



AFRIDOCS

T.V. Schedule for **DECEMBER 2014**

2 December - 9 December at 8p.m. on DStv: ED 190 and GOtv: 65

CLIMATE CHANGE WEEK

Tuesday 02 December



BLACK ICE

Maarten van Rouveroy | Russia | 53 mins

When the Greenpeace ship Arctic Sunrise set sail to protest the first ever oil drilling in the Arctic Ocean, none of the people on board could have known what was coming. Seized at gunpoint by Russian special forces, the 'Arctic 30' were thrust into headlines all over the world, facing up to 15 years in prison and finding themselves at the centre of a bitter international dispute.

Repeats Saturday 6 December at 10h00 and 22h00



BEYOND PRAYER

Neelima Mathur | India | 2011 | 26 mins

The north Indian region of Ladakh is barren and rocky, a cold desert. The biggest problem for the people, like in any desert, is the shortage of water. The film chronicles the pioneering work of Chewang Norphel who builds artificial glaciers that provide water to the farmers in summer through an innovative engineering process of channelising main water resources.

Repeats Saturday 6 December at 11h00 and 23h00

WEDNESDAY 03 December



CHAR - the No-Man's Island

Sourav Sarangi | India | 2012 | 52 min

Meet Rubel, fourteen-years-old boy smuggling rice from India to Bangladesh. Everyday he crosses the international border, river Ganga, which eroded his home in mainland India when he was just four. Years later a fragile island called Char formed within the large river. Rubel's family and many homeless people settled in this barren field controlled by the border police from both countries. He dreams of going back to his old school in India but reality forces him to smuggle stuff to Bangladesh. He fights on while monsoon clouds arrive inviting flood, the river swells up again. 'Char may disappear but we won't', smiles the boy.

* 2012 Golden Kapok Award, (Best Direction) - GZ DOC, China

Repeats Sunday 7 December at 04h00, 16h00



CARBON FOR WATER

Evan Abramson, Carmen Elsa Lopez | Kenya | 2011 | 26 min

In Kenya's Western Province, most drinking water is contaminated. The wood many Kenyans use to boil this water to make it safe is increasingly valuable. Women and girls, who bear the responsibility for finding water and fuel, often miss school or work while seeking both fuel and water. Some even encounter sexual violence. Yet waterborne illness remains a daily--and life-threatening--reality for them and their families.

* 2011 Winner, Best International Short Film - Planet in Focus Environmental Film Festival

Repeats Sunday 7 December at 05h00, 17h00

THURSDAY 04 December



THERE ONCE WAS AN ISLAND

Te Henua E Nho | Papua New Guinea | 2010 | 80 min

An award-winning documentary exploring the question: what if your community had to decide whether to leave their homeland forever and there was no help available? This is the reality for the culturally unique Polynesian community of Takuu, a tiny low-lying atoll in the South Western Pacific. As a terrifying tidal flood rips through their already damaged home, the Takuu community experiences the devastating effects of climate change first hand.

* Jury Grand Prix - FIF0 (Tahiti)

Repeats Sunday 7 December at 10h00, 22h00

FRIDAY 05 December



CLIMATE OF CHANGE

Brian Hill | USA | 2010 | 86 min

A documentary focused on the efforts of everyday people all over the world who are making a difference in the fight against global warming. Narrated by Tilda Swinton, this inspiring and optimistic film introduces regular people from around the world who are taking action in the fight to save our environment.

* 2010 Official selection - Tribeca Film Festival

Repeats Monday 8 December at 02h00, 08h00, 14h00

TUESDAY 09 December



BAD WEATHER

Giovanni Giommi | Bengal | 2011 | 83 min

Off the coast of Bangladesh in the Bay of Bengal is a tiny 'brothel island' populated by women forced to sell their bodies to men who arrive by the boatload.

Each of the women came to inhabit the 100m long and 10m wide piece of land for different reasons, whether through a sister, the need for money, or in search of love and affection, but for all of them it is a life tougher than they could have imagined. Deepening their troubles is the island's existence at the frontline of climate change.

* 2012 Best Italian Doc Award - Bellaria FF, Italy



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