



26 March 2014. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon last night arrived in Greenland for a two day visit.

The Danish Prime Minister Helle Thorning-Schmidt and the chairman of the Naalakkersuisut (Greenland-home rule) Aleqa Hammond are the hosts of the UN Secretary-General who will stay in Greenland until Thursday.

“During the visit the Secretary-General and the Danish Prime Minister will have the opportunity to see for themselves the consequences of Climate Change and its impact on the environment of the Arctic, including the effects of global warming on the population of the Arctic, who is very dependent on nature and the climate,” the Home rule says in a press release.

In the coming days the UN Top official, Ban Ki-moon will experience for himself the effects of global warming on the Greenland ice.

“Ban Ki-moon wishes to see some of the places on earth, where climate change has had the most influence. I hope and I believe that our visit can contribute to raise global awareness,” Helle Thorning-Schmidt told Ritzau news agency.

The visit is a curtain raiser for the UN Climate summit 23 September in New York, which will be attended by a number of Heads of state and government, business leaders, representatives of financial corporations and civil society. They are expected to present their contributions to the cutting of emissions of greenhouse gasses. Another curtain raiser will be the June conference in

New York of Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL).

These climate meetings are meant to support the climate negotiations under the UN Climate Change Convention process, which will lead to a UN Climate Change treaty in Paris in 2015.