



SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

23 February 2022

MINUTES

Participants

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Note-taker

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Format

Hybrid meeting

1. Minutes

- SMT has not yet approved the minutes of the 16 Feb meeting as not all SMT members have contributed their comments.

2. Follow-up on previous action items

- Maria reported that Magda has confirmed that Zoom licenses can be shared. She has received information from all clusters and departments on who requires a licence. SIPRI can purchase additional licenses as required.
- Christina is awaiting further information from SMT to complete the booking for the SMT Away Day.
- The first Wine & Cheese evening will be held in late March. The subsequent Wine & Cheese, organized by the P&D cluster, will be held in late April.

3. Report Back

a. Germany

- Sibylle met with the German MFA in Berlin. It would be beneficial to put together one proposal for German funding by July, pulling together various areas of SIPRI's work under the broad heading of the SSC.
- Germany is also interested in cooperation on climate change and risk. An internal discussion on possibly aligning different approaches for German funding should be held.

b. Sweden

- Together with Jan Eliasson and Peter Wallensteen of Uppsala University, Joakim briefed Crown Princess Victoria last week. A visit SIPRI may be arranged later in the year.
- Outreach to Swedish officials has been fruitful, leading to the following planned visits and meetings:
 - o Zoom meeting with Minister of International Development Cooperation Matilda Erkrans and State Secretary Jenny Ohlsson – 21 March
 - o Visit of Foreign Minister Ann Linde – 25 March
 - o Visit of the Speaker of Parliament – 30 March

- Visit by the Foreign Relations Committee – 11 May
- SMT needs to begin planning for the next application for the Strategic Grant.
- The return visit of the Work Environment Authority on 17 February went well. All follow-up actions were approved and the case is now closed.
- SIPRI will find ways to present and discuss the findings of the Environment of Peace report with the MFA. Joakim will follow up.

c. SIPRI Governing Board

- The unions have agreed to the nomination of Stefan Löfven as Chair.
- Board members have received Jan's letter announcing his decision not to seek a second term as Chair and asking if they support the nomination of Stefan Löfven to succeed him. SIPRI is awaiting their response.

d. Munich Security Conference (MSC)

- Dan met with Benedikt Franke, MSC's Chief Operating Officer, who is interested in working with SIPRI on climate change and security through COP27 and COP28.
- Dan met with Comfort Ero, International Crisis Group's new President & CEO, and discussed a potential annual roundtable between SIPRI and ICG as well as further cooperation around the MSC. Sepideh will follow up.
- Dan met with Renata Dwan, Deputy Director and Senior Executive Officer at Chatham House, who indicated interest in supporting the launch of the Environment of Peace report.

4. Events

- SMT agreed that staff members invited to the Moscow Non-Proliferation Conference in April should not confirm their attendance until there is greater clarity on developments as regards Ukraine.

a. Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development

- Sending invitations for the plenary sessions is the current priority.

b. Environment of Peace Launches

- The short version of the report is with the panel for their approval.
- Multiple launches, including virtual launches, will take place.

c. SIPRI Lecture

- Helen Clark, former Prime Minister of New Zealand, has accepted the invitation to deliver this year's SIPRI Lecture. She will discuss the Environment of Peace report during her remarks. Given travel restrictions, she will not travel to Stockholm.
- The lecture will be pre-recorded and shown at the venue. A live panel, reflecting on the lecture, will follow. The intention is that Helen Clark will provide closing remarks via video link. Panelists are yet to be identified.

d. Civilian Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) Events

- The events will take place at SIPRI with Swedish implementing partners on 10 March, and EU policy actors on 17 March.
- The Dutch Embassy will host a reception on the evening of 17 March. Dan or Joakim will attend.

e. Stockholm Security Conference

- Luc and Sibylle will meet to discuss planning for the event.
- SMT discussed approaching the Center for Civilians in Conflict and the Center for Feminist Foreign Policy to organize sessions at the next SSC.

5. Staffing & Project Issues

- An informal working group on the Projects Section will develop a comprehensive proposal for improved project management at SIPRI. A first task is to help formulate the job descriptions for the new Grants Manager and a new Project Manager.

6. Executive Session

- SMT held an Executive Session.

Action Items:

- Dan to convene a meeting on possibly aligning approaches for applying for German funding.
- Sepideh to follow-up with International Crisis Group regarding annual roundtable and potential cooperation around the MSC.
- Joakim to follow up on introducing the Environment of Peace report's findings to the MFA.
- Dan to follow up on identifying panellists for the SIPRI lecture.
- Dan and Joakim to determine which of them will attend the Civilian CSDP reception on 17 March, hosted by the Dutch Embassy.
- Luc and Sibylle to report back regarding their discussion on the SSC.

Items carried forward:

- Draft Sexual Abuse and Harassment policy.
- Recruitment check-list and recruitment processes at SIPRI.