

SIPRI SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

23 February 2021

MINUTES

Participants

Sibylle Bauer, Stephanie Blenckner, Luc van de Goor, Maria Kaemmerle, Jannie Lilja, Dan Smith, Joakim Vaverka

Helena Berger (present for item 1)

Note-taker Elena Haapaniemi

The meeting was conducted via Zoom.

1. Corona virus

- As of February 23, tighter restrictions have been announced for the Stockholm region. Face masks become obligatory on public transport and are strongly recommended to be used in offices, pharmacies, grocery stores and other public spaces.
- Updates and summaries can be found at the website www.krisinformation.se/ (all information is available in both Swedish and English).
- Helena will look into policy on vaccination for non-Swedes in Sweden.

2. Minutes

- Approval of the minutes from the SMT meeting on February 16 was deferred until all SMT members have commented and any edits have been absorbed.

3. Report back and matters arising

- Finance team is processing lessons learnt so far from the transition to Maconomy.
- Shannen is putting together the Annual Review. The SMT will get the final draft for proof-reading by February 26 COB.
- Jannie and Joakim had a working meeting with UNDP to discuss current areas of common interest and future joint initiatives.
- Luc reported that the next phase of the Civilian CSDP Compact 2.0 project has a broad scope that opens the door for cross-cluster cooperation. DoSes will discuss how to take this further.
- Luc is finalising preparation of the first SIPRI-UNHCR research collaboration project.
- Dan reported that the Aswan Forum is interested in a partnership with SIPRI. Sepideh is looking into that.

4. Management of data and databases

- Data being one of the known strengths of SIPRI world-wide, a coherent, long-term approach to data management is overdue.
- The SMT agreed that a mapping exercise on our databases, their platforms and conditions will be the starting point of this process.

- The SMT decided to invite Nan, Giovanna, Timo, Gary, Pieter, Shourjya and Shannen to form a working group with the first task of conducting the mapping exercise. Sibylle will check with Nan whether he can act as convenor.
- Thereafter, SMT will discuss and decide upon the next steps.

5. Seoul Peace Initiative Network

- The SMT discussed an invitation received from the Seoul Institute for SIPRI to join the Seoul Peace Initiative Network, which is co-organised by the Seoul City Government and the Seoul Institute and will be launched in the beginning of March.
- The SMT agreed that SIPRI should join. There will be an MoU to be signed virtually within the coming week to that end. SIPRI will also have a chance to organise a panel during the Seoul Peace Forum in October 2021.
- Dan will send a formal communication to Seoul Institute to confirm our participation.

6. All staff meetings guidance

- The SMT discussed the new format of Monday morning all-staff meetings, agreeing that it has given new dynamics to this weekly exchange while also empowering more junior staff.

7. Staffing & project issues

- There will be an intern joining the Forum team on March 1 for a period of three months.

8. AOB

- The SMT decided to convene the SSC21 on November 8-11, 2021. The team can go ahead and inform the partners (e.g. the ICRC) accordingly.

Action points

- Look into policy for non-Swedes on vaccination against Covid-19 – Helena
- Follow up with Nan on the SMT decision on setting up a database working group - Sibylle
- Write to the Seoul Institute on SIPRI ready to join the Seoul Peace Initiative Network – Dan
- Follow up on the request for cooperation coming from Aswan Forum – Sepideh
- Inform the partners on the SSC21 dates (Nov 8-11, 2021) – the SSC21 team

Items carried forward:

Vacation policy