

SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

1 February 2023

MINUTES

Participants

Sibylle Bauer, Jannie Lilja, Kristina Sandberg, Joakim Vaverka

Absent

Stephanie Blenckner, Dan Smith, Luc van de Goor

Note-taker

Sepideh Soltaninia

Format

In-person meeting

1. Minutes

- SMT approved the minutes of the 25 January meeting.

2. Report back

a. Sweden

- On 30 January, Jannie and Joakim met, at SIPRI, with the new MFA desk officer who will be SIPRI's main focal point for the new Strategic Grant application.
- Joakim will meet Alexandra Rydmark, Sweden's Ambassador to Jordan, in Stockholm today.
- On 2 February, Joakim will meet with the Head of Management Support at the Folke Bernadotte Academy.
- Geoff Dabelko, one of the lead authors of the Environment of Peace report, will be at SIPRI next week.
- On 6 February, Jannie, Florian and Kheira will attend a lunch with the British envoy for the Horn of Africa.
- On 8 February, SMT will have an Away Day at Steninge Slott.
- On 10 February, Joakim will attend the Alva Myrdal Centre for Nuclear Disarmament Governing Board meeting.
- Also on 10 February, SIPRI will host a hybrid meeting on the research agenda emerging from the EP research report.

b. International

- Sibylle met with German Member of European Parliament, Hannah Neumann. MEP Neumann started the 'Shecurity' initiative which, in part, focuses on gender segregated data on a range of security issues.
- On 7 February, Sibylle will speak at a seminar during the EU Disarmament Ambassadors' Retreat at the Swedish residence in Geneva. She will discuss the New Agenda for Peace.

c. Relations with other organizations

- Sibylle met with General Chris Badia, the NATO Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Transformation. They discussed the possibility of an event in Stockholm.
- SIPRI was invited to attend the hybrid launch of the AU's NeTT4Peace initiative on 8 February. The AU has expressed interest in SIPRI joining the initiative.
- Sepideh is working with colleagues on a draft Memorandum of Understanding for a partnership between SIPRI and the AU.
- UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Filippo Grandi, may visit Stockholm in the spring. SIPRI is discussing the possibility of a joint event with the UNHCR office in Stockholm.
- Stefan and Dan, accompanied by Sepideh, will travel to Munich for the Munich Security Conference on 17-19 February. SIPRI is organizing three side events at the conference, two in the main hotel and one in the BMW Foundation Pavilion. Timo will also attend one of the SIPRI side events, co-organized with the Center for International Peace Operations (ZIF), on the morning of 19 February.
- The EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium will likely hold its annual conference in December.

d. Operations

- Operations is working on closing the books for 2022.
- The auditors will visit SIPRI on 7-9 February.

3. Staffing and project issues

- SMT noted that HR is at 50 percent capacity and reiterated the procedure that colleagues should, if possible, seek information on the intranet, and with their line manager before requesting assistance from HR.
- Maria Kaemmerlé left her position at SIPRI on 31 January.
- The WMD programme secured a 2 million SEK grant from the Netherlands for research on nuclear risk reduction in outer space.

Action items:

- HR to follow-up with the Harvard professor interested in joining SIPRI as a Guest Researcher.

Items carried forward:

- Broader approach for larger scale fundraising for clusters.