



SADC-CLIMATE SERVICES CENTRE TROPICAL CYCLONE ADVISORY

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Headline: A Tropical Depression (TD) has evolved in the Southwestern Indian Ocean basin and is projected to make landfall over northern Madagascar and Comoros and further cross into the Mozambique Channel where it will resuscitate back into a tropical cyclone due to the warm ocean waters and further affect southern coastal Madagascar and some coastal areas of Mozambique.

SUMMARY

Analysis of model outputs from the following sources: European Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting (ECMWF), Joint Typhoon Warning Centre (JTWC), Regional Specialized Meteorological Centre (RSMC) La Reunion, and the SADC CSC WRF-GFS show that **Tropical System 05 of 2024/25 has evolved to Tropical Depression and has recorded maximum average wind speeds of 55 km/h (30 knots) and minimum sea-level pressure estimated to be near 1000 mb.** The potential for the development of a significant tropical cyclone within the next 24 hours is **high**. The tropical system is currently expected to directly affect **Madagascar, Comoros and later Mozambique and South Africa.**

WARNING ZONE

The tropical system forecast shows that **Tropical Cyclone “Dikeledi”** (Figure 1) will make direct impact over **northern parts of Madagascar, Comoros and later Mozambique and southern parts of Madagascar.** These areas are likely to receive extreme rainfall associated with this system. Other parts of the SADC region expected to receive heavy rainfall due to other weather systems are central-western Angola, eastern DRC, southwestern Tanzania, eastern Malawi, southwestern Zambia, west and southern Zimbabwe, most of eastern Botswana, central to eastern South Africa, southern Lesotho, Eswatini and southern Mozambique.

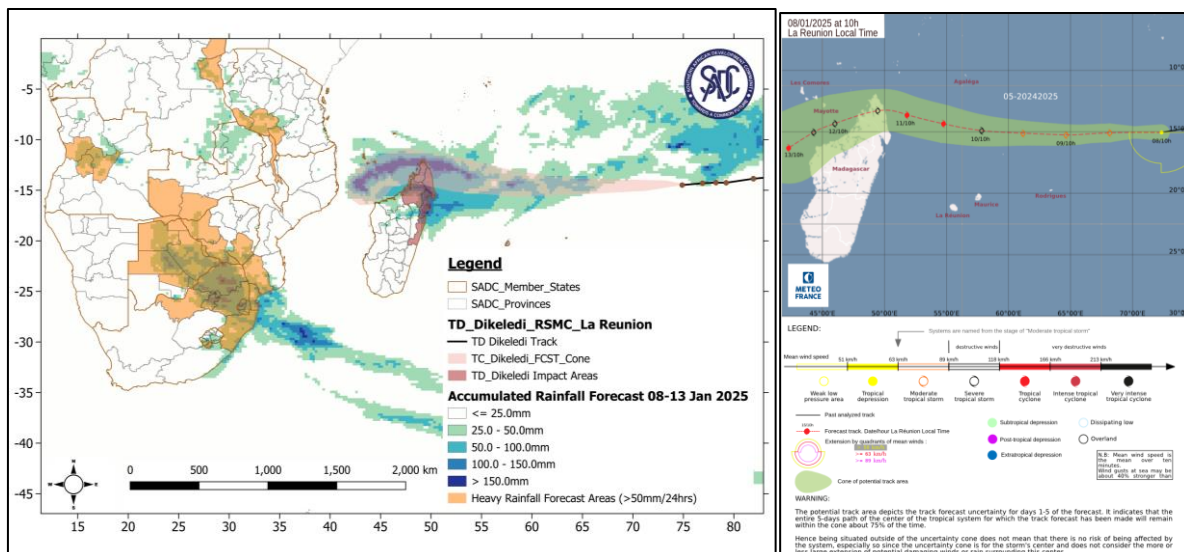


Figure 1: Heavy rainfall expected over the SADC region due to Tropical Disturbance 05S and other weather systems during the period of 09 – 13 January 2025 (Source: ECMWF, ICON, SADC-CSC WRF-GFS and JTWC (tracks)) and RSMC-La Reunion projected tropical cyclone track (right)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

National Meteorological and Hydrological Services are requested to closely monitor these events and update relevant institutions such as Disaster Risk Management Agencies at Member States level to support anticipatory action, preparedness and response measures to protect lives and property.

Users are strongly encouraged to consult the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) in Member States for interpretation of this advisory and local warnings and alerts.

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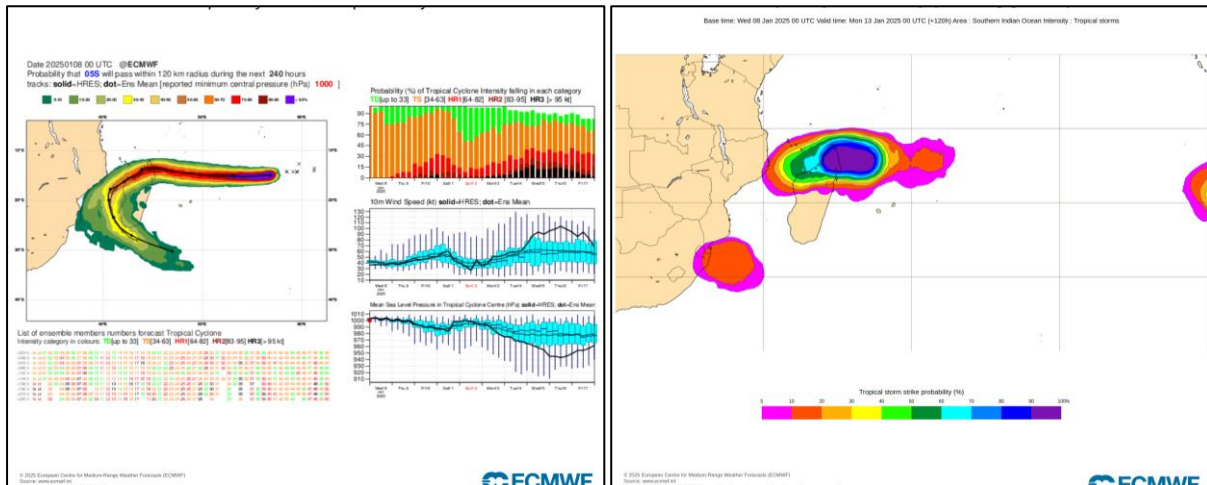
The next advisory will be issued as and when there is an evolution of tropical systems over the **Southwestern Indian Ocean basin (which extends from the equator to 40S and from the African coastlines to 90E)**, that are likely to have a direct impact on SADC Member States.

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Appendix: ECMWF tropical cyclone track and cyclogenesis

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NOTE:

This bulletin used forecast data obtained from RSMC La Reunion, JTWC, ECMWF and SADC-CSC.

Users are therefore, urged to consult the local National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) for local conditions and detailed interpretation of the contents of this bulletin.

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