

## SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

15 February 2023

### MINUTES

#### Participants

Sibylle Bauer, Stephanie Blenckner, Jannie Lilja, Kristina Sandberg, Dan Smith, Luc van de Goor, Joakim Vaverka

#### Note-taker

Sepideh Soltaninia

#### Format

Hybrid meeting

#### **1. Minutes**

- SMT approved the minutes of the 1 February meeting.

#### **2. Report back**

##### **a. Sweden**

- The Swedish government made its Statement on Foreign Policy today. The statement includes the government's intent to establish a special envoy for international cyber issues.
- Dan has been invited to a roundtable on 16 March on Total Defence, organized by MSB, with the Administrator of the US Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
- Joakim shared SMT's idea of documenting the oral history of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons at an Alva Myrdal Centre Governing Board meeting. The idea will now be raised at the next AMC retreat with working group chairs, in which Sibylle will participate.
- UI will host a meeting with the EU Non-proliferation and Disarmament Directors on 27 March. SIPRI researchers will present at the meeting.

##### **b. International**

- Sibylle is in Tokyo for the Asian Export Control Seminar.
- Discussions with the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam regarding a partnership are moving forward.
- On 16 February, Jannie, Ian and Jiayi will host a meeting with researchers from the Japanese National Institute for Defence Studies.
- The High-Level Advisory Board on Effective Multilateralism, co-chaired by SIPRI Governing Board Chair Stefan Löfven, will present their report to the UN Secretary General in the spring.

**c. Relations with other organizations**

- Luc and Virginie were in Dakar last week where they met with the UNDP regional representative, who is interested in signing a long-term agreement with SIPRI. Dan will meet with the regional representative to discuss this next week at the Munich Security Conference.
- SIPRI will host a workshop of the *Tafahum wa Tafadul* dialogue with the Gulf Research Research Center Foundation and the Center for Applied Research in Partnership with the Orient (CARPO) on 14-15 March. The workshop will focus on 'Regional project development within the Climate-Energy-Health-Nexus: Sustainability in West Asia and the Arabian Peninsula (WAAP)'.
- Discussions with the Global Network Initiative on potential collaboration are continuing.

**d. Governing Board**

- Stefan and Dan will send their regular update letter to the Board today.
- Finlandshuset has been booked for an event with the SIPRI Governing Board on 22 May.

**e. Outreach**

- Outreach is working on the 2022 Annual Review. A draft will be shared with SMT soon.
- A closed expert roundtable on Ukraine, co-organized with UI, will take place on 22 February at UI.
- The Prime Minister of Romania will speak at an invitation-only event at SIPRI on 31 March.
- The Food, Peace and Security Programme will publish a one-year update of the 'War in the Breadbasket' blog series.

**f. Operations**

- The financial portion of the Annual Report has been shared with the auditors.
- The Project Management Office (PMO) will designate one project manager per cluster.
  - o Nikos – A&D
  - o Fred – CPS
  - o Barbara – PD
  - o Felicia – Strategic projects and support with financial accounting, as well as financial controlling for all clusters
- Time reporting on projects directly in Maconomy will begin this month.

**3. Staffing and project issues**

- NTR

**Action items:**

- NA

**Items carried forward:**

- Discussion on the SSC.