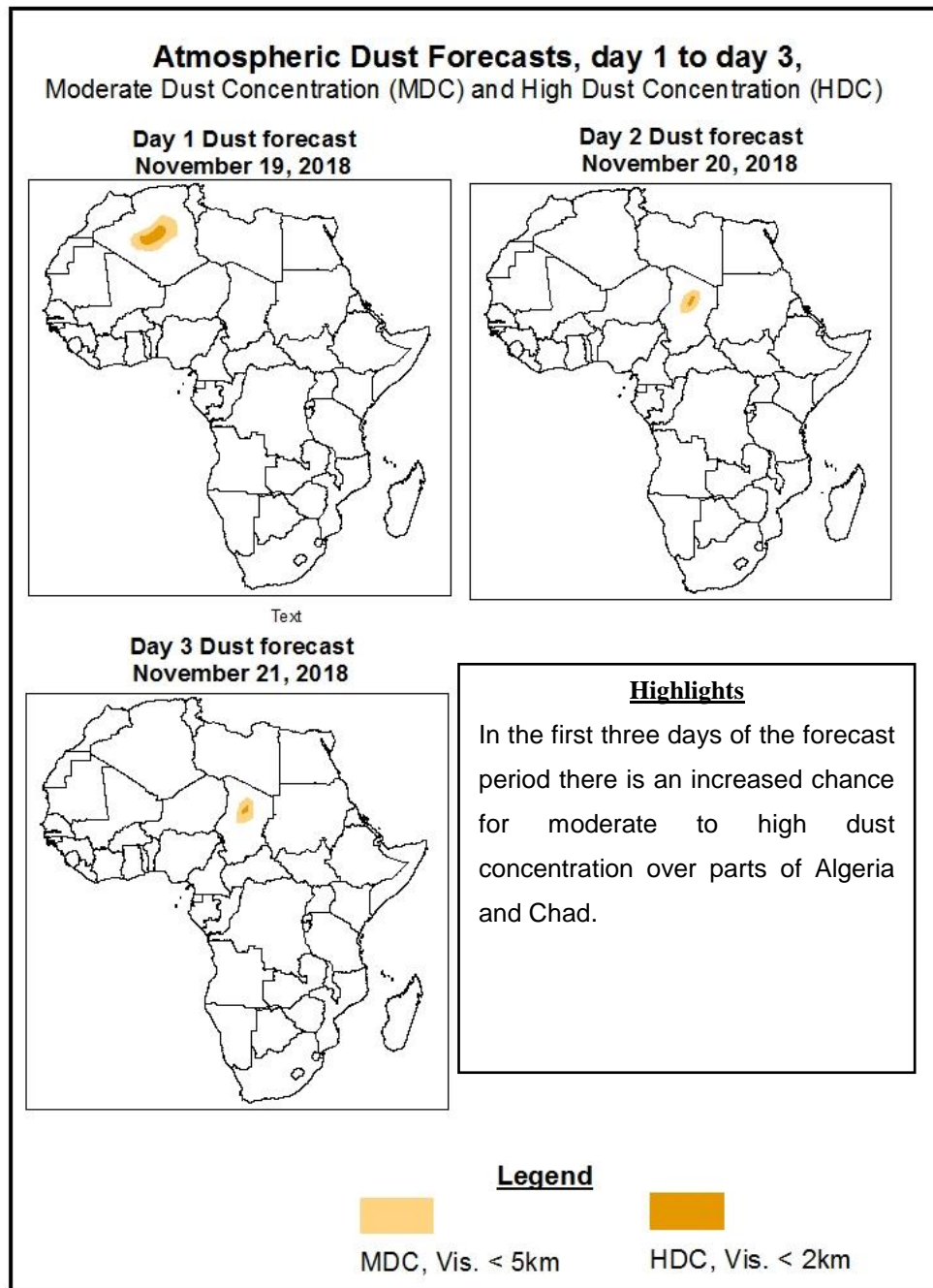


Highlights

- In the next five days the Congo Air Boundary (CAB) is expected to remain active over Central Africa and parts of Southern African. In the next five days, there is a chance for moderate to heavy rainfall over localized areas of Central and Southern African countries.
- There is an increased chance for temperature heat index values to exceed 40⁰C over local areas of Togo, Benin and Nigeria.

1.2. Atmospheric Dust Concentration Forecasts (valid: November 20 – 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: November 20 – 24, 2018

The Azores High Pressure system over the North Atlantic Ocean is expected to relax its strength. Its central pressure value is expected to decrease from 1032hPa and 1023hPa through the forecast period.

The St. Helena High Pressure system over Southwest Atlantic Ocean is expected to relax its strength as it progresses eastwards towards the sub-continent. Its central pressure value is expected to decrease from 1029hPa to 1022hPa through the forecast period.

The Mascarene High Pressure system over Southwest Indian Ocean is expected to maintain its strength as it progresses eastward with its central pressure value fluctuating between 1031hPa to 1029hPa through the forecast period.

At 925hPa, strong northeasterly to easterly flow is expected to prevail over most parts of Northern Africa and the Sahel region. Moist and unstable Southwesterly to westerly winds are expected to weaken over parts of Gulf of Guinea but remain active over Central African countries.

At 850hPa, Lower-level wind convergence associated with the Congo air boundary (CAB) over parts of Central Africa. Also, Northeasterly flow over Southern and the Southeast of Africa.

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2.0. Previous and Current Day Weather over Africa

2.1. Weather assessment for the previous day (November 18, 2018)

Above 25mm daily rainfall was observed over localized areas of western Central Africa.

2.2. Weather assessment for the current day (November 19, 2018)

Intense convective clouds are observed over some areas of the Gulf of Guinea, Central African and southern African countries.

