

SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

10 August 2022

MINUTES

Participants

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Note-taker

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Format

In-person meeting

1. Minutes

- SMT approved the minutes from the 22 June SMT meeting.
- SMT did not approve the minutes from 8 June as all SMT members have not reviewed the minutes. No SMT meeting was held on 15 June.

2. Report back

a. Sweden

- In her capacity as Chair of the Working Group on Nuclear Disarmament in Policy and International Law, Sibylle will speak at a meeting with Foreign Minister Linde at the Alva Myrdal Center (AMC) for Nuclear Disarmament at Uppsala University on 12 July.

b. International

- Sibylle will explore the possibility of an event with Mexico and AMC in Geneva on the 40th anniversary of the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to Alva Myrdal and Alfonso García Robles. Dan will meet with the incoming Mexican Ambassador in this regard.
- Dan briefed SMT on his visits to Singapore and South Korea in June.

c. Relations with other organizations

- Dan met with the WHO Health Emergencies Program to discuss a possible partnership. Discussions are ongoing.
- Dan provided the keynote address at the International Network on Conflict and Fragility Director's meeting on 5 July, organized by the OECD Development Assistance Committee. His address outlined the challenges and benefits of closer cooperation between the development and peace communities.
- Sibylle visited the Odessa Center for Nonproliferation (OdCNP) in exile in Malta in July to speak at the first workshop co-hosted by OdCNP and the University of Malta, "Russia's War on Ukraine: the Implications for Arms Control and Nonproliferation".

d. Tenth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT RevCon)

- Tytti, Lora, Wilfred and Joakim attended NPT RevCon at the UN Headquarters in New York. Wilfred spoke at a side event on risk reduction, and Tytti presented her new report on disarmament and deterrence.
- On 8 August, SIPRI, AMC and the Swedish government co-hosted a side event titled “Nuclear Disarmament at a Crossroads?”. The event was well attended.
- Lora Saalman met with Japan’s Prime Minister, Kishida Fumio, on 1 August on the sidelines of NPT RevCon. Lora was part of a group of four American experts in the field of security, including nuclear disarmament and arms control, who met with Prime Minister Kishida.

3. SMT Away Day

- SMT discussed the agenda for the 17 August SMT Away Day.

4. Office space allocation

- SMT is working on a new office space allocation plan.

5. Staffing & project issues

- SMT decided that SIPRI will not host master’s students wishing to complete their theses in collaboration with SIPRI.
- SMT discussed the possibility of funding for internships.
- The new Office Assistant, Maria Gillgren, will take up her post on 15 August.
- Alaa Tartir has been appointed the new Director of the MENA Programme.
- The deadline for the Director of the Arms Transfers Programme position was extended until the end of August.
- A Research Assistant position in the WMD Programme and a Communications Officer position, with a focus on social media, will be posted this month.
- The new Grants Coordinator, Alemnesh Belatchew, will take up her post on 1 September.
- A guest researcher from Taiwan will join the China and Asia Security Programme at the end of August for one year.
- Louise Edgren will re-join the staff this month after parental leave.

Action items:

- Sibylle to explore the possibility of an event with Mexico and AMC in Geneva on the 40th anniversary of the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to Alva Myrdal and Alfonso García Robles. Dan will meet with the incoming Mexican Ambassador in this regard.
- Joakim to send follow-up email, to be drafted by Jannie and Luc, to AU Commissioner Adeoye following his visit to SIPRI in June.
- SMT to determine if SIPRI will return to in-person interviews.
- Sibylle to share key points from the Armament and Disarmament Away Day discussions with SMT via email.
- SMT to discuss promotions criteria.

Items carried forward:

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