

Monday morning meeting

9 June 2025

Notes

New colleague

- Remote intern Raphaël Sahraoui joining MILAP team till the end of September.

Director's Office

- Today at 14:00 – 15:00, SIPRI will host a roundtable with H.E. Dr Mohammed bin Abdulaziz Al-Khulaifi, Minister of State, State of Qatar.

Operations

GAD:

- Congratulations to the Weapons of Mass Destruction and China Asia programmes colleagues for being awarded a grant from the United Kingdom Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), under their Strategic Stability programme. With a total budget of approximately £220,000, the project will focus on Chinese Perspectives regarding Dialogue on Space Security and Strategic Stability and is scheduled to conclude in March 2026. Two other grants from the FCDO are expected to be signed very soon. More announcements to come!

Radon update:

- The ventilation has been increased in the affected rooms (and one/two other rooms). New long term (3 months approximately) measurement will be done in all rooms in the basement from October. It must be done between October – April to ensure accuracy, as it risks showing lower levels during summertime. We are still waiting for the response from the consulted radon expert from Falck, on the deeper calculations on exposure. He has promised to get back “before the summer”.

Fire Drill feedback:

- First Fire drill after the pandemic was held Monday two weeks ago, followed up by a survey. Thanks to everyone for engagement!
- The following actions have already been taken following the result of the survey:
- The sound of the alarm was not loud enough to be clearly heard in all parts of the building. We will set up speakers on all floors and increase the volume of the alarm. Installation of this has been ordered.
- The vests for the corridor checkers were too small. Larger vests have been ordered.
- Training on how to use a fire extinguisher is needed. This has been ordered and we'll get back with date and time within short.
- The other feedback will be looked into as well, together with the safety officers, and come back to later.

Outreach

- Today we are issuing embargoed material ahead of the launch of the Yearbook next Monday 16 June. The focus is on our new figures on World Nuclear Forces.
- PLEASE COME to the Central Asia event on Thursday morning, we appreciate more people onsite at the Museum of the Mediterranean to fill the room!

Armament and Disarmament

Last week:

- Netta was in Geneva for an event organized by ICRC. She also attended a regional consultation organized by France and UNIDIR ahead of the next REAIM summit
- Laura was in Berlin to present her forthcoming report on Bias in Military AI and Compliance with International Humanitarian Law
- Jules attended an online workshop organized by WMD team and the Global Challenge Foundations.
- Kolja was at Wilton Park attending a conference titled 'The good, the bad and the actionable: a Global Partnership initiative to counter and leverage WMD Relevant Technologies'. Kolja was rapporteur for one of the break-out sessions.

This week:

- Alex and Laura have a new publication comparing the challenges posed by autonomous weapons and AI enabled Decision Support!
- Alex will be in Utrecht on Thursday and Friday for a Conference organized by Asser Institute on Military AI.
- The WMD team is hosting a nuclear disarmament teaching workshop on 11 June, exploring national narratives and regional perspectives
- The WMD team will be in Uppsala on 12-13 June to take part in the Alva Myrdal Centre Annual Conference.
- On Tuesday, DUAT are hosting a webinar with Freedom House on 'Export controls and spyware: Enhancing oversight, transparency and restraint'. Giovanna and Mark will be presenting findings from a policy paper they are drafting (and which has been sent out for in-house review) and there will be comments from representatives of NGOs, industry representatives and governments. Thank you to Comms for the great help with getting the paper and webinar ready!!!!
- On Friday, Mark will go to London to discuss to meet with partners in a project that Privacy International is leading, and which DUAT are contributing towards, on 'Regulating the international trade in data-intensive security technologies'.
- On Friday, Giovanna will be in Brussels for the annual "COARM-NGO meeting" that Saferworld organise and where the EU, EU member states and NGOs meet to discuss arms export controls. Giovanna will chair one of the breakout sessions.

Conflict, Peace and Security

Last week:

- Fei was in Berlin for a workshop on '*Irresponsible State Behavior During Cyber Operations*'.

This week:

- On 10-11 June, Jiayi is in Madrid for an Elcano Royal Institute event on 'geopolitical pathways for the energy transition'.
- On 12-13 June, Jiayi is in a 2-day Raoul Wallenberg institute workshop on 'Global China and Just Transitions'.
- On 12 June, the China and Asia Programme is hosting a conference on 'Central Asia in a Changing Global Order' at the Mediterranean Museum.
- Fei will be in London between 9-11 June for a workshop on '*Technological Complexity and Nuclear Risk Reduction*' hosted by European Leadership Network.
- On 12 June, Fei will make a presentation on cybersecurity at a webinar hosted by SEB.
- Cyrielle is currently travelling to Mauritania. On Thursday, she will travel to the Malian border with UNHCR and stay there for a week, where she will conduct interviews.

Peace and Development

- On Monday, 9 June, Caroline will attend an event celebrating 75 years of the Swedish FAO committee.
- On 10 June, Barbara MT will present on climate security from a geopolitical and long-term perspective to Framtidssmedjan Elders, a network of Swedish senior and experienced professionals - including former ambassadors, ministers, civil servants, and public intellectuals - who come together to shape ideas and discussions about the future.
- On 11 June, Caroline will chair an FBA/Weeffect organised panel on the role of cooperatives in the reintegration process in Colombia, which will feature the participation of former FARC combatants. Also, Caroline will be attending the Folk and Försvar's launch event on Human Security in the geopolitical era.
- On 10-11 June Florian will be in Helsinki to attend the OSCE Climate Security Conference and facilitate a closed workshop with Emma Hakala from FIIA on "Strengthening the role of the OSCE in climate, peace and security – what next?"
- On 10-11 June, Abeer will present at the UN Women Global Expert Group Meeting in Cairo on the '*Care in Times of Conflict and Crisis project*' to support the development of evidence-based guidance on addressing paid and unpaid care work in times of conflict and crisis. She will discuss the gaps in linking care responsibilities to women's participation in humanitarian response and highlight knowledge and financing challenges related to public health care and health systems in conflict and crisis.