

100 tons of ice to draw attention to Climate Change

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28 October 2014 - Hundred tons of ice blocks from Greenland have been put on display in central Copenhagen to act as a „wake-up call“ as the [IPCC](#), a UN climate change panel, prepares a new report on in the Danish capital.



The Danish/Icelandic Artist Ólafur Elíasson and Minik Rosing, a professor of geology, from Greenland, are the men behind the project, “ an installation called ["Ice Watch"](#) , which opened last Sunday.

Twelve large blocks of ice, that are on display in Copenhagen's City hall Square were cast off from the Arctic ice sheet and collected from a fjord outside Nuuk, the capital of Greenland. The ice, displayed in clock formation, is a physical wake-up call.

The project is intended to mark the publication of, and to draw attention to, the fifth Climate Change assessment report of the IPCC, the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. "We, the world, must and can act now," Eliasson and Rosing say. "Let's transform climate knowledge into climate action."

But why is an internationally known artist, such as Mr. Elíasson interested in Climate Change?



"As an artist, I am interested in how we give knowledge a body. What does a thought feel like, and how can felt knowledge encourage action?", says Mr. Elíasson. "I hope that people will touch the ice in City Hall Square and be touched by it. Most everyone acknowledges that climate change is a fact. Temperatures are rising. The ice is melting. Sea levels are rising. But what are we doing?"

The IPCC's Fifth Assessment Report will be finalized on 31 October 2014.

Photos: Ólafur Elíasson's homepage: <http://olafureliasson.net/icewatch>

