



SADC CLIMATE SERVICES CENTRE (CSC) HEAVY RAINFALL ADVISORY

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HIGHLIGHTS

HEADLINE: The SADC CSC is forecasting a likelihood of rainfall amounts exceeding 50mm in a 24-hour period in some parts of the SADC region during the period 15 to 22 March 2020.

Northern-to-western Angola, southern Botswana, Comoros, most of Democratic Republic of Congo, central Madagascar, northern Malawi, most of United Republic of Tanzania, north-western and eastern South Africa and northern Zambia have a high probability to receive heavy rainfall above 50mm in 24 hours (Figure 1) during the forecast period from 16 to 22 March 2020. There are indications that rainfall amounts may exceed 100mm over a 24 hours especially in some of these areas, resulting in localized flooding.

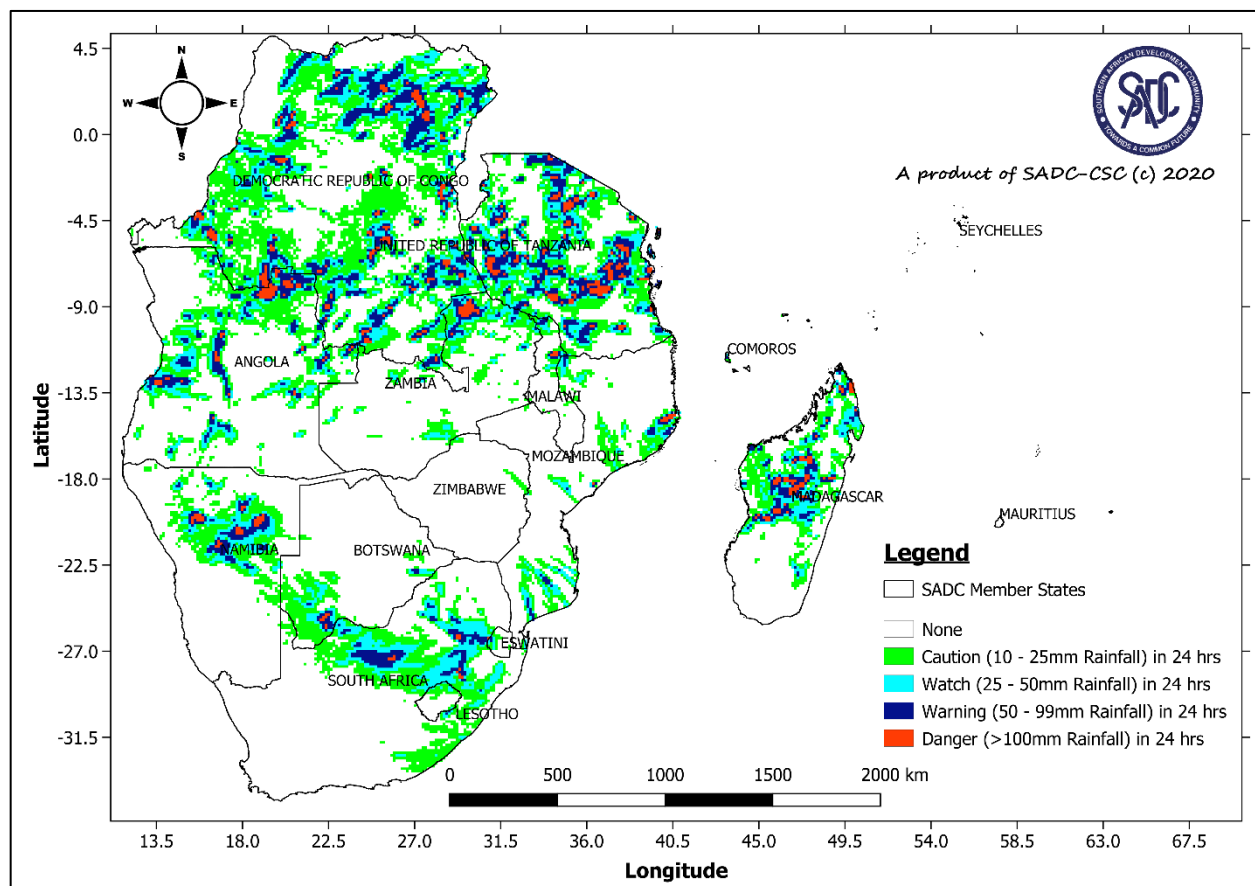


Figure 1: SADC Region's heavy rainfall advisory for the period 16 to 22 March 2020 (Source: SADC-CSC-WRF GFS Model)

Recommended Action

National Meteorological and Hydrological Services are urged to closely monitor these events and update relevant institutions such as Disaster Risk Management Agencies at Member States level to support preparedness and actions taken to protect lives and property.

Users are encouraged to consult National Meteorological and Hydrological Services at Member States for interpretation and updates of this advisory.

Next Advice

The next advisory will be issued when an extreme event is detected to occur within the SADC Region.

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