

SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

8 June 2022

MINUTES

Participants

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Format

In-Person Meeting

1. Minutes

- SMT approved the minutes of the 18 May and 1 June.

2. Report back

a. Sweden

- Jannie and Joakim participated in a lunch hosted by Cecilia Widgren, chair of the Swedish Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Delegation at the Swedish Parliament and member of the IPU's Executive Committee, on 2 June. Widgren expressed gratitude for SIPRI's significant contribution to the drafting of the IPU resolution "Rethinking and reframing the approach to peace processes with a view to fostering lasting peace", adopted at the biannual IPU Assembly in March.
- Joakim met with Erik Widman, Sweden's Ambassador for Climate and Security, on 7 June. Erik will visit SIPRI later this month for coffee with a few P&D colleagues.
- Jannie and Joakim will meet with Jenny Ohlsson, State Secretary for International Development Cooperation, in preparation for the renewal of the Strategic Grant.
- Drafting of the Strategic Grant application for 2023-25 will begin in August.

b. International

- Joakim attended a dinner on 7 June with the Irish Foreign Minister and other think tanks and organizations. The discussion focused on the war in Ukraine.
- Joakim will travel to Oslo next week for a meeting on Yemen with the Norwegian Foreign Ministry, NUPI and PRIO.
- Dan and Anniek met with Kitty van der Heijden, Director-General for International Cooperation, at the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 2 June in Stockholm. The possibility of a joint Environment of Peace event with the Dutch MFA was discussed.

c. Relations with other organizations

- Dan was in London on 7 June and met with the directors of Royal United Services Institute and International Alert, and Sondre Ulvund Solstad, a senior data journalist at the Economist. He also spoke at a Chatham House event which served as the London launch of the Environment of Peace report.
- David Beasley, Executive Director of the World Food Programme, will be in Stockholm next week. He will not meet with SIPRI as Dan is travelling.

d. Governing Board

- Stefan Löfven will be at SIPRI on 25 August for meetings with the clusters and departments. SIPRI will host a farewell/welcome reception for Jan and Stefan in the evening.

e. High Level Advisory Board (HLAB) on Effective Multilateralism

- On 1 June, Dan participated in the HLAB on Effective Multilateralism meeting in Uppsala. The HLAB is co-chaired by Stefan.
- SMT discussed convening a meeting with Stefan and SIPRI researchers conducting research on UN field offices and operations.

f. Environment of Peace

- SIPRI held an Environment of Peace side event at Stockholm+50 on 3 June. The event was well attended and included remarks from Foreign Minister Ann Linde.
- In June, the Environment of Peace report will be launched in Norway, London, Singapore, South Korea, New York City and Washington, DC.

g. Operations

- The Operations Department is currently planning for the summer vacation period and will send an all staff email indicating the availability of Operations colleagues over the holiday period.
- Kristina Sandberg, the new Head of Operations, will start on 8 August.

3. Stockholm Security Conference

- The concept note for this year's SSC will be finalized this week. Fundraising letters to embassies will be sent shortly thereafter.

4. Staffing & project issues

- The recruitments for the MENA Programme Director and (Senior) Researcher in Peacebuilding positions are ongoing.
- All Associates whose contracts expire at the end of August and wish to have their contracts extended will receive contract extensions.
- SMT discussed promotions criteria ahead of a more detailed meeting on the matter in the fall of 2022.

Action items:

- Sibylle to share key points from the Armament and Disarmament Away Day discussions with SMT via email.

Items carried forward:

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