



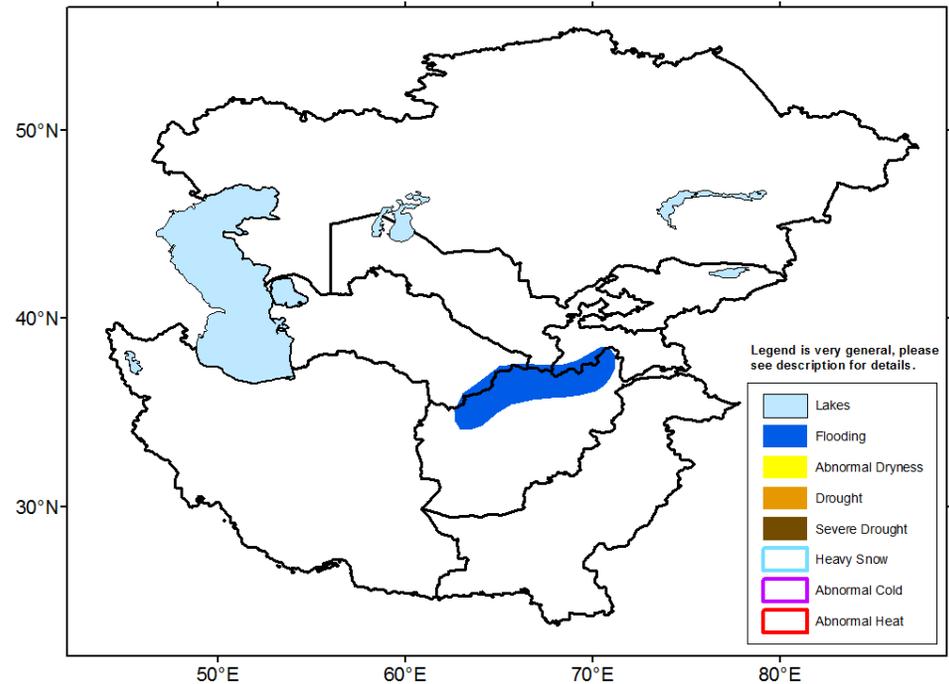
## Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook March 30 – April 5, 2017

### **Temperatures:**

From Mar 21-27, above-normal temperatures prevailed over much of Central Asia. In Afghanistan, temperatures averaged 2-7 degrees Celsius above-normal, with high temperature exceeding 20 degrees Celsius. During the next week, slightly below-normal temperatures are forecast over Kazakhstan, while normal to above-normal temperatures are expected over Afghanistan. Maximum temperature is likely to range between 20-30 degrees Celsius over Turkmenistan and the lower elevations of Afghanistan.

### **Precipitation**

During late March, an increase in precipitation was observed over the central portions of Central Asia relative to that of the previous week. Light to moderate precipitation fell throughout Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, southern Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and portions of Afghanistan. In Afghanistan, reports indicated flash flood, which destroyed homes and crops in the southwestern parts of the Nimroz province. During the next week, forecasts suggest locally heavy precipitation across northern Afghanistan, maintaining potential for flooding. Locally heavy precipitation is also expected in Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan.



**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.