

## **Monday morning meeting**

14 April 2025

### **Notes**

#### **Senior Management Team**

- Besides the weekly recurring agenda items, SMT discussed
  - The upcoming Governing Board meeting and materials to be prepared, including the KPSs and Risk assessment
  - SIPRI's updated fire safety procedures
  - Schedule of how and when SIPRI's policies should be reviewed by SMT throughout 2025
  - They were planning on discussing the cluster finances but decided to move this to after easter.
- On Wednesday, SMT will discuss SIPRI's dialogue activities and how to best store information/keep institutional knowledge when colleagues leave SIPRI.

#### **Director's Office**

- On Monday last week, Stefan and Alaa met with the Palestinian Ambassador.
- On Wednesday last week, Charlotta and Sofie met with colleagues from UI, NOREF, CMI and FBA to discuss an upcoming GCC-Nordic dialogue meeting on mediation, which will be held as a pre-forum meeting on 12 May.
- On 23 – 25 April, Charlotta will be in Geneva to participate in the Middle East dialogues.

#### **Operations**

- **Work Environment Training – Mandatory for Managers and Safety Representatives.** The work environment training has now been scheduled. All managers and our two safety representatives will receive an invitation. The training is required by law, will be held in English, and takes place online via Zoom. It consists of two full-day sessions and includes a mix of theory and practical exercises.

*Dates: 14 and 21 October 2025*

*Time: 09:00–16:00*

*Location: Online (Zoom)*

A calendar invitation will be sent out so you can block the dates, and more detailed information will follow.

#### **Outreach**

- The military expenditure press release has gone for translation ahead of the embargo period starting right after Easter.
- This week is Easter vacation week in Stockholm and Outreach has reduced capacity. All planned work is going as scheduled.

#### **Armament and Disarmament**

##### **Last week:**

- Vlad went to Aachen to take part in a nuclear disarmament verification tabletop exercise hosted by VeSPoTec, a research consortium (“Verification in a complex and unpredictable world: Social, Political, and Technical processes”)
- Nivi took part in a virtual panel organized by NATO and spoke on integrating gender perspectives in international humanitarian law.

- Wilfred was in DC to take part in a workshop on artificial intelligence and NC3 (nuclear command, control and communications), hosted by the Institute for Security and Technology.
- Vincent published a Policy Note for the Global Commission on Responsible AI in the Military Domain (GC REAIM) on “the Risk of integrating Generative AI in weapon systems”.
- Zain and Alaa had a topical backgrounder released titled “**Recent trends in international arms transfers in the Middle East and North Africa.**” We would like to thank everyone involved for the feedback, the patience and the efforts to bring this out in between all other work going on.

*This week:*

- Jules and Vlad will circulate a paper for SIPRI in house review on “Towards understanding nuclear escalation in the age of military AI”.
- Congratulations to Vitaly for successful organizing of the EUNPDC virtual WMD proliferation awareness course and thanks to colleagues who delivered lectures!
- This week Wilfred taking part virtually in next risk reduction subgroup meeting in the Creating an Environment for Nuclear Disarmament (CEND) initiative.

*Conflict, Peace and Security*

- Gretchen and Jair successfully organized a joint dialogue meeting with FES on the Future of Conflict Management and Peace Operations, in Dakar.
- Jair will present at two Frient-FES-Misereor events “Political and Conflict Dynamics in the Great Lakes Region in Africa: Where are we now?” (Wednesday and Thursday) in Berlin.
- On Thursday, Claudia will take part in a hybrid round table meeting on ‘the future of peace operations’ organized by the Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

*Peace and Development*

- This week, the Colombian ambassador will be visiting SIPRI together with the Mayor of Isnos (Colombia). Caroline will meet with them.