

Monday morning meeting

5 May 2025

Notes

Senior Management Team

- At the SMT meeting last week, besides the weekly recurring agenda items, SMT discussed:
 - Strategic grant budgeting and allocation, and
 - The KPIs, part of the materials being prepared for the Governing Board meeting in May.
- This week, SMT will:
 - Discuss the two policies they have reviewed: Anti-Corruption policy and Policy on Ethical Due Diligence on financial sponsorship
 - Have a last check-in before the Forum
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 - Discuss scheduling ahead of the summer – RSC, away days, MMM, etc.

Director's Office

- Charlotta was on a podcast last week to speak on the recent developments in the Middle East. Here is the spotify link to the podcast:
https://open.spotify.com/episode/4SyztKiOo0ZXq27e5ewBlT?si=mkYR1bR_SOueeNGsXYKn3g&%3Bnd=1&%3Bdlsi=91a0d4af0e8a45c8&nd=1&dlsi=9c84816bc93b4ebc
- There will be a Saudi Diplomatic Training Course taking place this week from Monday to Friday.
- SIPRI is hosting a DPRK–European Union Dialogue ‘Northeast Asia security trends under Trump 2.0’ today and tomorrow at Steninge.

Operations

- Kristina and Clarisa will have a meeting with a Radon expert from SIPRI's occupational health and safety provider later today (Monday). We hope we will be able to share more details about the next steps after that, and we hope to be able to invite this expert to come and talk directly to SIPRI staff about risks and mitigation measures.
Again, we would like to stress that if you feel worried just let us know, there are still rooms available in other parts of the building if you would like to change office room, and if you would like some other kind of support, you are more than welcome to approach HR or Kristina directly at any time.

Outreach

- The final celebration count for the MILEX data launch resulted in over 6300 global media outlets, we will share a media report with all of you shortly!
- As of today, we directly start with the preparations for the Multilateral Peace Operations data launch to be happening on Monday 26 May followed by the Yearbook launch on Monday 16 June.
- Thank you to everyone for the flexibility regarding the room situation this week! All who await further information ahead of the Forum will hear from the Forum team this week!

Armament and Disarmament

Last week:

- Laura, Netta and Alex paid a visit to FOI to discussion common interest on issues related to military AI

- Vincent and Rafael hosted a virtual private sector roundtable on how to prevent the misuse of civilian robotics. It featured the participations of representatives from Boston Dynamics, Parrot, Google DeepMind, ANYbotics, Orqa.
- Last Wednesday, Zain and Giovanna participated online in the Constructive Dialogue on Firearms following the 12th meeting of the Working Group on Firearms, organised by the UNODC (UN Office on Drugs and Crime), which took place in a Hybrid format in Vienna.

This week:

- Kolja will be in Sweden and at SIPRI this week in the first half of this week!
- Jules and Vincent are in NYC this week for two events they are organizing with the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs on “How to ensure greater engagement of the civilian AI community on the risks presented by the misuse of civilian AI?”. One will be public and hosted by New York University. The other is a closed-door workshop with professors and AI scholars.
- On Tuesday DUAT will host a webinar for Australia Group participant states funded by the EUNDPC. This one is focused on outreach to new actors in the life science sector. There will be a presentation of a new EUNDPC brief, authored by Kolja and Lauriane, and then a moderated discussion.
- One Wednesday Mark and Kolja will be speaking at SAAB’s Saab Global Legal & Compliance Seminar. Mark will speak about the EU’s set of dual-use export controls and Kolja will speak about AI and export controls.
- AT and MILEX/MILAP will present the trends from their programmes and the factsheets to various defence attachés in Sweden on Tuesday.

Conflict, Peace and Security

- Virginie and Cyrielle will present the study on the perceptions of threats related to violent extremism and radicalization in the coastal countries of West Africa to the UNDP Regional Community of Practice on Preventing and Responding to Violent Extremism in the Atlantic Corridor.

Peace and Development

- PD Cluster meeting today.
- Katongo is in Kinshasa. On Thursday, 8 May, he will speak at a high-level event on Climate, Peace, and Security in Eastern DRC. The event is co-organized by FBA, the Swedish Embassy in Kinshasa and SIPRI. The event will be held at the Swedish Residence in Kinshasa.
- Kheira is in Milan participating in the Next Milan Forum on 5-6 May 2025.
- Caroline will be speaking on Thursday at a Folk och Försvar seminar on “Bistånd - ett medel för säkerhet?”. Benjamin Dousa, bistånds- och utrikeshandelsminister will also be speaking at the event.