

Minute taker: Noel Kelly
Location: The Conference Room
Time: 10.00-12:30am

SIPRI - Armament and Disarmament cluster meeting
Solna, 16 April 2018

MINUTES

Participants

Sibylle Bauer, Mark Bromley, Aude Fleurant, Tarja, Cronberg, Pieter Wezeman, Shannon Kile, Tytti Erästö, Petr Topchkanov, John Hart, Giovanna Maletta, Nan Tian, Alexandra Kuimova, Anna, Regner, Lukas Pashalidis

Agenda for A&D cluster meeting

- Budgeting/fundraising workshop for A&D cluster - Briefing from Lena and new date TBD
- Report back from SMT
- Report back from Programme Heads on recent and upcoming activities
- Wallenburg Foundation grant proposal - status
- Stockholm Security Conference 2018, 19-20 September - updates
- AOB
- Date of next meeting

Budgeting/fundraising workshop for A&D cluster.

- Lena went over the practicalities in preparation for our forthcoming A&D budgeting/fundraising workshop. What to think about when answering a call or making an application of some sort? What to take into account? These are some of the questions that Lena will go over and make a presentation on and conduct a question and answer session. This should take about one hour in all.

Date and time decided: 24 May at 11:00am in the conference room

Lena requested, if anybody has questions, please feel free to contact beforehand.

Update back from SMT

Sibylle reported -

- On Monday 28 May, following the Governing Board meeting, Hans Blix will give a lecture in the Musikaliska Stockholm. Seating is by 5:15pm with the lecture scheduled to begin at 5:30pm.
- Concerning the GB meeting (28-29 May), cluster staff is advised to keep some time free those days, especially lunch schedules, and be available to engage with GB members.
- There have been discussions some time back with the Finnish Embassy about having an event on the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism. This will now take place on the 17 May but we did not confirm a time. It is recommended to do schedule for early afternoon due to other morning activities. Sibylle will check with the Finns.
- On 17 May – the Foreign Affairs Committee will hear a briefing from a SIPRI delegation on emerging technologies at 11:00am at the Foreign Affairs Committee.
- The Stockholm Forum invitation is now open to staff and we need to let Kate know if intending to participate.
- This year is 25th anniversary of the Russian publication of the SIPRI YB. IMEMO (The Institute of World Economy and International Relations), want to mark this event by hosting an event on 18 October, including a SIPRI delegation but TBC.

Update on EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium

Sibylle reported -

- Briefly on EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium – the latest is the contract is still not signed. We will be informed once it is finally signed and then activity planning can start.

AMEX

Aude reported -

- AMEX did a small report for Transparency International; they requested a breaking down of sales per company and recipients - domestic vs international customers. Waiting for feedback now. AMEX are also examining the possibility of helping TI with some of the work they do on transparency in milex. This of course depends on the terms and how much is offered for the work.
- Much of the focus now is towards preparing material for the milex data launch happening on 2 May. Everything is on track at the moment.
- Pieter will travel to Washington to present the latest amex data on military expenditure and arms transfers at the Stimson Center on 10 May. This is an annual event.
- Aude will travel to Barcelona to present the latest amex data on military expenditure and arms transfers at the Centre Delas Conference on 16 May.
- The Eisenhower School pay their annual visit to SIPRI on Monday 23 April and meet with the AMEX team.
- AMEX is planning for the next round of UD work and a revised budget has been sent to Maria. The AMEX UD work planned for in 2018 includes:
 - A factsheet on the Gulf region covering arms transfers and milex.
 - A factsheet on the UNROCA, including relevance for regions with ODA countries, so there is a non-ODA comparison. Looking at GDP levels, 10 years growth rates, etc.
 - A policy paper led by Nan will be produced on extra and off-budget military spending is planned and this will be published in 2019.

DUAT

Mark reported –

- DUAT are finalising two application papers. One for the U.S. State Department grant on ITT (Intangible Technology Transfers) project and a second for more work on the ATT assistance-mapping database.
- DUAT is working on two funding proposals sent to the UK FCO. One would be more work on the ATT assistance-mapping database and the other is looking at a study of dual-use export controls in academia. These have gone through to the second round.
- DUAT have 3 projects funded under the 2018-19 UD grant.
 - One is towards work also on ATT database but to expand its focus to cover both export control related assistance and also SALW related assistance efforts. This work will run from 2018 into 2019.
 - A small project with a policy report on SDG 16.4 (by 2030 significantly reduce illicit financial and arms flows, strengthen recovery and return of stolen assets, and combat all forms of organized crime). Looking at the current state of

attempts to measure the achievement of that goal. Mark plans to work on this in collaboration with Marina from the P&D cluster.

- The third project planned is about current health and prospects for conventional arms control. This issue is also of interest to the Finnish Government who are potentially interested in funding complementary, related activities building on the UD-funded work. This project also has the potential to overlap with work done by AMEX and there may be possible collaboration.

Arms Control, Disarmament and Non-Proliferation

Sibylle reported -

- The NPT PrepCom is to be held 23 Apr - 4 May 2018 in Geneva. Sibylle, Tytti and Tarja are attending the first week. There is a side event on Wednesday together with Hiroshima Prefecture and UNIDIR. A paper to be launched at this event is being finalised this week titled - *Setting the Stage for Progress Towards Nuclear Disarmament*.

Shannon reported –

- After a delay of two months, the SIPRI YB global nuclear forces chapter text from the co-author has been received. Shannon will consult with AMEX on some of the figures mentioned in the text. This chapter is going to the indexer this week.
- The Swedish MFA has invited Shannon to a brainstorming session on 22 May, looking at nuclear transparency broadly defined.
- On 11-12 May, the next Iranian dialogue meeting is coming up in Helsinki. CMI are organising this event.

Petr reported –

- Petr will be in Moscow on 25 May for a dialogue meeting between India, U.S. and Russia and this is hosted by IMEMO and ORF (Observer Research Foundation) and U.S. Kannon Institute.
- Petr may be in Pakistan on 6 May for a regional conference on nuclear security and not just nuclear but also about conventional. But not sure yet!
- Petr was in Vienna on 15 April for an arms control and dialogue meeting in the OSCE area, organised by the Vienna Centre for Disarmament and non-Proliferation. There was a full bench of Ambassadors from EU countries, including from Sweden. The Austrian Foreign Ministry sponsored the event. Petr can share notes to those interested from this meeting.
- On the 22-23 May, SIPRI is hosting the Carnegie funded workshop titled - *Mapping the Impact of Machine Learning and Autonomy on Strategic Stability and Nuclear Risk*. There is no final list of names yet. Petr will share the names of those attending and agenda when ready.

Tytti reported-

- Tytti along with Petr has an article coming up on the INF treaty.
- Tytti will go to conference in Seoul (with Dan), organised jointly by the South Korean foreign ministry and the EEAS, and held 3-4 May (with dinner on 2nd - so traveling 1-5 May). Conference is titled - *The Fourth ROK-EU International Conference on Middle Eastern and North African Affairs* - and Tytti will give a presentation with a preliminary title called - *Role of sanctions in the making and breaking of the Iran nuclear deal*.
- The Berlin conference on 'Europe-Iran-Turkey Relations' originally scheduled for 8 May (organised by CARPO / FES / AlSharq) has been postponed to the latter part of June, but date TBC.

John reported –

- A concept note for a table topic exercise (TTE) involving a mobile Russian biomedical lab within the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention to be conducted in Jordan or Lebanon was drafted in February by Ian Anthony and John Hart for the UK FCO counter-proliferation call. It was not shortlisted.
- John drafted a concept note for an oral and documentary history of the Joint Investigative Mechanism (JIM) in Syria during March. It was re-drafted in April.
- The forensics pathology training module concept requires a 3rd institutional partner. The baseline study underpinning part of the module was submitted for peer review in [January 2018](#). The ICRC is not in a position to participate as anything involving chemical weapons and Turkey could raise questions as to the organization's neutrality. John will approach MSF and re-approach Berkeley Law School.
- The priority should be on the Skripal case. For example:

Hybrid/information warfare: case study of Skripal case and implications for multilateral disarmament and arms control verification

- i.) analyse OPCW institutional implications,
- ii.) review the wider, non-CW international legal context,
- iii.) and analyse the theory and practice of multilateral arms control and disarmament for so-called novichok class of agents.
- iv.) geopolitical significance

SIPRI Initiating a Middle East programme at SIPRI

Pieter reported –

- SIPRI Senior Associate Johan Schaer, along with selected members of SIPRI staff with many from this cluster met to start the process off. In summary, it was reported that Johan Schaer approached in a very broad and holistic way. He presented on water

shortage and conflict risk in the region as an example of what he does and finds interesting. He would like to gather ideas from the group that met and this is where it currently stands. Sibylle will put it in the agenda at SMT to keep updated on the process. It was also suggested to have some brown bag meetings and give people in-house the opportunity to present their particular take and interests related to the Middle East.

Tarja reported -

- Giving information complimentary to the NPT Prepcom, on 18-19 April, Tarja will be attending a special seminar in Geneva on the NPT and its future and speaking about long-term reform based on the Iranian case. This is a framework organised by the GCSP and Middle Powers Initiative.
- Tarja has been speaking to the Swedish MFA about having a Nordic conference on the treaty to prohibit nuclear weapons but this is unlikely. However, the Swedish MFA has asked for perhaps arranging in cooperation with the Finns, a Nordic conference on civil society in Northern Countries. Could the civil society in Nordic countries produce common approaches to the treaty? Further developments are awaited.
- Tarja received an invitation from the Blue Banner in Mongolia, for a seminar on Korean Peninsula after the Trump/Kim meeting.

Wallenburg Proposal

Sibylle reported –

- Two proposals have been submitted from this cluster for this year with one on emerging technologies and another from Nan on modelling the global security web. It is a long process and we could possibly be back in Oct/Nov at the earliest.

Stockholm Security Conference 2018

Sibylle reported –

- Title - *Emerging Technologies: Unseen Connections, Missing Players, Absent Solutions.*
- Sibylle will send around the concept note and has asked for ideas now to be put in writing and a paragraph on a breakout session sent ASAP. In a further development, the Munich Security Conference are currently interested in partnering up.

AOB

- Currently a combined clusters calendar is being updated and maintained on the SIPRI intranet, it can be found at:<<http://intranet.sipri.org/category/docs/research-clusters/>>.
- The A&D cluster is reminded to be in the habit of sharing event information both to Sibylle and Noel to keep a record. It is especially important if you receive an invitation and are unable to attend that you share this information in-house as perhaps others may like to attend. Moreover, it is also useful in order to better coordinate with

others who may be attending the same event. Please inform Sibylle of your event invitations.

- The suggestion was made to try and create a clusterswiki rather than maintain a word document that is cumbersome to manage and Noel will explore this option in unison with the other in-house co-ordinators.
- Noel would like to remind colleagues to please keep your shared zimbra calendars updated.

Next A&D Cluster Meeting

- Wednesday 16 May, 9:30am – 11:00am, meet in the conference room.