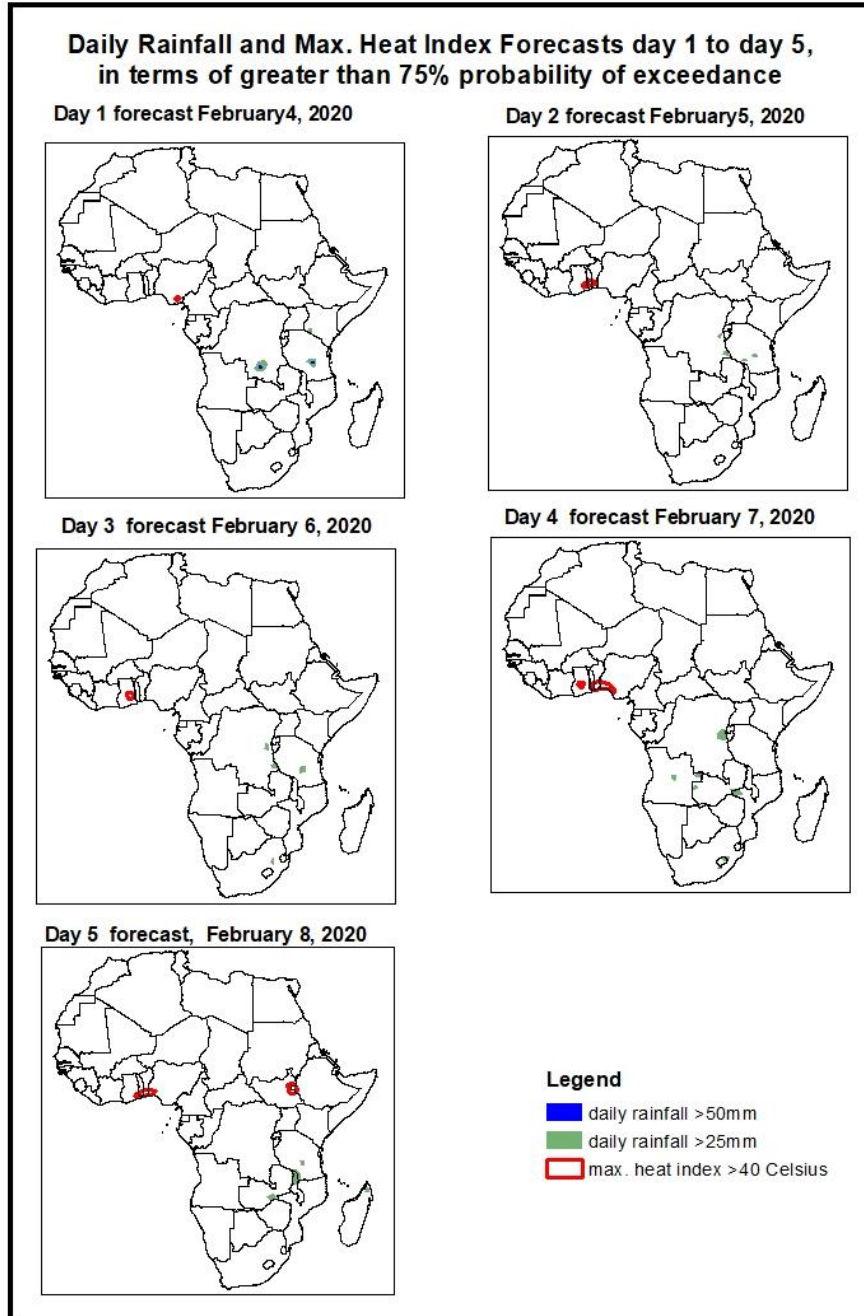


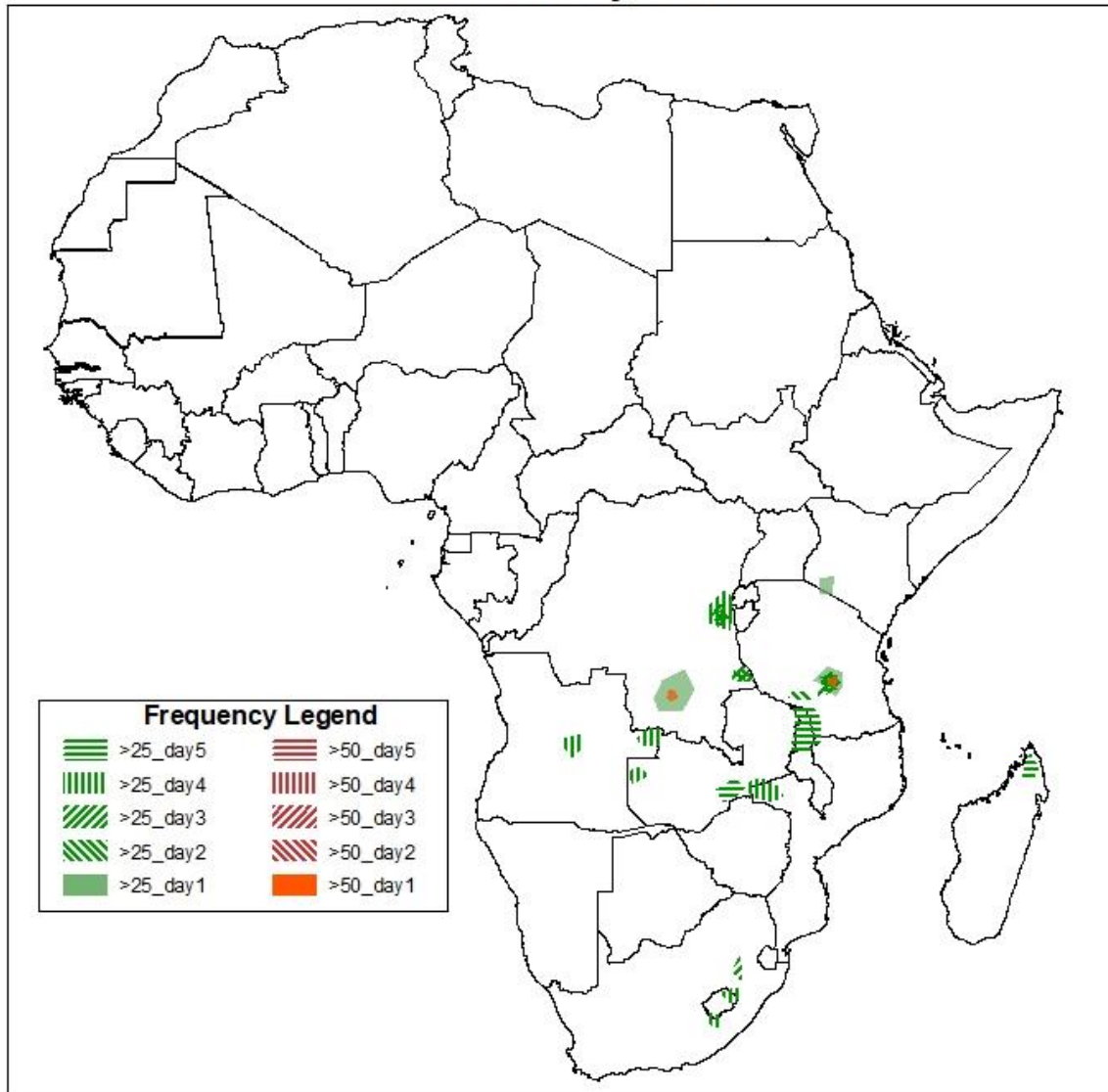
1. Rainfall, Heat Index and Dust Concentration Forecasts, (Issued on February 3, 2020)

1.1. Daily Rainfall and Maximum Heat Index Forecasts (valid: 4 – 8 Feb, 2020)

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.



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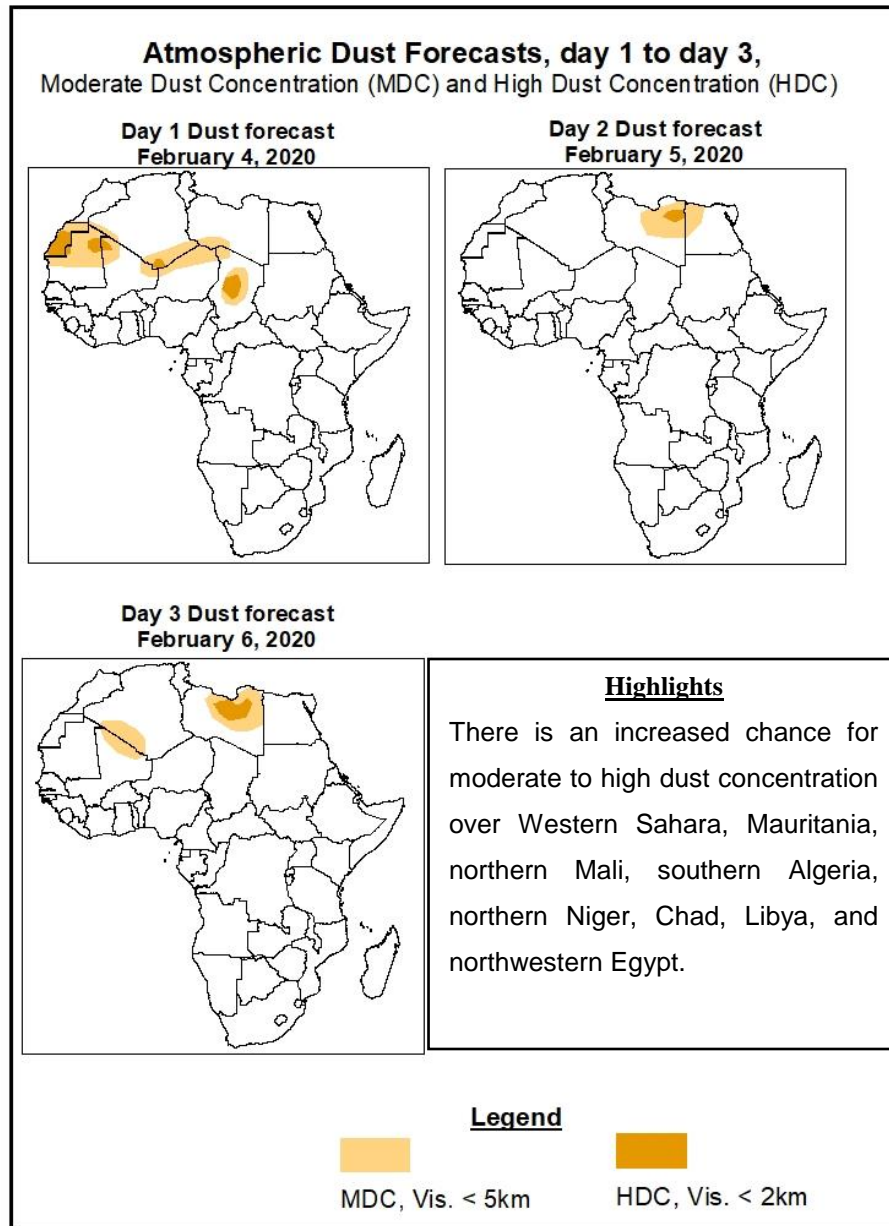


Highlights

- Lower-level wind convergences are expected to enhance rainfall over local areas in DRC and Tanzania.
- At least 25mm for two or more days is likely over local areas in DRC and Tanzania..
- There is an increased likelihood for daily rainfall to exceed 50mm over local areas in southern DRC and Tanzania.
- There is an increased chance for daily maximum heat index to exceed 40°C over local areas in the Gulf of Guinea region, and eastern South Sudan and southwestern Ethiopia.

1.2. Atmospheric Dust Concentration Forecasts (valid: 4 – 6 Feb, 2020)

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: 4 – 8 February 2020

The Azores High Pressure system over Northwest Africa and the neighboring areas is expected to intensify slightly with its central pressure value increasing from 1028hPa to 1032hPa during the forecast period.

The St. Helena High Pressure system over the Southeast Atlantic Ocean is expected to weaken, with its central pressure value decreasing from 1031hPa to 1022hPa during the forecast period.

The Mascarene High Pressure system over Southwest of Indian Ocean is expected to intensify, with its central pressure value increasing from 1028hPa to 1034hPa during the forecast period.

The Arabian Ridge is expected to remain strong, stretching as far as Ethiopia, and is expected to maintain dry weather over northeastern Africa.

At 925-hPa level, an area of strong dry northerly to northeasterly flow is expected to enhance atmospheric dust concentration over portions of the Sahel region, and North Africa. Zonal wind convergences are expected to remain active in the equatorial Africa region.

At 850-hPa level, lower-level wind convergences are expected to remain active in the Lake Victoria region. An area of cyclonic trough is expected to prevail in the region between central Angola and northern Mozambique.

Lower-level wind convergences are expected to enhance rainfall over local areas in DRC and Tanzania. At least 25mm for two or more days is likely over local areas in DRC and Tanzania. There is an increased likelihood for daily rainfall to exceed 50mm over local areas in southern DRC and Tanzania. There is an increased chance for daily maximum heat index to exceed 40°C over local areas in the Gulf of Guinea region, and eastern South Sudan and southwestern Ethiopia.

2.0. Previous and Current Day Weather over Africa

2.1. Weather assessment for the previous day (February 2, 2020)

Daily rainfall amount exceeded 25mm over local areas in Gabon, DRC, northern Mozambique and northern Madagascar.

2.2. Weather assessment for the current day (February 3, 2020)

Convective clouds are observed over many places in Central and East Africa, and portions of Southern Africa.

