



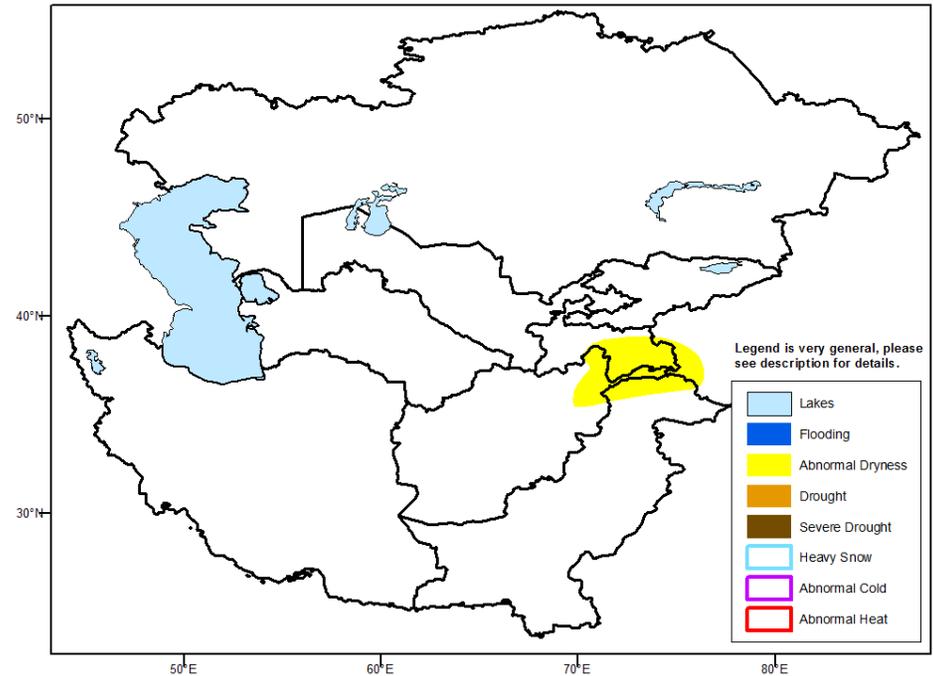
## Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook January 4 - 10, 2018

### **Temperatures:**

Above-normal temperatures (3 to 7 degrees C) were observed across the region during the final week of December 2017. Minimum temperatures fell below -20 degrees C across northern Kazakhstan which is typical for December. The GFS model indicates that temperatures will average near to above normal during the next week.

### **Precipitation**

Heavy snow (locally more than 25 mm, liquid equivalent) fell across most of Kazakhstan from December 24 to 30. However, dry weather persisted across most of Tajikistan and Afghanistan. Based on below average snow water equivalents, an abnormal dryness hazard is posted for parts of northeast Afghanistan and adjacent areas of Tajikistan. This abnormal dryness polygon is not extended into central Afghanistan since snow water equivalent amounts are typically low at this time of year. A low pressure system is approaching the region, as of January 2. This low pressure system is expected to bring light to moderate snow to northern Afghanistan and Tajikistan during the next few days.



**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.