

Peace & Development Cluster Meeting

MINUTES

1. Update on projects, proposals and the status of publications planned for the next 8 months

- **Damir:** There is currently one project (Social Cohesion) underway and it will wrap up in December. Once the data is cleaned in November, they can produce the final report. They are planning a workshop with UNDP in Oslo at the end of October. Damir has been invited to participate in a roundtable in DC at a conference hosted by the Agha Khan Foundation and the British Council. Aida Bolotbekova from our Life in Kyrgyzstan Conference partner organization will come to SIPRI in September and December.
- **Gulzhan:** Same as Damir
- **Zoe:** The Mali project will have workshops in mid-October and convene its monitoring group.
- **Winnie:** Currently finishing up the World Bank project with Gary.
- **Suyoun:** Working on the Korea Foundation grant development in dangerous places. Will attend the Development Studies Association conference in Bradford 6-8 September. If anyone wants her to report back on a particular session, let her know in advance: <http://www.devstud.org.uk/conferences/2017/>.
- **Emma:** Is working with Suyoun on a policy brief related to ODA in fragile states (draft forthcoming in mid-September). Emma will be working with the climate programme this autumn/winter. She announced a new intern, Jose Alvarado (Guatemala), who will be joining the programme (September – December) and will contribute to the research on gender and peace processes. She also announced a visiting fellow, Gonzalo Viton (Spain), who will arrive in mid-September and researching women's participation in African peace processes.
- **Yeonju:** Launched the latest AVM blog together with Ursign at GICHD. The AVM story map is forthcoming this week. Also working on women's impact on political processes (draft available next week). Will submit a Korea Foundation proposal on 1325 implementation through development cooperation with a case study of Myanmar. Together with Suyoun, will also attend the DSA conference in Bradford.
- **Kate:** 2017 Forum report comes out this week and will be promoted via the SIPRI Newsletter, social media and a participant email. The call for session proposals was circulated in-house and will be promoted externally with partners and prospective partners next week and outreach activities will begin shortly thereafter. Supporting early planning of next MFA grant proposal as coordinate with the MFA develops (details forthcoming). A couple workshops in the works—details will be sent separately once confirmed. Has been working with Dan to prepare upcoming IPIS roundtable.

- **Marina:** NUPI paper on police peacekeeping training has been published, as has the police peacekeeping knowledge management paper (also NUPI). The security and justice brief that emerged from the Forum is in process and Marina aims to have it published at the end of September (*subject to editorial capacity*). SIPRI will be accepting the NATO Building Integrity Programme assessment offer, which Marina and Anastasia will lead. Other projects in development include: New Deal on security and justice, PVE proposal for UNDP's Oslo Governance Centre. The SSC session on the socioeconomic integration of refugees and migrants is on track and two blogs are forthcoming on the topic. Marina is also planning a seminar with Jair and Timo on police peacekeeping (inviting primarily Swedes, Nordics and Dutch experts and officials) some time during the week of 16 October (TBD). Waiting for feedback from Gary regarding civil-mil relations conference at Tufts. Next week she will attend a police experts network meeting in Lisbon (4 – 6 September) and will be in The Hague at the Dutch knowledge platform on rule of law conference on Thursday (7-Sept), as will Amiera.
- **Jiayi:** Starting her PhD at Linköping University. Is working on a report on the P5's climate security policy.
- **Amiera:** Submitted the FORMAS (Swedish Council on Sustainable Development) proposal with the World Bank, Swedish Energy Agency and Kenyan and Ethiopian partners. The proposal looks at climate adaptation around renewable energy and climate. Is currently working on the gender, security and climate research for the MFA. The Planetary Security Conference will take place from 12 – 13 December and SIPRI will host a session on the UN Security Council. We are still looking for representation from Iraq and Afghanistan at the broader conference if possible. Amiera is off to Clingandael next week to lead a session at their annual security conference on gender, climate change and security. The SSC session on urban informality and basic services provision in Africa is on track. On 22 September Dr. Naho Miramachi of Kings College London will host a seminar at SIPRI on transboundary water cooperation and risk.
- **Timo:** Everything his team is currently working on overlaps with the P&D research agenda (VE; environment and migration; women's participation; role of police in PKOs), so he wanted to join the cluster meeting to stay informed.
- **Malin:** Working on a progress report for the Planetary Security Conference. Planning to host a meeting on climate and security in Stockholm with the MFA (topic, purpose TBD) in November. Co-hosting an event with the Global Challenges Foundation on the afternoon of 19 October (details forthcoming). On 29 September she will lead a meeting with the Stockholm Resilience Centre to identify possible areas of cooperation between it and SIPRI. Next spring, Malin is off to DC (Woodrow Wilson Center) with the Mistra Geopolitics project. She continues to work in the MFA-funded project on climate change and security, but will be based in Washington DC. Guest researchers who will be joining our cluster are:
 - Corinne Lemain, Policy Officer at the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (12-Sept – 6-Oct)
 - Emma Hakala, Researcher at the University of Helsinki (16 – 27 October)

- **Gary:** Working on job descriptions and will send them to Malin, Marina and Kate to send to respective staff, finalise and return up the chain. During SMT has communicated P&D concerns regarding Yearbook process but was met with some frustration. Suggests supportive language at Friday's RSC and constructive suggestions about what to incorporate in the Yearbook in 2019 if our recommendations are not feasible in 2018. Will be in town from 11 – 15 September and has some availability for bilateral meetings if there's anything pending that needs his attention.

2. The Kyrgyz team presented its new proposal (to EBA) on evaluating long-term Swedish development cooperation

- Previous EBA studies have evaluated the degree to which Swedish aid has contributed to poverty reduction in Tanzania (2016) and the effectiveness of internal processes with regard to development outcomes in Uganda
- The team has conducted in-house consultations and has developed a series of possible topics for evaluation:
 - Gender equality in Afghanistan
 - Gender equality and peace in Mali
 - Poverty reduction, gender equality and peace in Mozambique
 - Poverty reduction and gender equality in Ethiopia
 - Poverty reduction and gender equality in Kenya; or
 - Something in DRC
- Feedback from the team:
 - The Afghan idea would require considerable local contacts with fluency in the languages and cultures of the areas where Swedish aid will be evaluated. There's also a question of whether or not SIPRI could add value when many other organisations are doing similar work. However, if this case is selected, a local partner like APPRO might be able to provide assistance.
 - There was some disagreement with the idea that Kenya is a 'boring' case. Amiera pointed out that the impact of aid in Kenya on Ethiopia and visa versa is very interesting to Swedish policymakers at the moment, due to developments on the ground. There is little data on long term impacts of aid in this region and practitioners report that the situation is becoming more complex.
 - Jiayi wonders how EBA's projects draw on or are coordinated with Sida's project M&E. (EBA is independent, so there is no coordination).
 - Malin stresses that Call from EBA highlights long-term evaluation of development cooperation and emphasizes the need to articulate how the methodology would address impact over time. She also suggested that demonstrating in-house expertise on the selected topic is essential. Lastly, she proposed using the need to break down silos as justification for looking at multiple development outcomes.
 - Gary wondered which of the cases the team was most interested in pursuing (not clear) and which SIPRI researchers would be on the project team if the grant was awarded. He also proposed a three prong strategy for assessing impact: (1) Look at the aims identified in Sida's strategy documents over the years and (2) the frameworks of Sida's individual projects/programmes to understand what it aimed to achieve. Then consider (3) the unintended outcomes of Sida's assistance. Lastly, he suggested explicitly stating that SIPRI's

comparative advantage in this Call is its experience performing impact evaluations in fragile states.

3. Discussion of research ethics at SIPRI, including areas of concern and opportunities for improvement.

- Since SIPRI is doing more capacity building and field research than in the past, there is some concern among staff about the absence of a policy on research ethics.
- P&D staff are invited to send around resources on the topic internally (within the cluster). Then we can evaluate which guidelines are best suited to SIPRI's work and put forward recommendations to the SMT for consideration.

4. Updates: The three Cluster Coordinators met to discuss the services that they can offer to their respective research teams (listed below). Feel free to ask questions or provide feedback on this list. Going forward, the Cluster Coordinators aim to hold monthly meetings to improve horizontal communication. Readouts of these meetings will be provided the Directors of Study as an input to the SMT. *Please note: Proportionate salary coverage should be provided by individual projects in exchange for significant support (>4 hrs/week) provided by a Cluster Coordinator.*

- Conference/meeting/workshop planning and on-site support
- Budget support
- Research support
- Proposal development and feedback
- Document management and maintenance
- Internal (inter-cluster) communications, including meeting agendas and minutes
- Identification of collaboration opportunities (cross-functional, cross-cluster, external)
- Team building activities
- Providing updates of cluster's website content to IT/comms team

FOR CONSIDERATION BEFORE NEXT MEETING

1. Develop a list of researchers and other experts from Fragile and Conflict-affected States (FCS) (exmpl: Malika Joseph)

- How could the PeaceDev team collaborate with them or otherwise draw on their knowledge and experience?
- What about engaging qualified refugees here in Sweden?
- Gary has already proposed the following steps to Maria/Helena:
 - 1) SIPRI HR to contact:
 - A. Arbetsförmedlingen and/or Migrationsverket to learn:
 - (i) What resources are available to organisations interested in hiring refugees that would help to identify relevant, qualified individuals;
 - (ii) What support is provided to the refugee and the hiring organisation when the former is offered employment?
 - B. Solna Kommun to assess whether the municipality would like to assist in this effort as part of its labour market integration strategy.
 - 2) RSC brainstorms projects that would make use of refugee insights and knowledge (perhaps in cooperation with Swedish

Ministries/agencies), such as integration, trafficking, gang violence, radicalisation, etc. Furthermore, the Directors of Study should consider knowledge gaps within their clusters to determine what specific roles we could foresee making available for refugee recruitment.

3) Organise an in-house seminar and invite potential applicants. The seminar would allow qualified refugees to learn more about SIPRI's work and possible opportunities, and allow the current staff to get to know interested experts.

- 2. Develop and regularly update a list of institutions in FCS that have expressed an interest in collaborating with SIPRI.** Establish regular discussions to evaluate whether and how the PeaceDev should work with institutions on the list [exmpl: Sweden-Somaliland Entrepreneurship Development Association (SSEDA); the Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, New Delhi; the Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit (AREU)]