



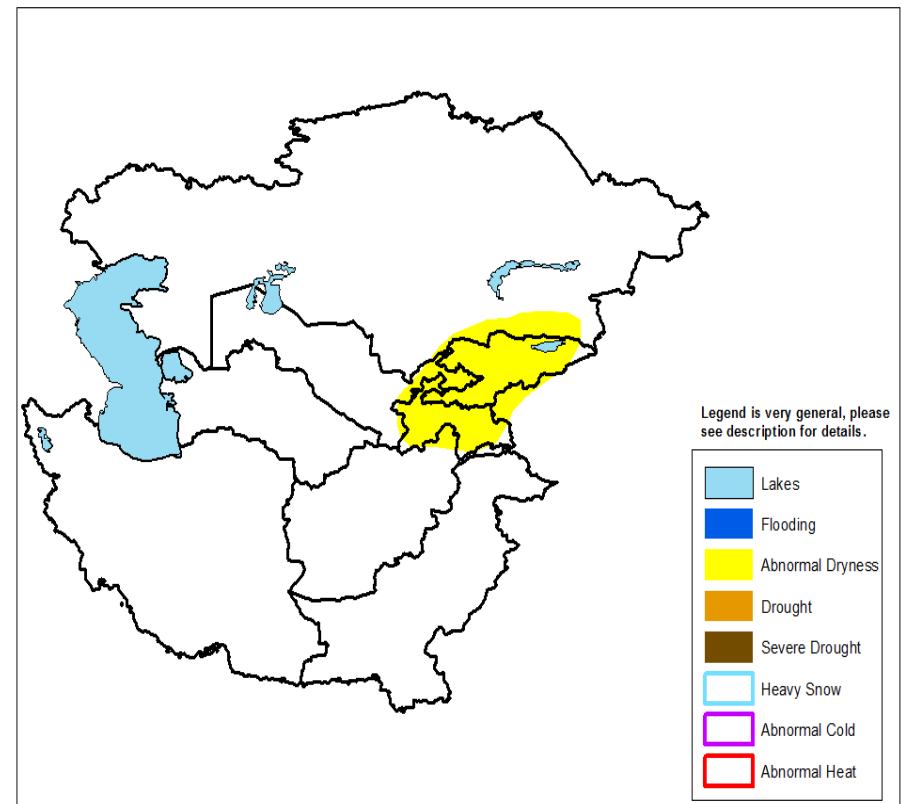
## Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook November 14 – November 20, 2013

### **Temperatures:**

During early November, near-average temperatures were observed across South Central Asia, including Afghanistan, western Tajikistan, southern Uzbekistan, and southeastern Kazakhstan, while above-average temperatures were recorded across much of Kazakhstan. Similar temperature patterns are expected to continue over Central Asia during the next outlook period. Minimum temperature is forecast to fall below freezing throughout Kazakhstan and central highlands of Afghanistan.

### **Precipitation**

Due to the lack of precipitation since the beginning of October, abnormal dryness has settled in across Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, and parts of southeastern Kazakhstan. During the past week, suppressed precipitation prevailed mostly across Central Asia, further increasing precipitation deficits over the higher elevations of the region over the past thirty days. Drier weather is expected to continue during the next week, with scattered light precipitation over western Afghanistan and the northern and eastern portions of Kazakhstan.



**Note:** The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.