

Minute taker: Noel Kelly

Time: 14:30-16:00 PM

SIPRI Armament and Disarmament Cluster Meeting

Zoom virtual meeting, Monday 3 October 2022

Participants:

Sibylle Bauer, Mark Bromley, Vincent Boulanin, Lucie Béraud-Sudreau, Wilfred Wan, Laura Bruun, Giovanna Maletta, Tytti Erästö, Vitaly Fedchenko, Lauriane Héau, Nan Tian, Diego Lopes, Siemon Wezeman, Pieter Wezeman, Justine Gadon, Alexandra Kuimova, Laura Bruun, Nivedita Raju, Nikos Politis, John Batho, Daniel Crimella, Anant Saria, Alex Kaplan, and Ming Sun

Agenda

- Updates from Operations.
- Reports or updates from Director's Office, HR, other Clusters
- Updates from Outreach. (Communications/Editorial)
- Report for A&D teams (AT, DUAT, Emerging Tech, MILAP, WMD)
- Updates from EUNPDC (Noel)
- Reports and discussion (Sibylle)
 - Report from SMT
 - Report from a conference about European peace research hosted by the Flemish Peace Research Institute (FPI) (8-9 Sept).
 - Report from a ministerial level event hosted by the German Federal Foreign Office on German feminist foreign policy (12 Sept).
- Zotero <<https://www.zotero.org>> (Lauriane introduction and cluster discussion)
- AOB

Topic: A&D Cluster Meeting

Time: Oct 3, 2022 14:30 Stockholm

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Update from Operations – Nikos

- A reminder to report your time and expenses for September if you have not done by now.
- When you send messages to the grantsmanager@sipri.org e-mail – please use the project number from Maconomy if you can.

Updates from Outreach. (Communications/Editorial)

Comms/Outreach – Johanna

- Working in preparations for SSC 2022 and aim to issue an invitation to register shortly.
- Recruitment in ongoing for a Communications Officer to replace Shannen Young who has now left.
- Thank you for updates on website pages and keep forwarding information to Alex Manolache.
- Please keep sending policy impact highlights to Stephanie so get an nice overview.

Editorial – John

- A general reminder to please stick with deadlines as this a busy period for the department.

P&D

- Nothing to report this time.

C, P & S Cluster

- Preparing for 2023 and for remainder of this year are finalising publications.
- There is an incoming MENA Programme Director (Alaa Tartir) is arriving toward the end of October.
- Lora and Su Fei are working GFFO Backgrounder and for the DC cyber workshop happening in November in Washington.

Director's Office

Colleagues have been contacted about meeting with an Indonesian delegation coming on the 16 November from 3:30PM.

The ASEAN Ambassador is planning to visit but no date or time yet.

HR

- Could not attend today but said if we have any questions to reach out.

Report from teams

A&D team report – Simeon

- Business as usual – waiting for an update on the approval of UNSCAR application.
- A new database is being worked on, but the programmers are still not finished.

DUAT programme – Mark

Staff - Louison Férand has joined the DUAT team as an intern (Sept to Dec 2022).

Three projects are being finalised towards the end of this year.

- The final publication (policy paper) for a German MFA funded project on post-shipment controls is being put together. This project will finish at the end of October.
- The MTCR project funded by the Germans and the Swiss is due to end in December. The final publication (policy paper) went out for internal review this morning.
- The UD strategic grant funded project on mapping SALW assistance efforts in the MENA region is progressing. The data has been collected and two blogs will be published before the end of this year.

Continuing projects in 2023

- The work being done with the German export licensing authority – BAFA on dual use export controls in the Middle East will continue in 2023 and probably also 2024.
- Project Insight - International Network Studying Incidents with Guns: Harm and Trafficking (IN-SIGHT) done with the Flemish Peace Institute (FPI). Associated Senior Research Andrea Varisco will be keep working on this along with Mark, Giovanna and Lauriane. SIPRI will help FPI develop a tool for collecting data on firearms trafficking incidents. Both Andrea and Giovanna will write case studies as part of this project. Andrea's will be on the types of weapons seized in illicit firearms trafficking seizures. Giovanna will do a study on the gendered impact of firearms use in Europe.

DUAT Events

- DUAT team members were involved in the last EU consultative meeting in Brussels. Mark spoke on the topic of the Ukraine conflict and strategic trade controls. Mark also gave a briefing to COARM (Council working group on arms export controls) about the work on post-shipment controls.

Emerging Tech

- They are in the final phase of a project about autonomous weapons focussed on the issue of human responsibility. The final report is being typeset and they are planning to do an on-line launch on 19 October.
- The team are working on some on-line publications, and they hope to have ready within the coming month.
- Laura Bruun has started a new project funded by UK FCO on autonomous weapons and IHL. The key deliverable is an in-person workshop on 10-11 November. This will be held in the Conference room and about 30 persons are expected.
- The final leg of work on responsible innovation in AI funded by South Korea is coming to an end this month.
- An EEAS application is under process the team for project titled 'Promoting Responsible Research and Innovation in AI for Peace and Security'. It is hoped to have a contract signed before the end of this year.
- Associate Senior Researcher Marth Bo will be in the office during 17-20 October and let Vincent know if you want to meet

- Associate Senior Researcher Dustin Lewis (based in Boston) will be in the office during the week of the workshop 10-11 November.

MILAP report – Lorenzo

- The team is mostly concerned with data collection for arm industry starting with input meetings today. They will soon start on milex data collection.
- Nan, Diego and Xiao are working on a UD strategic grant funded project linking the burden of milex spending and who is paying for it?
- DG DEFIS project got renewed and work will start later this month.
- Diego is working on organising an SSC session ‘Global Military Spending and the War in Ukraine’.
- The team are waiting on the outcome of various funding applications submitted including with EDA (European Defence Agency), Open Society Foundation, and RJ (Riksbanken Jubileumsfond).

WMD report – Wilfred

The team are involved in a lot of speaking engagements recently and wanted to highlight some.

- Sept 26 – Tytti gave a talk at the International Day for elimination of nuclear weapons with the Swedish UN association.
- Vitaly participated at the IAEA General Conference (26-30 Sept).
- Both Vitaly and Wilfred lectured last week (w.39) at the Uppsala pilot course on nuclear weapons and policy.
- Nivi earlier in September (12-16) attended the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) second session on reducing space threats in Geneva and discussed recommendations in closed roundtable organised by Swedish Government.
- Lora Saalman among many talks, spoke and moderated at a German Federal Foreign Office (GFFO) workshop on Cyber Resilience, Deterrence and Defence in the Age of Hybrid Warfare (27 Sept).
- Last week (w.39) Lora moderated for a Japan MFA panel on naval risk in the cyber domain for the SIPRI workshop on naval incident management.
- Wilfred attended a Wilton Park event on Emerging technologies and the NPT (26-28 Sept).

In terms of upcoming:

- Tytti is speaking this week in Helsinki on nuclear disarmament hosted by Finnish UN association.
- Vitaly is presenting at the G7 on the nuclear and radiological sub-working group (the global partnerships working group). Related to UK project on nuclear security after Ukraine.
- SIPRI Associate Dr Mero Himmel is giving a talk on current bio security challenges and will use this as an opportunity to flag our bio-risk work we are doing with the UK.

Staff

- The selection process work for a position of Research Assistant with the WMD Programme continues.

EUNPDC report – Noel

- Update on the time of the Network Meeting now on 8 November: it will be in the morning from 10:15 to 12:30. It's online so if people wish to attend, please let Giovanna or Sibylle know. The meeting provides an update on the activities implemented by the Consortium and it's followed by a thematic discussion among the members of the Network (topic TBC).
- No update on the Conference from last time (14-15 Nov).
- On 14-15 September FRS organized the Consultative Meeting in Brussels which focused entirely on export controls. Mark, Sanem and Sibylle attended. Sibylle and Sanem also joined a meeting with the donors (EEAS and European Commission) and the other implementing partners to discuss issues related to the management of the project.
- Sibylle also attended the UN Disarmament Fellows visit to Brussels, organized by VCDNP on behalf of the Consortium.
- VCDNP and IAI launched a new edition of the EUNPDC Mentorship Programme. Several people in house are involved as mentors.
- The Consortium will be represented at the upcoming Carnegie Nuclear Policy Conference in DC (27-28 October). Wilfred will attend on SIPRI side and then there is a confirmed participant from IAI.

Reports from Sibylle

- Sibylle is going to Warsaw later today for the Warsaw Security Forum described as the eastern equivalent of the Munich Security Conference. The audience will be high level including ministers and senior military staff. Sibylle will be speaking at a nuclear panel and participating in a roundtable discussing feminist foreign policy.

European peace research hosted by the Flemish Peace Research Institute (FPI) (8-9 Sept).

- FPI will put together a detailed report with substantial input, and we can discuss further afterward. We had a discussion at our away day on the future of peace research and how do we fit in? FPI gathered those institutes that have peace research somewhere in their name in Europe and they want to organise a major conference in the Spring. Who to include? Should it also include the more advocacy side? Should it include those who teach at universities? Still an ongoing discussion.
- FPI have attempted to map in Europe who considers themselves a peace research institute.
- Sibylle will send the report around and keep us updated on the conference as SIPRI would be interested in participating.

Report from a ministerial level event hosted by the German Federal Foreign Office on German feminist foreign policy (12 Sept).

- Germany's most recent government announced a feminist policy when they came into power at the end of 2021. To further elaborate what this means rather than have an internal process of what their definition is - they sought outside opinion. They launched a large conference inviting some ministers from other countries that already have a feminist foreign policy to help kick off an internal thought process. There is now a reflection process led by the policy planning unit and they have commissioned quite a lot of papers from very different stakeholders to check what they expect from that policy and to come up with guiding principles by next Spring.

This event was in two parts with an expert series of roundtables (Chatham House rules) – Sibylle moderated a session on gender on arms control. Other sessions examined gender and cultural diplomacy, gender and climate policy, gender and conflict, gender budgeting (lot of tools, instruments and lessons learnt.). The afternoon was ministerial level, and the Germans had invited every minister from a government that had declared a feminist foreign policy and five came (Albania, Luxembourg, Rwanda, Sweden, and Norway). The Netherlands have just formally declared a feminist foreign policy and will host the next feminist foreign policy conference. Mexico has said they will host the conference after that. The ministerial level part of the conference was recorded.

- The gender and arms control session moderated by Sibylle saw many representatives from the small arms fields. There were speakers from SEESAC, Small Arms Survey, a speaker from the gender and small arms network in Africa. The UN Ambassador of Costa Rica - Maritza Chan Valverde who is a gender champion in the UN context, and Renata Hessmann Dalaqua Head of the Gender and Disarmament Programme at UNIDER also participated.

See recording:

- <http://www.shapingfeministforeignpolicy.org/Conference-Recording>
- For further questions or follow up you are invited to check with Sibylle.

Zotero <<https://www.zotero.org>> (Lauriane introduction and cluster discussion)

- Zotero is a free and open-source reference management software to manage bibliographic data and related research materials. The DUAT are currently using and shared the experience.

AOB

Next A&D cluster meeting is on 7 November @14:30PM.