



SIPRI SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

Solna, 12 November 2019

MINUTES

Participants

Sibylle Bauer, Stephanie Blenckner, Luc van de Goor, Maria Kaemmerle, Sigrún Rawet
Note-taker Stephanie Blenckner

1. MoM approval

- The minutes from the previous SMT meetings on Nov 5 were not adopted.

2. Matters arising from the previous MoM

- Cooperation with the Körber Foundation, we have the ethical strategy in the background and we need a proper discussion on whether and how we could cooperate with them. Sibylle will look further into this
- Steph still needs to be in touch with MSC, will do this week

3. Report back

- Luc: a good session with Timo's meeting at SIPRI today with the Swedish MFA, Timo will present his papers in Brussels tomorrow, this is a very good example how SIPRI can influence these relevant issues, Sibylle will also be present in Brussels tomorrow
- Luc reported that the Sahel team had a constructive away-day which had a cross-cluster cooperation element with the climate risk team, and they plan further joint work
- Steph reported that the workshop in Burkina Faso last week as part of the G5Sahel project was very successful and exemplified SIPRI's strong convening power in bringing all Sahel countries together for a very fruitful exchange
- Steph reported that the World Bank project on the decision-making platform is moving along well, the German IT partner is going a very good job.
- Sybille attended the Moscow annual non-proliferation conference. It was really good and important for SIPRI to be there.
- Sibylle stressed the need – with everyone's agreement – that major IT updates need to be scheduled outside of deadline schemes around lunch time as it regrettably causes real problems
- We need to book the MFA – NIS visit to SIPRI in January
- The visit of the Korean Verification Agency visit went very well, an extra thank you to Ian for his flexibility
- Sigrún reported on a very inspiring brainstorming meeting regarding the Middle East security architecture with participants from UI, MFA, FOI and others.
- Sigrún reminded everybody to invite additional people to join our public event with the Governing Board next Monday 18 November

4. Staffing and projects

- Maria reported that the new project controller Jenny Mildton is starting 2 December.

- Steph reported that the new Research Editor Emma Naismith is starting in Mid-January.
- The DOS recruitment for the Peace and Development cluster is ongoing.

5. Feedback on the Strategic Grant

- Dan and Sigrún met with our contact group at the MFA to discuss initial feedback on SIPRI's Strategic Grant application. The atmosphere was very constructive and positive, the EP2022 was also discussed. We hope to receive a preliminary decision before Christmas.