

SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

30 April 2024

MINUTES

Participants

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Note-taker

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Format

Hybrid meeting

1. Minutes

- SMT approved the minutes of the 24 April meeting.

2. Matters Arising

- Operations is working on completing an application for SIPRI to receive tax-exempt donations.

3. Report back

a. Sweden

- Sweden's Minister for International Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade, Johan Forsell, will visit SIPRI on 19 June.
- Dan met with the Irish Ambassador on 25 April. The Embassy expressed interest in modestly funding the Stockholm Security Conference (SSC).
- Dan met with the German Ambassador on 26 April to discuss funding for the SSC. Germany will not provide funding for the conference.
- Dan met with the Ambassador of Kazakhstan on 29 April to discuss a proposal from the MILAP team. The Ambassador reacted positively to the proposal and will discuss it with Astana.

b. International

- Dan has been invited to the NATO Allied Foresight Conference in Helsinki on 11 June. A team from NATO Deputy Supreme Allied Command – Transformation will visit SIPRI on 10 June before travelling further on to Helsinki.
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c. Relations with other organizations

- On 29 April, Luc, Jingdong, Fei, and Jiayi met with GOPA, a German company interested in SIPRI joining them for a tender related to an EU project opportunity called the “EU-China

International Development Platform". The project entails a series of research activities aimed at generating evidence-based analysis on China's evolving and expanding role in international development.

- Stephanie will be in Berlin from 1-3 May for a public event and policy briefings co-organized with the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES). The public event brings together participants from previous SIPRI-FES discussions on climate justice in Latin America and West Africa.

d. Outreach

- Preparations for the Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development are well underway.
- The MILEX programme continues to conduct interviews, following the data launch, which took place on 22 April.

e. Operations

- Operations continues to work on the financial report for the Governing Board.

4. HR issues

- SMT discussed cluster coordination and contracts that are expiring before or during the summer period.

5. Project issues

- N/A

6. Due diligence

- N/A

7. AOB

- SMT discussed lunch options for visiting groups.

8. Executive session

- N/A

Action items:

- N/A

Follow-up items:

- Potential programme on foresight
- Moving allowance
- Yearbook
- PAD Talks
- Internships