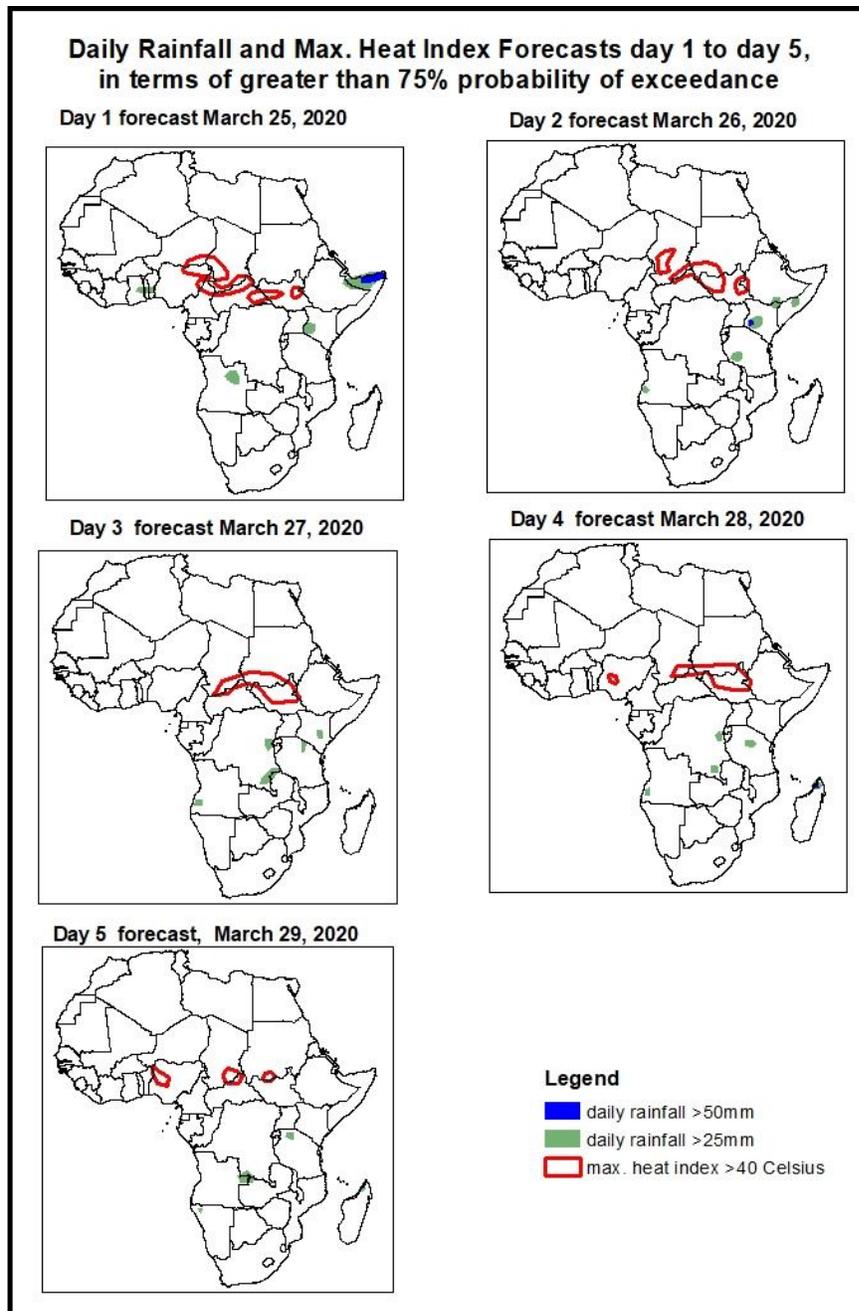


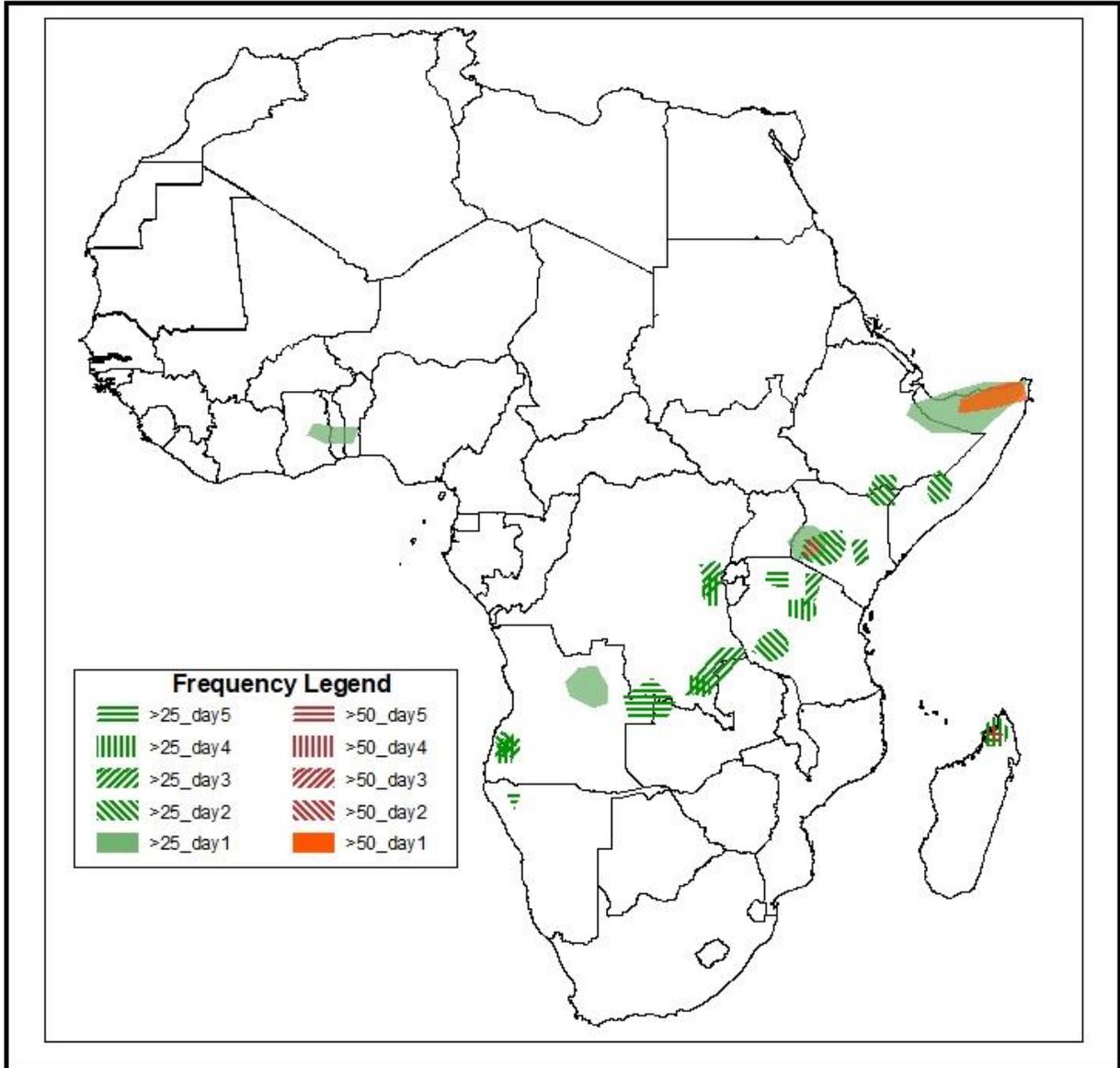
1. Rainfall, Heat Index and Dust Concentration Forecasts, (Issued on March 24, 2020)

1.1. Daily Rainfall and Maximum Heat Index Forecasts (valid: 25 – 29 March, 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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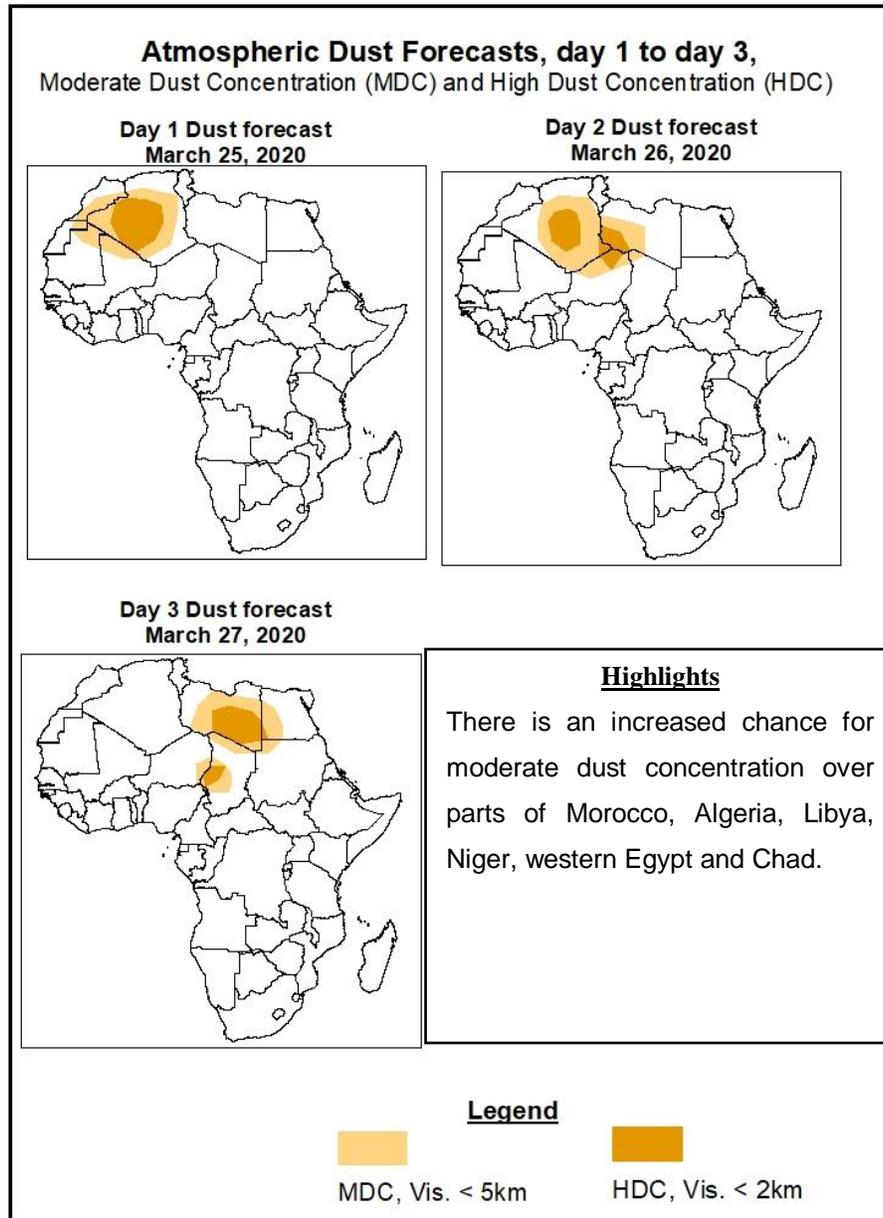


Highlights

- Localized lower-level wind convergences and tropical/extratropical interaction are expected to enhance rainfall over portions of the Greater Horn of Africa..
- At least 25mm for two or more days is likely over parts of DRC, Tanzania and Kenya.
- There is an increased chance for daily rainfall amount to exceed 50mm over local areas in Kenya and Somalia.
- There is an increased chance for daily maximum heat index to exceed 40°C over portions of the Sahel region, and local areas in South Sudan and southwestern Ethiopia.

1.2. Atmospheric Dust Concentration Forecasts (valid: 25 – 27 March, 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: 25 – 29 March 2020

The Azores High Pressure system over Northeast Atlantic and neighboring areas is expected to weaken slightly with its central pressure value decreasing from 1034hPa to 1030hPa during the forecast period.

The St. Helena High Pressure system over the South Atlantic Ocean is expected to weaken slightly with its central pressure value increasing from 1030hPa to 1028hPa during the forecast period.

The Mascarene High Pressure system over the Southwest Indian Ocean is expected to weaken with his central pressure value decreasing from 1031hPa to 1028hPa during the forecast period.

At 925-hPa level, an area of strong dry northerly to northeasterly flow is expected to enhance atmospheric dust concentration over many places in the Sahel and North Africa. Zonal wind convergences are expected to remain active near 12°N in West and Central Africa.

At 850-hPa level, zonal wind convergences are expected to remain active near 7°N. Local wind convergences are also expected to remain active in parts of East and Southeast Africa.

At 700-hPa level, a broad area of anti-cyclonic ridge is expected to prevail across much of West Africa. In contrast, a trough associated with a mid-latitude frontal system is expected to deepen while shifting eastwards the Mediterranean Sea and the neighboring areas of North Africa.

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2.0. Previous and Current Day Weather over Africa

2.1. Weather assessment for the previous day (March 23, 2020)

Daily rainfall amount exceeded 25 mm over Cote d'Ivoire, Nigeria and Cameroon.

2.2. Weather assessment for the current day (March 24, 2020)

Convective clouds are observed over local areas in the Gulf of Guinea, portions of the Greater Horn of Africa and Southern Africa.

