

SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

4 December 2024

MINUTES

Participants

Sibylle Bauer, Stephanie Blenckner, Florian Krampe, Kristina Sandberg, Charlotta Sparre, Luc van de Goor

Claire McAllister (item 5 only), Martina Selmi (item 5 only)

Absent

Dan Smith

Note-taker

Sepideh Soltaninia

Format

In-person meeting

1. Minutes

- SMT has yet to approve the minutes of the 27 November meeting.

2. Matters arising

- SMT agreed that there are no issues with SIPRI joining a consortium, led by Adam Smith International, for the EU-funded Facility on Justice in Conflict and Transition III.

3. Report back

a. Sweden

- On 6 December, SIPRI will host a small, closed roundtable with Stephan Klement, EU Special Envoy for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation and Special Advisor on the Iran Nuclear Issue.
- Charlotta will attend the Alva Myrdal Centre's (AMC) annual Board meeting on 5 December. While there, she will sign a new agreement with AMC.

b. Relations with other countries

- Virginie was in Bamako last week where she met with the EU Ambassador to Mali. The EU is looking forward to its collaboration with SIPRI on research in Mali.
- The Finnish MFA signed a contract on 28 November for work on climate change and security in the OSCE with the Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA). SIPRI will serve as FIIA's partner on the project.

c. Relations with other organizations

- Kheira, working with the Center for International Law and Policy in Africa (a Sierra Leone based NGO) provided a brief paper on 3 December summarizing existing research in support of Burkina Faso at the International Court of Justice.

d. Outreach

- The arms industry data launch on 2 December went very well with high coverage in international media outlets.
- For Giving Tuesday on 3 December, Outreach launched a small social media campaign to gauge interactions with SIPRI's content and received positive responses.

4. Review of finances

- Finance is still waiting for a response from BDO, SIPRI's external auditors, on if SIPRI's databases could be considered immaterial assets.
- The Director's Office and Operations are working on the annual reports on the Core and Strategic grants.

5. 2025 Stockholm Forum

- SMT discussed various options related to the Stockholm Forum as well as the strategic value of hosting the Forum, which includes dissemination of research, showcasing SIPRI's work to potential new donors, strengthening and building relationships, and exploring new partnerships.

6. Delegation visits

- The German Defence College has asked to visit SIPRI in the morning of 10 February. Sibylle will check with A&D colleagues if there are any issues with this date.
- Charlotta and Dan will discuss the annual visit of the Swedish MFA's Disarmament and Non-Proliferation department with Ann-Sofie Nilsson, the Head of the Department, who they will meet on 12 December.

7. HR issues

- Dan, Fei, Wilfred and Jingdong travelled to South Korea for the World Emerging Security Forum. On 3 December, the day most of them arrived, the South Korean President declared martial law in the country. HR immediately verified that everyone was safe and is now looking into SIPRI's crisis management process in case similar crises arise in the future.

8. Project issues

- N/A

9. Due Diligence

- N/A

10. AOB

- N/A

11. Executive session

- SMT held an executive session.

Action items:

- Sibylle to check with A&D colleagues on the date of the German Defence College visit.

Follow-up items:

- Traineeship
- Legal expertise
- Intranet
- Improving concept notes
- SSC and proposed ambassadorial roundtables