



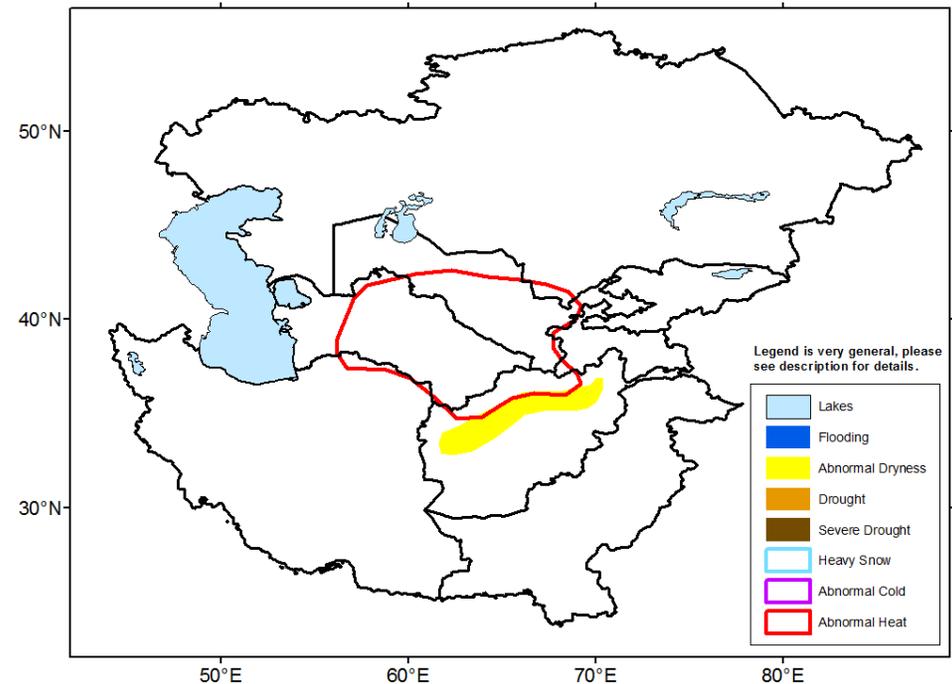
## Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook May 18 - 24, 2017

### **Temperatures:**

From May 9-15, above-normal temperatures prevailed across much of Central Asia, with the largest positive anomalies, ranging between 5-12 degrees Celsius over southern Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, northern and east-central Afghanistan. During the next outlook period, above-normal temperatures, which could lead to abnormal heat, are expected to persist throughout Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and northern Afghanistan. Maximum temperature is expected to reach the upper 30s or lower 40s degrees Celsius across these regions.

### **Precipitation**

During early May, drier weather pattern was mostly observed over Central Asia, with light (< 10 mm) rain over northern Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan. Below-average precipitation over the past thirty days has negatively impacted ground conditions and led to abnormal dryness over north-central Afghanistan, based on the most recent vegetation indices. During the next week, scattered light to moderate showers are forecast over northern Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and eastern Afghanistan, while little to no rain is expected elsewhere.



**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.