



Greenpeace at the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report approval meeting in Copenhagen

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Copenhagen, 20 October 2014 – Greenpeace will host a press briefing on **FRIDAY 31st, OCTOBER at 11.15 a.m.** at the Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland (GEUS) (*Øster Voldgade 10, 1350 Copenhagen K*) as a ‘side event’ to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) meeting taking place in the city.

At the briefing, climate and energy experts from the Danish Energy Agency, Climate Analytics, Ecofys and Greenpeace will elaborate on some key IPCC Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) themes: zero emissions, renewable energy and coal.

As official observers to the IPCC a team of experts from Greenpeace will be available for comment on the AR5 findings and their implications for action throughout the meeting in Copenhagen (27th October – 2nd of November, 2014). Media briefings on the IPCC key findings and Denmark’s 100% renewable energy commitment are available at <http://www.greenpeace.org/ipcc>.

The IPCC is convening to approve and adopt the final volume of its AR5 Report. The report itself is scheduled to be launched on Sunday the 2nd of November.

The Synthesis Report will integrate and condense the wealth of information contained in the three Working Group reports released over the past year into a concise document - explicitly targeted at policymakers. This is the core factual document drawing together the assessment of past changes in climate as well as projections for the future and looking at adaptation, mitigation and an overview of possible risks and solutions.

“The Synthesis Report will bring together the latest understanding of climate change and what we must do to prevent catastrophic consequences. It will be critical in guiding governments as they decide their climate policies in the near future”, said Kaisa Kosonen of Greenpeace.

“The takeaway message from the IPCC is that climate change is happening and we are causing it. Its effects are already evident across all continents and oceans – despite there being less than 1C° of warming so far – and some impacts are showing alarming signs of acceleration. Meanwhile, global emissions, especially from coal, continued to grow rapidly in the past decade.”

“We still have time to avoid the worst impacts of climate change by phasing out fossil fuels and bringing emissions down to zero, but we need to get started now”.

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