

SIPRI SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

Solna, 4 December 2019

MINUTES

Participants

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

1. MoM approval

- The minutes from the SMT meeting on Nov 26 have been adopted. The minutes from the SMT meeting on Nov 19 have not been adopted; Sibylle's input is pending.

2. Matters arising from the previous MoM

- The UK Research Innovation proposed the joint event with SIPRI on environment and peace at the Fragility Forum.
- Sigrún will meet with the MFA on 4 December to discuss the concept note for a Stockholm discussion on Peacebuilding Architecture Review, tentatively planned for Feb 7, 2020.

3. Report back

- Dan reported back about his trip to Geneva on Dec 2-3 and his various meetings there:
 - The panel discussion "The impact of artificial intelligence on strategic stability and nuclear risk," organized by Vincent within the framework of his joint project with the ICRC, was well attended and well received.
 - Dan had a good meeting with the Swedish mission about SIPRI's partnership with UNHCR. The mission can host a meeting early next year, if need be.
 - Anja Kaspersen, Director of UNODA in Geneva, expressed interest in revisiting the 1977 Environmental Modification Convention, and maybe for SIPRI and UNODA joining efforts in this.
 - Renata Dwan, Director of UNDIR, expressed interest in another potential research project on global public goods under threat.
- Sigrún, Luc and Maria shared their positive feedback from the line management training. Their view was that Lilian succeeded in structuring and conducting the training session so it was both really concrete but also a challenging to the right extent. It was good that group dynamics have been addressed. The SMT agreed that there is a need for a follow up before Easter next year. Maria said she and Helena already started discussing it. The SMT will get an update on it in January.

4. Staffing & project issues

- Maria informed the SMT about the first planning meeting for the new MFA strategic grant. The aim is to finalise all the prep work before summer.
- Jenny Mildton, the project controller, has now joined the finance team.

- Gary continues working on the summary of the current status of projects in the cluster.
- Dan has received positive feedback from the Swiss MFA on the EoP 2022. The latter would like to discuss it further. Dan, Sigrún, Malin and Maria will discuss the budget, staffing and implementation in detail.
- DoS recruitment is underway. It may be difficult to finalise before Christmas.
- Because of limited capacity, the recruitment of the Partnerships Manager is a bit slow.
- Sigrún wanted to draw everyone's attention to the fact that **January 17, 2020 is a sharp deadline to submit all reports on the work related to the MFA strategic grant 2017-2019.**
- Sigrún reminded the SMT that SIPRI is hosting three visiting fellows from the North Korea.
- On Dec 2, Sigrún, Florian and Carolina are participating in the training of the Peace and Development Advisors at the fellowship course organized by the FBA in Stockholm this week. The training has gone very well so far.
- Sigrún is travelling to Brussels on Dec 5-6 to participate in the Forum on Climate and Security organized by the European Commission. She will give a presentation on climate and security at the meeting of the Civil Society Dialogue Network.

5. Senior Officials meeting

- The SMT acknowledged that the SOM held on Nov 27 within the framework of Sweden's initiative on nuclear disarmament and with considerable support from SIPRI side, went smoothly. It proved yet again the great internal capacity that we have. Worth mentioning contributions by Shannon, Tytti and Noel but also by Elin and Christina. Dan received a thank-you email from MFA's Anders Jato in the aftermath of SOM.

6. AOB

- Next SMT meeting scheduled for Dec 10 will need to be rescheduled.
- Dan will be away during the SMT scheduled for Dec 19 since he will be travelling to Geneva (to participate in the Global Refugees Forum) and then to Rome (to discuss the developments in the WFP project).

Action Points

- Design a follow up on the line management training – Helena and Maria, info to the SMT in January 2020
- Dan, Sigrún, Malin and Maria to discuss EoP 2022 – Elin and Elena to book a time
- Find a new time for the next SMT

Items carried forward

- 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.