

Monday morning meeting

2 June 2025

Notes

New colleague

- China and Asia Security Programme welcomes Ms. Minkyong Kim, Korean Foundation intern. She starts her six-month internship on Monday, 2 June.

Senior Management Team

- SMT will have a home day on Tuesday, 3 June in the Board Room from 09:30 – 12:00. The agenda will include:
 - Zondera
 - SIPRI's budget model and cluster finances
 - Yearbook 2026
 - Training courses

Director's Office

- Dan together with other colleagues will meet a delegation from the National Assembly Research Service of the Republic of Korea today at 10:00.
- Charlotta will be in Brussels on Tuesday and Wednesday to attend a Conference on Promoting Regional Security in the Gulf/MENA Region.

Operations

GAD

- We have signed a contract with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea to support the 2025 World Emerging Security Forum that is set to take place this September. Congratulations to all involved in helping to secure this contract!
- Another round of applause for the Sahel and West Africa programme who got awarded a project with a new donor for SIPRI, the Japanese International Cooperation Agency, to conduct survey to help the monitoring and measurement of their projects in the Sahel.
- Congratulations to Barbara and Jingdong for the agreement with the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Sweden, to write and present an unpublished paper on "The Nordic-Baltic 8 and their perceptions of the Russian threat".
- As mentioned on our website, SIPRI and the International Tax and Investment Center (ITIC) will host a conference in Stockholm titled 'Central Asia in a Changing Global Order' on 12 June. Congratulations to those involved in securing the funds from ITIC.
- There is a fundraising coordination group meeting on Thursday at 10 am.

Outreach

- This week we are finalizing the materials for the Yearbook launch with the lead story on World Nuclear Forces.
- Please register for the Central Asia conference next week on 12 June and fill in the registration form!

Armament and Disarmament

- The Stiftung Mercator's board has approved our proposal for a project on Safeguarding Common Interests: The EU's Military Assistance to Partner Countries for €480,000 from 01/07/2025 to 30/06/2027.
- WMD will host an online dialogue on 'multi-domain escalation risks' this Wednesday (4 June) as part of a project with Global Challenges Foundation.

- Vitaly will give an online lecture on nuclear security on Wednesday for the University of Western Australia.

Conflict, Peace and Security

- SWAP will hold the kick-off meeting for its new JICA-funded project on Thursday. The project aims to develop baseline data on JICA projects, define indicators to track the effectiveness of JICA's interventions, and align its work with that of other development aid agencies operating in the region. The project will cover projects implemented in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger.
- Still on Thursday, Marie and Virginie will attend the online UNHCR led Development Partners Group on the Sudan Regional Refugee Crisis with a focus on the situation in Eastern Chad.