

SIPRI SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

6 April 2021

MINUTES

Participants: Sibylle Bauer, Maria Kaemmerle, Jannie Lilja, Dan Smith

Note-taker Elena Haapaniemi

The meeting was conducted via Zoom.

1. Corona virus

NTR.

2. Minutes

- The minutes from the SMT meeting on March 30 were not approved; feedback from Joakim is pending.

3. Report back and matters arising

- Maria and Joakim had a meeting with the MFA to discuss the financial reporting on the strategic grant.
- Dan has formally launched the internal mid-term review process.
- Dan has sent out an invitation for those interested to join an internal working group to brainstorm on how SIPRI office life should be organised in the post-pandemic future.

4. Staffing & project issues, including stock-taking of forthcoming recruitment

- The application for a four year project on community resilience focussed on north-eastern Nigeria was submitted to the Wallenberg foundation.
- Sibylle provided a brief update on the UNSCAR-funded project on military spending and the reporting instrument of the UN to be implemented by AMEX. The final contract is yet to be signed. Worth noting an interest in a broader dialogue and partnership with SIPRI expressed by UNODA. Sibylle is following up on this.
- On March 31, Dan, Florian and Claire met with Pedro Conceição, Director of the Human Development Report Office and lead author of the Human Development Report. The latter is very interested in EP 2022; the SIPRI team will explore this interest further.

5. AOB

- SMT discussed research on Chinese policies and actions in the current environment.

Action points

- Follow up with UNODA – Sibylle
- Follow up on the meeting with Pedro Conceição – Dan, Florian and the EP 2022 team

Items carried forward:

- **&frankly: way forward**
- **Vacation Policy**