

SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

18 May 2022

MINUTES

Participants

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Note-taker

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Format

In-Person Meeting

1. Minutes

- SMT approved the minutes of the 4 May meeting. The minutes of the 11 May meeting were not approved as they were not reviewed by all SMT members.

2. Report Back

a. Sweden

- The relaunch of the Stockholm Hub on Environment, Climate and Security took place today at the Swedish MFA. The launch went very well and was well attended by two ministers as well as representatives of different Swedish government agencies and ministries, as well as parliamentarians.
- SIPRI will host a side event at Stockholm+50 on 3 June.
- Dan and Joakim will meet with the leadership of the Swedish MFA's Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Unit (UD-NIS) on 20 May.

b. International

- Luc and Lucie met with the Taiwanese 'ambassadors' in the region together with representatives from various think tanks on 13 May.
- SMT decided that the citizenship category for some guest researchers would be removed from the SIPRI website.
- SMT discussed joining a consortium to bid for EU funding for research on aerospace and defence market.

c. Relations with other organizations

- Dan will participate virtually in the closing panel of the Aswan Forum in late June.
- Jannie will participate in a USIP seminar today on international aid and fragile states.

d. Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development

- The Stockholm Forum will take place next week. Approximately 380 participants have registered to attend in person and 1700 to participate online.
- The hybrid format has proven to be very challenging and costly. SIPRI and the Swedish MFA will reexamine this format following the Forum.
- The Environment of Peace report will be launched at the Forum on 23 May at noon. The press release, report summary and report will go live at midnight on 22 May.

e. Delegations visiting SIPRI

- 19 May: The Deputy Foreign Minister of Azerbaijan will visit SIPRI; he will meet with Dan and Ian Anthony.
- 30 May: An Indian military delegation from National Defence College of India will visit SIPRI. CCR is leading on planning the visit.
- 31 May: The Malaysian Foreign Minister will visit SIPRI. He will meet with Dan and participate in a closed roundtable. Outreach is leading on planning the visit and roundtable.
- Mid-June: A Pakistani military delegation and a delegation from the NATO's Civil Military Cooperation branch within the Allied Rapid Reaction Corps will visit SIPRI. The Director's Office is leading on the planning of both visits.

f. Finance

- SIPRI hosted a successful audit visit from the German Federal Foreign Office.
- The EUNPDC audit will start this week.

3. Governing Board

- The SIPRI Governing Board will meet on 22 and 23 May.
- SMT discussed the financial forecast and progress on SIPRI's KPIs ahead of the Board Meeting.
- A farewell and welcome reception for outgoing Board Chair, Jan Eliasson, and incoming Board Chair, Stefan Löfven, will be held in August.

4. Staffing & Project Issues

- The virtual internship contract for Larisa Saveleva was extended for an additional three months (1 June to 31 August 2022).
- SMT reiterated that staff cannot travel to hostile environments without completing Hostile Environment Awareness (HEAT) training.

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 Disarmament 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).