

SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

15 March 2023

MINUTES

Participants

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

Lisa Wiklund (item 3 only)

Absent

Sibylle Bauer

Note-taker

Sepideh Soltaninia

Format

Hybrid meeting

1. Minutes

- SMT approved the minutes of the 8 March meeting.

2. Report back

a. Sweden

- The Stockholm Hub will meet on 17 March for a working group meeting, including to discuss its upcoming meeting with parliamentarians.
- Joakim, Florian and Elin will meet with Sigrún Rawet and Mattias Broman at the Swedish MFA on 16 March to discuss the government's engagement this year with the Stockholm Hub and the future of the Hub, as well as give an update on SIPRI's work on climate change and risk.
- On 16 March, CCR and CPS will meet at SIPRI with a delegation from the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, including the Belgian Special Envoy for the Sahel Region, to discuss developments in the Sahel and in DR Congo.
- Luc, Lucie and Jiayi met with Representative of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to Sweden when he visited SIPRI on 9 March.
- Luc and Fei met with officials at the Chinese Embassy last week.

b. International

- Florian and Claire met with the UAE climate envoy's office.

c. Relations with other organizations

- Joakim will be in Geneva from 19-21 March for a meeting with other European institutes engaged in dialogue activities, hosted by the Swiss and Swedish governments.
- Luc and Sepideh met with the UNDP Sub-Regional Hub for West and Central Africa to discuss a long-term agreement with SIPRI.
- On 13 March, Caroline attended a closed door, technical meeting in London entitled “Resilience reset: opportunities and entry points for improving international food system governance and strengthening resilience”, organized by Chatham House, the Club of Rome, the Food and Land Use Coalition, the Food System Economics Commission and the United Nations Foundation.
- On 10 March, Jannie and Sepideh participated in WHO’s consultation with non-state actors on their Global Health for Peace initiative roadmap.

d. Operations

- Operations is managing many project applications.
- Operations is continuing to work with a consultant on SIPRI’s financial processes.

e. Outreach

- As of 18 March, the arms transfer data launch had already been discussed in over 5700 media articles, a significant increase from some 3000 articles last year.

3. Report of the Informal Working Group on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)

- SMT discussed the recommendations of the Informal Working Group with Wilfred, who chaired the group. Wilfred and another representative from the group will also join the Cooperation Group meeting on 16 March.
- Joakim, Kristina and Lisa will consider the recommendations and outline a proposal regarding next steps.

4. Institutional Risk Management

- SMT discussed SIPRI’s institutional risk management areas. The discussion will continue at the next meeting.

5. Staffing and project issues

- SMT agreed on the creation of a new programme on the Governance of Artificial Intelligence, led by Vincent.
- On 21 March, Mirella Bilalagic and Igor Barreto will join the Food, Peace and Security Programme as virtual interns.

Action items:

- Joakim, Kristina and Lisa to outline a proposal regarding next steps on the DEI Informal Working Group’s recommendations.

Items carried forward:

- Discussion on the SSC.