



SIPRI SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

Solna, 11 September 2018

MINUTES

Participants

Sibylle Bauer, Stephanie Blenckner, Luc van de Goor, Maria Kaemmerlé, Gary Milante, Sigrún Rawet, Dan Smith
Note-taker Elena Haapaniemi

1. MoM approval

- Minutes of the previous meeting on Sept 6 were approved.

2. Matters arising from the previous MoM

- Dan still needs to finish revising the PADs form and guidelines.
- Dan and Gary had another discussion with SIGHT earlier on Sept 11. The cooperation between the two institutions is shaping up.
- The picture around Jan's visit to Vienna in October is clearing up. Jan was in direct contact with Sweden's ambassador to OSCE. Sigrún was in touch with her too. To be picked up during Jan's visit to SIPRI on Sept 18.
- The SMT agreed that, at this time, it is not possible to accommodate the request to host a visiting researcher from Korea under suggested terms.
- There will be a discussion on the future of the China programme.
- Dan, Shannon and Vitaly had a phone conversation with the Mansfield Foundation who reached out to inform about trilateral discussions between South Korea, Japan and the US on nuclear safety and security that they sponsor. The foundation would like to organise one of the trilateral meetings in Sweden and, more particularly, at SIPRI. An agreement to do that has been reached, provisional dates are 5-6 December. The foundation will take care of all the administrative practicalities and pay SIPRI's direct costs.

3. Report back

- Steph reported back about the first meeting of the Climate Security Hub initiative held at SIPRI on Sept 7. The four constituting Stockholm based think tanks (SIWI, SEI, SRC and SIPRI) discussed, among others, ways to engage into a joint visibility strategy. This young partnership still needs to be shaped up, not in the least in terms of external communication, and SIPRI has an opportunity to play a decisive role in determining how it should look like. To be continued in five weeks time when the second meeting is scheduled.
- Steph informed the SMT that the joint event with the Indonesian Embassy has tentatively been scheduled for Nov 9 (cf. MoM SMT Aug 14 for more details).
- The SMT agreed that Steph and Luc will receive the delegation from Brazil that asked for a courtesy visit to SIPRI on September 18.

- Maria reported back that the furniture for the new office space has arrived. Sept 12 will be the move day for all those concerned.
- Gary reported back on the first round of discussions with the Swedish MFA about the topic for Forum 2019. MFA's initial suggestion is to focus on the stabilisation agenda. From SIPRI perspective, this could be further linked to SDGs and current cases of prevention. The SMT briefly discussed which external experts on the subject matter could already be contacted. In the meantime, dialogue with the MFA continues.
- Gary is travelling to Kyiv on Sept 12 to talk about institutional reform and governance, invited by NATO.
- Sibylle reported that Ian Anthony will respond to the request for a meeting from the Korean arms control verification agency.

4. Staffing and projects issues

- Sibylle reported back about her discussion with BASIC on possible cooperation and the SMT briefly discussed the issue. Sibylle to follow up with them and also with NIS department of the Swedish MFA.

5. SSC18

- Everything is on track.

6. November Governing Board meeting

- Dan presented to the SMT his suggestions for the agenda of the upcoming GB meeting. Among the issues to be discussed are the new institutional strategy and budget. An overview of the emerging MENA programme as well as certain projects, e.g. Global Register of Violent Deaths could also be offered to the Board members. Last May's experience with thematic lunches was positive and thus worth replicating this time too. RSC convened for Sept 13, will have a chance to come up with further suggestions for the agenda.
- The SMT briefly discussed the question of the follow up needed on the GB May decisions. Dan suggested Sigrún does a brief memo on that for the next SMT meeting.

7. AOB

NTR.

Action Points

- Revising PAD form and guidelines - Dan
- Follow up on the visit of Brazilian delegation – Steph and Luc
- Follow up on BASIC – Sibylle
- A summary of the issues needed to be followed up following the last GB meeting - Sigrún

Items carried forward

NTR.