Figure 1: SST-based experimental forecast of the 2023 Summer Monsoon (June-September) rainfall anomalies (departures from normal), with respect to the 1961-2010 climatology. The forecast is generated from regressions of the GPCC (ver.202) precipitation (Rustemeier et al. 2022) on the SST principal components. Solid (green) contours represent above-average rainfall, while dashed (brown) ones denote below-average rainfall; the zero contour is omitted. The contour interval and shading threshold are 0.5 mm/day. The final (ver. 2a) forecast for the summer monsoon rainfall is based on antecedent SST anomalies extending until May 17, 2023.