

Monday morning meeting

5 May 2025

Notes

Notes for the Monday morning meeting

Director's Office

- The team is at the Forum this week.
- On Thursday – Friday, Dan will be in Paris to speak on the session “‘Global disruptions – Dependence, resilience and supply chains’ at the SPARK Conference organized by Capgemini.
- The Governing Board meeting will take place virtually on 19 – 20 May.

Operations

Grants acquisition and development team:

- A fundraising helpdesk session will take place on Thursday at 9.30 am in the Seminar Room.
- The Military Expenditure and Arms Production Programme won a second assignment on the Evaluation of the European Union Directive on the transfers of defence-related products. This work is under the Framework contract signed with the Directorate-General for Defence, Industry and Space. Congratulations!

Outreach

- Many colleagues are at the Forum this week, reach out to Joey with any questions!
- Congratulations to both our data teams, the information the team compiled on India and Pakistan and which Steph directly sent to media in a personal note, generated over 1000 media mentions and resulted among others in Dan joining a live show on Al Jazeera on the nuclear situation – a timely and relevant idea and moment for SIPRI.

Armament and Disarmament

- Last week, we conducted a Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Course for Saudi diplomats. Huge thanks to everyone who took part, and to events colleagues for support, particularly Annika.
- Tytti going to Berlin, 14-15 May for a conference on regional order in the Middle East, as hosted by SWP (German Institute for International and Security Affairs)
- Pieter will be at the Blavatnik School of Government at Oxford University to present trends of arms transfers and current issues related to independence in arms procurement in Europe.
- Zain will be participating in a closed-room online discussion on “Confidence Building and Conventional Arms Control in the Middle East and North Africa” hosted by the Stimson Center.
- Kolja will be in Brussels Thursday and Friday for an anniversary event connected to the EU Centres of Excellence (CoE) for tackling Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) threats. He will be giving a presentation on export controls and emerging technologies.

Conflict, Peace and Security

- Gretchen and Jair will participate in a Global Alliance for Peace Operations Symposium taking place on Monday, 12 May, in Berlin.
- On 13 May they will present their initial findings on the future of conflict management at a side-event to the Berlin Peacekeeping Ministerial, co-organized with the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung.

- On 14 May Jair will have two sessions one on the closure or transitioning of CSDP missions co-organized with ZIF and CMC Finland, and one on bringing bottom-up and top-down approaches to conflict prevention together, co-organized with the World Bank, Just Future and the UN.
- Barbara was at the Polish EU Presidency Think Tank Forum in Warsaw and Torun from May 8-11. Last Tuesday, she briefed a working group of Green Party members of the European Parliament on the future European security architecture. This week, she will brief the 2025 class of Scoville scholars on the same topic, with a special focus on the nuclear dimension.

Peace and Development

- Pretty much the whole cluster will be at the forum the next days.
- On Monday, 12 May, Florian and Wilfred will participate in a workshop hosted by the Stockholm Resilience Centre on “Converging Risks – unpacking the interplay between climate change and nuclear weapons risks”.