



SIPRI SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

Solna, 25 September 2018

MINUTES

Participants

Stephanie Blenckner, Luc van de Goor, Maria Kaemmerlé, Gary Milante (via Skype for 20 min.), Sigrún Rawet

Note-taker Stephanie Blenckner

1. MoM approval

- Minutes of the previous meeting on Sept 18 were approved.

2. Matters arising from the previous MoM

- Luc had a meeting with the CMI. They would like to join forces with SIPRI to cooperate on promoting dialogue in the MENA region. CMI has received a grant that aims at a broader Nordic/Scandinavian approach, SIPRI could be a potential partner. As we are still developing our MENA programme, Luc suggested getting back to the CMI by mid-October. Starting point could be a conversation ahead of 2019 in order to plan for a meeting in the first quarter of that year.
- The internal follow-up meeting on the MSB visit is scheduled for Sept 26. The follow-up meeting with the MSB will take place on Nov 28.
- Sigrún is following up the issue of the Advisory Committee.
- Sigrún informed the SMT that Peter Ericson, Swedish Ambassador to Russia, is looking into hosting a luncheon on the occasion of the SIPRI delegation visit to Moscow in October.

3. Report back

- The Stockholm Security Conference was a successful event. Despite a more closed format this year (Chatham House Rule and no live-stream), it was well received by both the attendees and by media. A special thank you goes to all SIPRI staff who prominently and professionally engaged in numerous sessions and various roles. SMT to discuss lessons learnt and future plans for the SSC during its away-day.
- Gary reported back from the ongoing meeting with the World Food Programme, an engaged partner that also committed to host a session at the next year's Forum.
- Luc reported back about his first cluster meeting. It was a good stock-taking exercise to start working on the cluster level again. Cluster meetings will be organised at a monthly basis, as a start.
- Steph informed the SMT that social media benchmarking is ongoing. Steph will do an update at the SMT away-day.
- Sigrún informed the SMT that she will meet with the Conflict and Humanitarian Division at the MFA to keep them informed about SIPRI's work.

4. Staffing & project issues

- Gary informed the SMT that a status update on the FORMAS project is awaited on Sept 26.

5. Preparations for the Governing Board meeting

- SMT went through a to-do list of follow-up points from the previous meeting in May. Tasks were allocated among SMT members.

6. Agenda for the SMT away day

- SMT listed an initial draft of potential agenda items for the SMT away-day on 9 October.

7. AOB

- Coherent presentation of SIPRI to the new Government
Sigrún raised the need to be able to coherently and attractively present SIPRI to the incoming new government. Action will be taken (see Action Points).

Action Points

- Draft half-a-page highlights per cluster to be able to present SIPRI to the new government by Oct 3 - Sibylle, Luc, Gary to Sigrún
- Add the initial SIPRI language paragraph - Steph
- Update the task list ahead of the board meeting - Sigrún

Items carried forward

NTR.

Important upcoming dates

Meeting of the SIPRI Governing Board – Nov 26-27

Christmas lunch – December 7