

SIPRI SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

Solna, 29 October 2019

MINUTES

Participants

Luc van de Goor, Maria Kaemmerle (by Skype), Gary Milante (via Skype), Sigrún Rawet
Note-taker Elena Haapaniemi

1. MoM approval

- Adoption of the minutes from the previous SMT meetings on Oct 8 and Oct 22 has been postponed.

2. Matters arising from the previous MoM

- NTR.

3. Report back

- Gary reported back on the GReVD workshop that took place on Oct 25 in Washington. The meeting went very well, and the implementation of the project itself is proceeding smoothly, with the website up and running soon. The team together with Lena is currently finalizing the report for the Postcode Foundation.
- Gary will have meetings with the World Bank on Oct 31.
- Gary will be in Stockholm during the Board meeting week starting on Nov 18.
- Maria continues working on the budget. Once she has received feedback from the rest of the SMT, she will finalise the document and it will be then ready to be shared with the Board.
- Dan, Sigrún and Tytti briefed the members of the parliament's Foreign Affairs committee on Oct 23 on the topics of climate related risks and the crisis of the current system of arms control. MPs from all parties but the Swedish Democrats were present. SIPRI presentations were very well received and were followed by an animated discussion. Tytti made a very good presentation.
- Dan, Sigrún and Jan had their regular meeting on Oct 25 where, among other things, the Board meeting agenda was finalised. Sigrún suggested that the DoSes forward her two names each for the staff members to moderate the lunch discussions on Nov 18 and the meetings with the Board members in a smaller format on Nov 19.
- Luc reported back about the successful trip to Nairobi, intense and focused, where Florian's Somalia paper was launched. 70 media outlets showed interest, according to Steph. The launch was attended by Sweden's and by Germany's ambassadors to Somalia as well as by representatives of various UN agencies. A meeting with different partners on how to target the AU also took place. Furthermore, Luc, Florian and Steph met with the UNEP to discuss the work on the Horn of Africa, on SAHEL and also, in part, on MENA (this last one will be taken forward by Johan Schaar). While in Nairobi, Luc also met with Neil Melvin so as to ensure a smooth handover of the Horn research file to Jason Mosley.
- Sigrún reported back on the meeting with Filippo Grandi that took place on Oct 22 at the UNHCR Nordic headquarters in Stockholm. The brief visit of the High Commissioner to

Sweden has been used to formalize our knowledge partnership with the UNHCR, with Dan and Grandi signing the Collaboration Agreement to open up for our research cooperation. This is fantastic branding for SIPRI. Sigrún thanked Elena for all the hard preparatory work that, in combination with the active support of the UNHCR Nordic office, gave this good result.

4. Staffing & project issues

- Luc provided an update on the MENA recruitment.
- Luc informed the SMT that the contract with Jason Mosley has been signed.
- Luc informed the SMT that Katia will be working part time as a researcher on a MISTRA project.
- The SMT agreed to go ahead with the recruitment of a RA for a period of 6 months under the UNEP project.
- The SMT agreed to have a separate discussion on the lessons learnt from recent recruitments so as to adjust the recruitment process, where and if need be.

5. AOB

- The SMT discussed SIPRI's involvement in the Fragility Forum. Gary will circulate the available information among the SMT, also copying Malin, and will then coordinate with his contact person at the Forum.
- Luc flagged the need to discuss the SSC 2020, asap – whether we want to organize it, what would the topic be, etc.
- SMT agreed that there should be more continued discussion on the emerging technologies strategy, with all the DoSes present this time and also guiding the discussion.
- Sigrún updated the SMT on the discussion she had earlier that day with Marina on the joint event on the triple nexus that SIPRI will be co-hosting with Islamic Relief, SIDA, IRC and NRC. It is scheduled to take place at SIDA on Nov 28. Important to get information on the level of participation from our partners so as to decide appropriate SIPRI representation. Marina is working on that, among other things.
- The next round of the line management training has been scheduled to take place on Nov 29.
- On Dec 2 SIPRI will host a high level guest from the State of Qatar. H.E Dr. Hamad bin Abdulaziz Al-Kuwari, State Minister with rank Deputy Prime Minister, will deliver a lecture at SIPRI under Chatham House rule.

Action Points

- SIPRI staff to moderate lunch discussion on Nov 18 and meetings with the Board members in smaller groups on Nov 19 - each DoS to give Sigrún two names, latest by Friday Nov 1
- Discuss the recruitment process at SIPRI – the SMT

Items carried forward

- SIPRI Travel and Safety Travel Policy