

SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

26 APRIL 2023

MINUTES

Participants

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

Absent

Sibylle Bauer, Dan Smith

Note-taker

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Format

Hybrid meeting

1. Minutes

- SMT approved the minutes of the 19 April SMT meeting.

2. Report back

a. Sweden

- On April 25-26, Ian, Jannie and Lucas participated in a workshop on the impact of disinformation on societal trust and resilience.
- Stefan presented the report of the UN High-Level Advisory Board on Effective Multilateralism (HLAB) to a Swedish policy and think tank community audience at an event organized by the Global Challenges Foundation and Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation on 25 April. Joakim provided reflections on the Peace and Security section of the report.
- Joakim, Luc, Ian and Jiayi briefed a delegation from the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 25 April.
- Luc and Fei met with the Japanese Embassy on 21 April. The Embassy would like to organize another event with SIPRI in 2023.
- On 21 April, Joakim met with Fredrika Ornbrant, the acting head of the UN Department at the Swedish MFA.
- On 21 April, SIPRI hosted the Swedish Armed Forces Defence Attachés section. The visit included briefings on European security and defence, Turkey and the Middle East, and SIPRI's nuclear forces and arms transfers data.
- Lisa participated in the PD cluster meeting on 19 April. The opportunity for discussion with HR was appreciated by PD colleagues.

b. International

- Sibylle briefed the EU Council Working Party on Non-Proliferation (CONOP) on 18 April and the EU Council Working Party on Conventional Arms Exports (COARM) on 19 April on the EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium. EU Member States had very good feedback on the Consortium's work.
- Sibylle recorded a video message for the G7 Think Tank summit in Tokyo.

c. Relations with other organizations

- On 26 April, Sibylle will give a public lecture at the Technical University of Leipzig on (Dis)armament and (In)security,
- Sibylle took part in the informal High-Level Meeting on a New Vision for Disarmament in the Context of the New Agenda for Peace in Vienna on 25 April. On 27 and 28 April, she will open the emerging tech panel at a similar meeting in Geneva. SIPRI will be represented at the third meeting of the series, to be held in New York next month, by MILAP.
- On 24 April, Jannie and Gary participated in an OECD meeting on peacebuilding coding and briefed members of the OECD secretariat on their research.

d. Outreach

- The military expenditure data launch has been picked up in over 6600 media articles, with significant attention in Eastern Europe.
- A link to private donations to SIPRI has been added to the database page on the SIPRI website.
- Planning for the Stockholm Forum and the release of the Yearbook is ongoing.

3. &frankly

- SMT endorsed the revised &frankly Plan of Action. The Plan will be shared with the Cooperation Group on 27 April.

4. Stockholm Security Conference (SSC)

- SMT discussed this year's SSC. Another discussion on the conference will take place at the next SMT meeting.

5. SMT Away Day

- SMT discussed the agenda for the SMT Away Day, which will take place at van der Nootska Palatset on 3 May.

6. Staffing and project issues

- Luc will establish and lead a Ukraine working group, comprised of colleagues working on Ukraine. The group will meet to discuss the war and will brief visiting delegations interested in learning more about the conflict.
- The advertisement for the Senior Researcher and Programme Director, European Security Programme has been posted. The closing date for applications is 19 May.
- The DUAT team will have a new in-person intern from late August 2023 to January 2024.

Action items:

- SMT to share final Code of Conduct with staff for signature following the 8 May Monday all-staff meeting (carried forward from a previous meeting).
- IT to populate Policies intranet tab with all SIPRI policies (carried forward from a previous meeting).

Items carried forward:

- Environment Policy