

## CPS Cluster Meeting - 1 November 2022

### Updates from SMT and Luc

- Some ideas for the Strategic Grant are being tested in view of the new political leadership of the Swedish MFA.
- Dan is going to give a presentation to the new parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee this month. Ideas and suggestions for this will be gathered from the programme directors.
- A proposal for a partnership with the African Union has been put forward to the AU.
- Explorations to see whether the Gulf dialogue started at the 2022 Forum can be connected to the Tafahum initiative, which also involves CARPO in Berlin, who would like to organize something at SIPRI in March 2023. We are looking into potential activities at SIPRI, potentially together with these partners.
- Munich Security Conference: Timo has been in touch with ZIF in Berlin. They have submitted a proposal for work on EU crisis management and CSDP missions and operations. Yesterday ICG and SIPRI also submitted a proposal for a side event on Sahel region, based on the findings of the independent high-level panel on security and development on the Sahel region.

### Updates from the institute

#### *Peace & Development*

- The next Gender Brown Bag presentation will be provided by Farah on 23 November.

#### *Director's Office*

- During the Governing Board meeting, staff will have the opportunity to meet with the GB members. It will be fully in-person, with no virtual connections.

### Updates from the teams

#### *Peace Operations & Conflict Management*

- Claudia's "Women in Multilateral Peace Operations in 2022: What is the State of Play?" booklet was released.
- Gretchen was granted partial funding from the ELSIE initiative.

#### *China and Asia Security*

- The China-Afghanistan project is being finalized.
- Fei and Lora are in Washington DC for an in-person cyber security workshop.

#### *Sahel & West Africa*

- The team is planning meetings in Dakar for November, including a presentation of the findings to the humanitarian community and development actors. The ReCap project will also be launched in Dakar.

*Middle East and North Africa*

- Shivan and Emilie are in Iraq to attend a round of local dialogue meetings and meet with partners in and around Erbil.
- Final work is ongoing for the strategic grant paper and the paper on post-conflict reconstruction in Ninewa.