

SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

5 APRIL 2023

MINUTES

Participants

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Note-taker

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Format

Hybrid meeting

1. Minutes

- SMT approved the minutes of the 22 March SMT meeting.
- SMT has yet to approve the minutes of the 30 March SMT meeting.

2. Report back

a. Sweden

- UI hosted a meeting with the EU Non-proliferation and Disarmament Directors on 27 March. Dan and Wilfred briefed the directors at the meeting.
- On 30 March, Joakim met with the Swedish Deputy National Security Advisor, Annika Brändström.
- On 3 April, Joakim hosted an internal brainstorming meeting on fundraising. The meeting, which will be followed by additional meetings, generated good ideas which are being followed up on.
- On 24 May, the Höfði Reykjavik Peace Centre will host a meeting at SIPRI with Nordic peace research institutes to discuss collaboration, including in relation to the annual Imagine Peace Forum in Iceland.

b. International

- SIPRI recently was selected for funding from the Australian MoD for research on the strategic dimensions of regional naval dynamics in the Indo-Pacific.
- SIPRI will continue to receive support from Switzerland for the translation of the yearbook.
- Dan will be in Paris from 25-26 April for a meeting of the Task Force on Systems Thinking, Anticipation and Resilience, jointly led by the OECD and the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis.

- The Climate Change and Risk Programme and the Environment of Peace initiative will be in Brussels from 24-26 April. The trip will include a full-day expert workshop on Climate and Security, a roundtable with the European External Action Service and other think tanks hosted by Sweden, and an event on climate security in the MENA region.
- On 27 April Dan will virtually present his recently published paper on ecological security at the Finnish MFA.

c. Relations with other organizations

- Dan, Joakim and Ian were in Helsinki on 28-29 March for a meeting on Finland's and Sweden's accession to NATO, co-convened by SIPRI, the Finnish Institute for International Affairs and the NATO Defence College. Dan and Joakim also met with Finnish MFA officials while in Helsinki.

d. Outreach

- On 19 April, SIPRI will host an event on concepts of security. The event will take place at Covendum in the city centre.
- The military expenditure data launch, which is planned for 24 April, is moving forward smoothly.

3. SIPRI Strategy 2024-2029

- Dan is continuing his meetings with the clusters and departments on the SIPRI Strategy.
- The Board will be presented with preliminary ideas regarding the SIPRI Strategy during the next Governing Board meeting in May.
- Dan will then chair a second round of meetings with staff after the summer for further discussions on the strategy.

4. Follow-up from the Romanian PM visit

- SMT discussed the visit of the Romanian PM to SIPRI on 31 March.

5. Staffing and project issues

- Ian Anthony will be leaving his position at SIPRI at the end of May.
- Mid-term Performance and Development processes will begin soon. HR will share information with all staff in the coming weeks.

Action items:

- Dan to be in touch with the Munich Security Conference regarding their potential participation in future SSCs.