

Agenda – Monday November 7th – @14:30PM in the Conference room.

- 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 (Giovanna)
- Reports from DOS/SMT (Sibylle)
- &Frankly A&D Cluster employee discussion (aim to start @15:00) – this part of our meeting will be offline and in-person only.

Please find the connection link for remote colleagues below.

Topic: A&D Cluster Meeting

Time: Nov 7, 2022 14:30 Stockholm

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- Updates from Operations.
 - Kristina reported - the team are working on closing books for 2022 and budget planning ahead.
 - For application assistance, please send questions to the email grantsmanager@sipri.org. Operations will figure out who is the contact point for the cluster projects going forward.
 - Nikos reported that he has been assigned as a project controller in Maconomy. For expense claims, per diem, invoices, please contact Nikos nikos.politis@sipri.org. Nikos requested clarifications from those involved in projects so there is a common view of things. Get used to speaking ‘the language of Maconomy’ – state the Maconomy project number in invoices and if possible, the Maconomy task. It would benefit us if we knew the Maconomy task and cooperate so that the budget lines in the contract is the same in Maconomy.
- Reports or updates from Director’s Office, HR, other Clusters
 - HR – Hedvig reported – Helena Berger is leaving SIPRI, and a recruitment process is underway.
 - For now, keep using the HR email for all questions and requests when in communication human.resources@sipri.org.
 - Director’s Office – please let your line manager know of any ‘successes/highlights’ you would like reported at the MMM. This information is collected at the end of the week by the Cluster Coordinator and sent to the Director’s office.
- Updates from Outreach. (Communications/Editorial)
 - Nothing from Editorial and some colleagues are still on Höstlov leave. A lot of the Outreach activity is now focussed on SSC preparation and promotion. Please share on social media channels.
 - On 30 November, there will be another session of Outreach/Outreach for new SIPRIOTs and those interested in a refresher. Please join us for an overview of SIPRI’s editorial and communications routines.

A&D Cluster Team Reports

AT - Siemon

- A paper looking at SALW transfers in Africa (Andrea, Alexandra, Pieter) is in the final phase of preparation. A draft will be circulated for review.
- A handbook for the arms transfers database has been drafted and will come for review.
- An AT session for the SSC is upcoming ‘What weapons are significant for current and future warfare? Lessons learnt from recent conflicts’, on 8 November, 14:45-16:00 CET.
- Core work continues with both preparation for the annual data launch and Yearbook.
- A project with UNSCAR is still waiting on approval to start. ‘Transparency in armaments: promoting the UN Register of Conventional Arms in the ASEAN region’.
- Progress on the new database remains ongoing and taking much longer than anticipated by the Programmers.
- The team are receiving a lot of media attention mainly relating to the Russia/Ukraine war (Reuters, Bloomberg, BBC, Forbes, Newsweek, NY times and a host of others), and journalists are aware of the work SIPRI are doing and expertise. An interesting development is the interest in Russia’s role as an ‘importer’ of weapons rather than just an exporter. There is also a lot of interest in South Korea and their increasing role as an weapons exporter. There are also questions about Myanmar, a conflict ignored by much of the world.

DUAT – Giovanna

- The team are working on several projects. Work highlighted included follow up in the database to check what is there and another topical backgrounder to one just published on '*Arms transfer and SALW controls in the Middle East and North Africa: Challenges and state of play*' (Giovanna and Lauriane) 1 November 2022.
- Kolja is busy with preparations for an MTCA project workshop happening in SIPRI on 28/29 November. The rest of the team has worked on the revisions for a final report due for this project.
- 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 in Europe.

Emerging Tech – Vincent/Laura

- Laura is lead in organising a workshop funded by the UK <Compliance with IHL in the development and use of AWS> being held in SIPRI on 10/11 November.
- Visiting Researcher Anna Nadibaidze is in SIPRI with the team until 16 December.
- The big news on the emerging tech side is the team are close to secure a funded project following an EU Council decision for 3-year project on Responsible innovation in AI for peace and security.

MILAP – Lucie

- The MILAP team are busy preparing for the arms industry data release on 5 December 2022.
- The team are also busy collecting millex data ahead of the new launch in April 2023.
- Lorenzo is busy working on an EU commission project collecting European industry data sets.
- Diego is preparing for the opening SSC session ‘Global Military Spending and the War in Ukraine’.

WMD – Wilfred

- The recruitment for a research assistant is in the concluding stages and an offer should be out this week. Thanks to the selection committee and HR for all efforts here.
- The team have two sessions at the SSC on 10 November. ‘*Strategic stability at sea: Nuclear-armed submarines, anti-submarine warfare and underwater drones*’ will be moderated by Tytti. ‘*Attacks on civilian infrastructure: How to ensure the safety and security of nuclear power plants in an armed conflict*’ will be moderated by Vitaly.
- Tytti was accepted to a working group ‘*Beyond Nuclear Deterrence*’ from the Harvard/Kennedy School and MacArthur Foundation.
- Vitaly was in Lebanon last week for an IAEA integrated nuclear workplan mission and is also busy preparing the EUNPDC course.
- Nivi has arrived back from South Korea today after taking part in an ROK/UN joint conference where she moderated a panel on space security.

- Wilfred highlighted SIPRI's workshop on 2-3 November organised in cooperation with ORF America on 'CyberPostures and Dynamics: China, Russia, United States and Europe' and funded by the German Federal Foreign Office. Lora and Fei organized this in-person event in Washington DC.
- Wilfred was at the Amman nuclear forum last week (w.44) speaking about nuclear risks in Ukraine.
- Wilfred speaks at the Carnegie Conference at the young professional's track (26 Oct).
- Wilfred referenced the Alva Myrdal Centre inauguration event (19 Oct) and annual conference (20-21 Oct). Many members of the team attended this event.

EUNPDC – Giovanna

- Tomorrow morning (8 Nov) at 10:15 there is a Network meeting. The agenda and a link to register was circulated to the cluster. As usual the first part will be to give an overview of what the consortium has done over the past year. It will also be an opportunity to present the new phase of this project and changes. The annual conference is taking place next on 14-15 Nov and there is a possibility to follow some session online and this information was circulated last week. Some colleagues will attend in person.
- For the publication series a new paper has been assigned to Ali Alkis from the Odessa Center. He will write on the topic of nuclear security post-Ukraine.
- SIPRI will host a 3-day course for 22 students involving 10 different lecturers 'WMD Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Pathways' here in SIPRI from 6-8 December in an EU funded project led by Vitaly. The participants have been chosen and logistical arrangements are being made.

SMT/Sibylle

- Nothing major to report and see SMT notes for further details.
- The A&D Cluster employees discussed the &Frankly survey and results and this was chaired by Sibylle.