

SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

15 May 2024

MINUTES

Participants

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

Absent

Sibylle Bauer

Note-taker

Sepideh Soltaninia

Format

Hybrid meeting

1. Minutes

- SMT approved the minutes of the 30 April meeting and has yet to approve the minutes of the 13 May meeting.

2. Matters Arising

- SMT agreed to discuss the institute's finances with Karin Buzzi-Donato, SIPRI's new Finance Manager, during the 12 or 19 June SMT meeting.

3. Report back

a. Sweden

- Joakim has asked Uppsala University to nominate his successor to the Alva Myrdal Centre (AMC) Board.

b. International

- Jair will present the publication 'Assessing the Effectiveness of European Union Civilian CSDP Missions Involved in Security Sector Reform: The Cases of Afghanistan, Mali and Niger' to the EU Political and Security Committee ambassadors in Brussels today.

c. Outreach

- Stephanie is putting together a document for staff on how to respond to questions regarding SIPRI's role and activities in promoting dialogue and keeping lines of communication open in troubled times.

4. Stockholm Forum Follow-up

- SMT noted that the Stockholm Forum was very well organized and received.
- SMT discussed potential sponsorship of the Forum by FBA and Sida. Dan will follow up with the heads of both organizations.

5. Policy to guard against terrorism financing and money laundering

- SMT approved the draft policy.

6. HR issues

- SMT approved travel to DRC by Kheira and Katongo for a workshop led by FBA, subject to FBA taking care of their security.
- Clarisa is following up on the completion of the MTRs. All colleagues are reminded to ensure that their MTR is either completed in or uploaded to the Hailey HR system.
- Barbara Becht will leave her position at SIPRI on 15 May.
- Karin Buzzi-Donato will take up her position as Finance Manager on 28 May.
- Alemnesh will leave her position on 31 May.
- Ulla will retire on 5 June.

7. Project issues

- Dan will be in Paris on 20-21 June for a meeting of the Strategic Partnership on Systems Approaches. This is a partnership between the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, SIPRI and six other organizations.

8. Due diligence

- SMT discussed possible collaboration with Transition International (a consultancy firm) and Deloitte. SMT approved the collaboration.

9. AOB

- N/A

10. Executive session

- N/A

Action items:

- N/A

Follow-up items:

- SIPRI finances (12 or 19 June SMT meeting)
- Review of procedures for travel risk approval
- Potential programme on foresight
- Moving allowance
- Yearbook
- PAD Talks
- Internships