

SIPRI SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

Solna, 17 December 2019

MINUTES

Participants

Sibylle Bauer (via Skype), Stephanie Blenckner, Luc van de Goor, Gary Milante (via Skype), Sigrún Rawet

Note-taker Elena Haapaniemi

1. MoM approval

- The minutes from the SMT meeting on Dec 13 were approved.

2. Matters arising from the previous MoM

- Sigrún flagged up a letter received from the new director of the Small Arms Survey addressed to Dan and relating to the GReVD project, namely to SIPRI video describing the project. Gary and Steph will follow up and Dan will need to write a reply.

3. Report back

- The launch of the top one hundred was very successful, according to Steph. SIPRI data has been featured in **2 230 online news articles in 76 countries and 35 languages** in the first five days alone, ranking with a narrow 100 articles difference compared to last year's record coverage.
- Steph informed the SMT that the venue for SIPRI Lecture 2020 has been changed to Grünwaldsalen.
- Gary informed the SMT that his meeting with the World Bank had to be rescheduled from Dec 16 to Dec 20.
- Sibylle reported back that she:
 - Took part in the Tokyo conference on peace research agenda. A very interesting meeting. Sibylle suggested scheduling a dedicated SMT session (or just a lunch) so that she can provide a more detailed account of the conference.
 - Attended the EU non-proliferation and disarmament conference the previous week.
 - Is attending the Wilton Park NPT conference this current week.
 - Would like to host a visiting fellow at SIPRI, a female researcher from Iran. Sibylle asked Maria for guidance and support.
- Sibylle informed the SMT about the conference on arms controls that the German MFA will be convening next November. Good to know both when choosing a date for SIPRI's SSC but also since SIPRI has been asked to organize a pre-event, in May or June, in Brussels with a view to bring together think tank expertise.
- The SMT decided that **the firm deadline to submit proposals on the new MFA strategic grant for the years 2020-2022 is January 17, 2020**. Nikos did a special template to be used to this purpose. Maria will send it to Luc and Sibylle.
- Sigrún reported back about a meeting with Elinor Hammarskjöld who has been appointed the new Director General for political affairs. Elinor Hammarskjöld spoke very highly about various SIPRI events that she has been part of. She also asked us to look into the

upcoming Swedish chairmanship in the OSCE in 2021 and Sweden's participation in the OSCE Troika prior to that. Sigrún will follow up with Ian, Mark, Lars-Erik Lundín and Göran Lennmarker.

- Sigrún participated in a meeting of Swedish experts working on dialogues, with two deep-dive sessions on the Horn of Africa and on Yemen, convened by the Swedish MFA. An interesting format and really good that SIPRI has been invited to participate.

4. Staffing & project issues

- Recruitment of partnerships manager is ongoing.
- The event assistant job has been advertised.
- The SAHEL team's report to the WB on the knowledge decision making for the lake Chad is being finalised. Steph is finalizing the comms strategy in relation to this report.
- Luc has interviewed two candidates for MENA RA position. Sigrún has also met them.
- Luc is supporting Vincent in the RA recruitment process.
- Luc informed the SMT that the deadline for the UNEP project has been extended to Jan 8, 2020. This is very useful indeed as it leaves more time to finalize the report and carefully formulate the recommendations.

5. Project management guidelines

- Maria will share her comments in a track-change mode. Maria will also ask Nikos to contribute. This should be ready before the next SMT.

6. AOB

- Next SMT will take place on Thursday January 9, 2020.
- Before concluding this SMT meeting, last one in 2019, Sigrún thanked Gary for all the hard work as a DoS and also thanked all the SMT for good work. Peaceful and wonderful holidays to all!

Action Points

- Reply to the Small Arms Survey director - Dan
- Brief the SMT about the Tokyo Conference – Sibylle
- Comments on the draft project management policy - Maria

Items carried forward

- Gender strategy and gender hire
- Stockholm Forum 2020 – names of high-level key-note speakers and panelists
- SSC – date and theme
- SIPRI strategy: benchmarking & indicators discussion
- Candidates to deliver SIPRI Lecture 2021 – at some point.