



SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

21 February 2023

MINUTES

Participants

Sibylle Bauer, Stephanie Blenckner, Jannie Lilja, Kristina Sandberg (second half of the meeting only), Dan Smith, Luc van de Goor, Joakim Vaverka

Note-taker

Sepideh Soltaninia

Format

Hybrid meeting

1. Minutes

- SMT has yet to approve the minutes of the 15 February meeting.

2. Report back

a. Sweden

- The Stockholm Hub Working Group met on 15 February. The Hub will organize a meeting with briefings for Swedish Parliamentarians in April.
- The Cooperation Group held its first meeting of 2023 on 16 February.
- Luc participated in a dinner at the Japanese Ambassador's residence on 16 February.
- Steph and Sepideh met with a member of Telia's sustainability team to discuss private sector fundraising.
- Dan and Joakim will meet with Jan Knutsson, State Secretary for Foreign Affairs, today.
- The report for the previous Strategic Grant was submitted yesterday. The application for the new Strategic Grant is being finalised.
- Joakim and Sibylle will meet with the MFA's Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Department on 22 February.
- Dan will meet with Robert Rydberg, the new Swedish Ambassador for Climate and Security on 22 February.

b. International

- On 16 February, Jannie, Ian and Jiayi met with researchers from the Japanese National Institute for Defence Studies.

c. Relations with other organizations

- Stefan and Dan, accompanied by Sepideh, attended the Munich Security Conference from 17-19 February. While there, Dan attended some 30 bilateral meetings, events and

media interviews. This included three SIPRI co-organized events, and bilateral meetings with Susanne Baumann, Secretary of State at the German Federal Foreign Office; General Badia, Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Transformation at NATO; and Matt Browne, Head of Government Affairs (Europe) at Apple. Apple is interested in cooperation with SIPRI on cyber issues.

d. Outreach

- The Prime Minister of Romania will speak at an invitation-only event at SIPRI on 31 March from 14:30 – 16:00. He will also be interviewed for a spotlight video.
- The Arms Transfers data launch is scheduled for 13 March; preparations are on schedule.
- In March, SIPRI will release a series of videos, commentaries and reports to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the invasion of Iraq.

3. Institutional Risk Management

- SMT discussed SIPRI's institutional risk management areas.

4. Staffing and project issues

- Sibylle will be in Berlin next week for meetings with the German MFA.
- Sepideh will follow up with HR on the next intern(s) sponsored by the Korea Foundation.
- The AD cluster will have two interns (one in-person, one partly in-person) during the second half of 2023.

Action items:

- Sepideh to follow up with HR on the next intern sponsored by the Korea Foundation.

Items carried forward:

- Discussion on the SSC.