



SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

7 JUNE 2023

MINUTES

Participants

Sibylle Bauer, Stephanie Blenckner, Jannie Lilja, Dan Smith, Luc van de Goor, Joakim Vaverka

Absent

Kristina Sandberg

Note-taker

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Format

Hybrid meeting

1. Minutes

- SMT approved the minutes of the 24 May meeting and has yet to approve the minutes of the 31 May meeting.

2. Report back

a. Sweden

- The revised application for the Strategic Grant was formally submitted on 5 June.
- On 1 June, Dan met with Göran Marklund, the Deputy Director General of Vinnova, the Swedish Agency for Innovation Systems. Dan will also address the Board of Vinnova on 15 June.
- On 31 May, Stefan visited the Alva Myrdal Centre for Nuclear Disarmament at Uppsala University, accompanied by Joakim.
- On 30 May, Jannie attended the Stockholm Internet Forum, organized by Sida. This year's Forum focused on the 'Role of the Internet and ICT during Crises, Conflicts and Disasters'.

b. Relations with other organizations

- Stephanie, Caroline, Farah and Anniek were in Bogota last week for the final workshop on climate risks in Latin America, organized with the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES). In addition to the workshop, the team had many meetings with ongoing and potential partners. Caroline, together with FES, also applied for funding from the Swedish International Agricultural Network Initiative (SIANI) to continue work with the network of academics, policy representatives, experts and activists that SIPRI and FES have developed in Latin America.

- On 2 June, Joakim, Jannie, Wilfred, and Florian met with Adam Day, Head of the Geneva Office of United Nations University Centre for Policy Research, to discuss topics related to the report of the High-Level Advisory Board on Effective Multilateralism.
- Jannie was in Bonn on 31 May – 1 June for a research conference on social capital at the German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS).

c. Outreach

- The nuclear forces data launch will take place on 12 June. The material will be sent under embargo to a select group of trusted journalists today.

3. 2023 Stockholm Security Conference (SSC)

- SMT agreed that the SSC will be a one-day event from around noon to noon. The event will have four sessions.
- Sibylle and Luc will share a list of proposed guests for SSC 2023, a brief overview of the sessions and information on what should be requested regarding both SSC 2023 and 2024 in fundraising appeals.

4. Safeguarding policy

- SMT discussed edits to SIPRI's Safeguarding policy. Joakim, Kristina and Luc will update the document for discussion at a future SMT meeting.

5. Staffing and project issues

- A (mostly) remote intern, Amal Sadki, will join the Arms Transfers Programme in August.
- The recruitment of two Research Assistants in the Sahel-West Africa Programme is continuing.
- Recruitments for the Programme Directors of the European Security Programme and the China and Asia Programme are ongoing.
- The advertisement for a Research Assistant on Peacebuilding will be posted shortly.
- Sofie Snygg Waller will continue to work with EP until the end of June.

Action items:

- Joakim, Kristina and Luc to update the Safeguarding policy for discussion at a future SMT meeting.
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Items carried forward:

- Dissemination of SIPRI data (14 June meeting)