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Cold weather is expected to continue over central and eastern South Africa (16 -18 June 2020)

The cold weather that gripped parts of South Africa during the past days, is expected to continue this week over the central and eastern parts, where it will get worse. This will be due to the cloudy conditions with showers of rain at times that are expected from tomorrow, Tuesday, 16 June until Thursday, 18 June, over North West, Free State, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga and some parts of Limpopo.

The cause of these extreme conditions is the cut off low (COL) system which will be situated over Free State on Tuesday and Wednesday, and then moving slowly north-eastwards by Thursday.

Furthermore, still as a result of this weather system, heavy rains which can lead to localized flooding are expected along the north coast of KwaZulu-Natal into southern Mozambique on Wednesday night into Thursday.

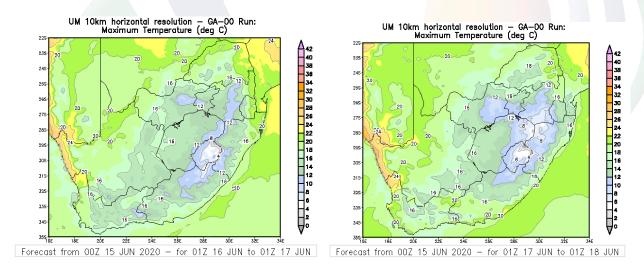


Figure 1: Predicted maximum temperature (deg. C) valid for Tuesday (left) and Wednesday (right) 16-17 June 2020. Source: Unified (SAWS)

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This system is expected to exit the country on Friday, with temperatures improving to the high teens and low twenties from the weekend.

The South African Weather Service (SAWS) will continue to monitor any further developments relating to this weather system and will issue subsequent updates as required timely. Furthermore, the public are urged and encouraged to regularly follow the weather forecasts on television and radio issued by SAWS. Updated information in this regard will regularly be available at www.weathersa.co.za as well as via the SA Weather Service Twitter account @SAWeatherServic and on the Weather Smart App.

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