



## Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook April 13 - 19, 2017

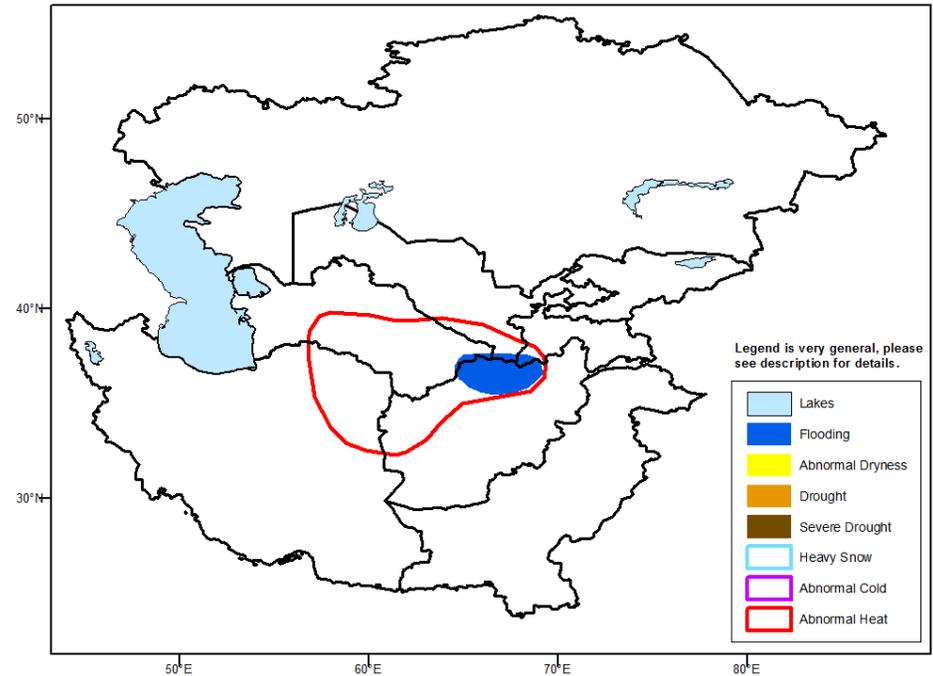
### **Temperatures:**

Below-normal temperatures (1 to 6 degrees C) prevailed across Central Asia from April 2 to 8. The warmest temperatures (20 to 25 degrees C) were observed across the lower elevations of western and southern Afghanistan along with Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. During the next week, the GFS model indicates that above-normal temperatures will return to the region. Maximum temperatures are expected to warm above 35 degrees C across the lower elevations of Afghanistan.

### **Precipitation**

Widespread precipitation (10 to 50 mm, liquid equivalent) fell across northern Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan from April 2 to 8. During the next week, the GFS model indicates that widespread precipitation (2 to 50 mm) will occur throughout the region except for central and southern Afghanistan which is expected to remain mostly dry.

During the past week, the rate of snow melt slowed due to cooler temperatures. However, much warmer temperatures is likely to renew rapid snow melt and result in a risk of flooding especially across the basins of northern Afghanistan. An abnormal heat hazard is posted across areas where maximum temperatures are forecast to average more than 6 degrees C above normal and exceed 35 degrees C.



**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.**