



SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

16 AUGUST 2023

MINUTES

Participants

Stephanie Blenckner, Kristina Sandberg, Dan Smith, Luc van de Goor, Joakim Vaverka

Absent

Lucie Béraud-Sudreau, Jannie Lilja

Note-taker

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Format

Hybrid meeting

1. Minutes

- SMT approved the minutes of the 9 August meeting.

2. Report back

a. Sweden

- In July, Joakim met with the organizers of the Swedish Lunch, an annual event that takes place during the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.
- The Stockholm Hub met on 15 August to discuss plans for the remainder of 2023. Plans include additional high-level events, a meeting with Minister for International Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade Johan Forssell, an internal research seminar and a meeting with the Head of the Swedish Delegation to UNFCCC, Matthias Frumerie.
- On 21 August, Joakim will participate in a roundtable and dinner with the President of the UN General Assembly, Csaba Kőrösi, organized by the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation.
- On 23 August, Stefan, accompanied by Joakim, will take part in SIWI's annual World Water Week. He will speak at a fireside chat, moderated by SIWI's Acting Executive Director, Karin Gardes, and will have a bilateral meeting with the President of the UN General Assembly.
- On 23 August, SIPRI will host a roundtable on 'Climate, Peace, and Security Challenges in the Horn of Africa' with the US Special Envoy to the Horn of Africa, Mike Hammer.
- On 29 August, SIPRI will host a roundtable, and a dinner at Steninge Slott, with Rafael Grossi, Director General of the IAEA.
- In September, SIPRI, alongside other research institutes from across Sweden, will share joint feedback with the government on a new policy related to research and innovation.

- SMT will hold an Away Day on 6 September.

b. International

- Next week, Giovanna and Lauriane will travel to Geneva to attend the 9th Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty.

c. Relations with other organizations

- SIPRI is working on a partnership with the African Development Bank.
- The EUNPDC seminar on the review of the EU Common Position on Arms Exports has been confirmed for 23 November.

d. Internal

- SMT discussed developing a list of countries where staff safety may be at risk due to SIPRI's data launches and other occasions when publications are promoted. It was agreed that such a list is not feasible. Instead, it is the shared responsibility of the author(s) and the Outreach team to flag potential problems so they can be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- SMT will revisit the travel security protocol.

3. SSC23

- Planning for SSC23 has been paused. SMT will make a final decision regarding the event at the 23 August SMT meeting.

4. Visitor Visas

- SIPRI-organized events often include participants from abroad who require visas to enter Sweden. In such cases, once the participant accepts SIPRI's invitation, colleagues should be in touch with Joakim, who can reach out to the relevant Swedish embassy or consulate.

5. Reconsolidation of programme funds

- The Project Management Office is continuing to look more deeply into the source of remaining programme funds. No programme funds have been reconsolidated.

6. Staffing and project issues

- SMT agreed that any SIPRI associate on a consultancy contract will be listed under 'Staff' on the SIPRI website for the duration of their consultancy.
- All such associates and other staff based outside of Sweden will have '(non-resident)' added to their title on the SIPRI website.
- The recruitment for the Communications Assistant position is ongoing.
- Eero Sild, a new intern with MILAP, will join SIPRI in-person from 21 August till the end of 2023.
- The new Research Assistant for the Sahel-West Africa Programme, Cyrielle Trebosc, will join SIPRI on 28 August.
- Advertisements for the (Senior) Researcher position in the Governance of AI programme and the Coordination Officer position in the Director's Office are currently on SIPRI's vacancies page.

Action items:

- SMT to revisit the travel security protocol.

Items carried forward:

- Reconsolidated funds for travel and fundraising (August)
- SIPRI Lecture (August)
- Safeguarding policy (August)
- Environmental Policy