

SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

11 May 2022

MINUTES

Participants

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Note-taker

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Format

Hybrid Meeting

1. Minutes

- SMT approved the minutes of the 27 April meetings. The minutes of the 4 May meeting will be recirculated for approval.

2. Report Back

a. Outreach

- The Yearbook was sent to the indexer today.
- An embargoed Environment of Peace press release, report and summary will be shared with journalists today.

b. Sweden

- Joakim met with Mattias Frumerie, Sweden's Head of Delegation to UNFCCC, on 10 May to discuss possible areas of cooperation.
- On 16 May, Dan and Claire will brief Jenny Ohlsson, State Secretary for International Development, on the Environment of Peace report.
- The relaunch of the Stockholm Hub on Environment, Climate and Security will take place on 18 May.

c. Korea

- The President of the Korea Foundation visited SIPRI on 2 May and met with Dan and Sepideh.
- Dan participated in a UNDPPA meeting on the Korean Peninsula, hosted by Sweden on 5 May.
- Dan and Fei will participate in a Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission meeting on 13 May.

- The President of the Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies (KFAS) will visit SIPRI on 17 May. SIPRI and KFAS will sign a cooperation agreement during the visit.

d. International

- SIPRI hosted a lunch with Ambassadors at Steninge Slott to discuss the upcoming Environment of Peace report. The event went well and 18 countries were represented.
- Luc will meet with the Taiwanese Defense Attaché on 13 May to discuss a draft Memorandum of Understanding between SIPRI and the Taiwanese Ministry of Defense on guest researchers.
- SIPRI will host a closed roundtable with the Malaysian Foreign Minister on 31 May.
- An Indian military delegation will visit SIPRI on 30 May.
- Jan and Joakim met with the Iranian Ambassador on 10 May.

e. Relations with other organizations

- Dan will speak at the Global Network Initiative board meeting today.
- Joakim was interviewed for a podcast produced by the The Alva Myrdal Centre for Nuclear Disarmament.
- Florian and Kheira are in New York this week. Alongside Jair and NUPI, they will participate in meetings on climate security and peacebuilding.
- Jannie will speak at the US National Academy of Sciences Symposium on the science of peace on May 16.
- Dan met with David Kaatrud, the Global Director of Programme and Policy at WFP, on 6 May to discuss SIPRI's ongoing partnership with WFP.
- Dan will participate in the International Conference on Sustainable Ocean Economy and Climate Change Adaptation organized by UNDP Vietnam on 12 May. Dan will speak on a Special Plenary Session on climate-related security risks.
- Dan will also speak at the Montreal Climate Security Summit organized by the Conference of Defence Associations Institute on 12 May.
- Sibylle participated in the Körber History Forum on 9-10 May in Berlin.
- SIPRI will organize a preparatory meeting for the Tenth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons with UNODA in late May.
- Sibylle will chair the Ypres Peace Prize committee on 13 and 14 May.

f. Away Days

- The Armament and Disarmament Cluster held their Away Day last week. Sibylle will share key points from the discussions with SMT.

3. Stockholm Security Conference

- SMT discussed possible session topics for this year's SSC. 'Battlefields of the Future' will remain the theme of the conference and the effects of the war in Ukraine will feature prominently. Sibylle and Luc will share a list of possible topics and their framing with SMT.
- Preparations for a chemical and biological weapons related event at the SSC, in honour of Julian Perry Robinson, are ongoing.

4. Staffing & Project Issues

- The MENA Programme Director position has been readvertised. Applications will close at the end of May.
- The recruitment processes for the Grants Coordinator and Office Assistant positions are ongoing.
- The job description for the researcher/senior researcher in peacebuilding position has been finalized.

Action Items

- Sibylle and Luc to share a list of possible SSC topics and their framing with SMT.
- Sibylle to share key points from the Armament and Disarmement Away Day discussions with SMT.

Items carried forward:

- &frankly follow-up and the next survey.
- Review of criteria for promotion (moved to fall of 2022).