

Monday morning meeting

15 September 2025

Notes

New colleague(s):

- Outreach welcomes a new intern today, her name is Emmi Neunsinger.

Operations

GAD

- Martina moves to GAD and takes on a role as GAD officer alongside Amirah.
- Noel moves to the GAD-team full time
- Nikos takes over some of the more strategic work that was previously on Fred, and the rest of the PMO team helps whenever possible and needed.
- GAD reports to Kristina during this temporary phase.

Outreach

- Congratulations to Nan and the MILAP team to the launch of the UN Secretary General's new report of the dangers of rising military spending. The report cites SIPRI's latest figures and has been written in large parts by Nan, great policy impact!!!
- As always, please tell us what you are up to! We are pleased to feature you on our channels!

Director's Office

- A huge thanks to everyone who contributed and participated in the home day and made it a success.
- Thanks to everyone who has also participated in the introductory meetings with Karim. They were extremely informative.
- Preparation for the Board meeting is ongoing and we look forward to present more at the RSC taking place on Thursday.
We are still looking for a volunteer to take the minutes of the RSC. Please let Priscilla know if you would like to serve as the minute taker.
- Karim together with Barbara will be at the Helsinki Security Conference on 19-21 September.
- A delegation from EIP will be visiting SIPRI this afternoon.
- On Thursday, Karim and Charlotta will meet with the MFA State Secretary, Dag Hartelius and MFA, State Secretary for Development Cooperation, Karin Juhlin.

Senior Management Team (SMT)

- SMT went through the main activities of the upcoming events, and the plan includes all events currently confirmed as of 10 September 2025
- SMT went through the agenda for the visit by the Foreign Affairs Committee. The agenda will focus on European Security and also to show the breadth of SIPRI's activities. More info on the agenda will be shared in due course

Armament and Disarmament

- On Monday, Professor Missy Cummings will give a talk at 10.30 in the conference room on What Autonomous Vehicle Failures Can Tell Us About Engineering Safety-Critical AI.
- Jules will be in Helsinki for a workshop on scenario testing on military AI organized by Finnish Institute of International Affairs.
- Katarina, Kolja, Mark and Sibylle as well as Associates Michal Krelina and Markus Schiller will be speaking or moderating at the EU Non-proliferation and Disarmament Consortium events

in Brussels this week - a Consultative Meeting on Tuesday focusing on engagement with members of the EU Council Working Party on Disarmament and Non-proliferation, and on Friday the EU Council Working Party on Conventional Arms Exports.

- Last week Monday, the World Emerging Security Forum was successful held in Seoul by the Foreign Ministry of the Republic of Korea, in cooperation with SIPRI (Sibylle, Fei and Michal Krelina participated; Karim sent a welcome message).

Conflict, Peace and Security

- Jingdong will attend a meeting with Swedish research institutions engaged in work on China, taking place on Tuesday, September 17, organized by the Swedish National China Centre, the Swedish Institute of International Affairs (UI).
- Fei is in Beijing this week and will conduct a briefing at the Swedish Embassy and a meeting at China Arms Control and Disarmament Association. She will also speak at two conferences organized by Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. One is China-Europe think tank dialogue and another is China-Europe International Forum on Security Cooperation.
- Virginie is in Bamako for various meetings with the EU and bilateral cooperations engaged in Mali. Florence is in Dakar to train the partners from Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso on the project funded by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).
- Barbara K., Jingdong and Aino will give a briefing at the ROK embassy on Tuesday, 16 September, on threat perceptions among the Nordic Baltic 8 and potentials for cooperation between them and South Korea
- Barbara K. will be in Helsinki later that week, first taking part in the yearly meeting of FIIA's Scientific Advisory Council (FIIA = Finnish Institute of International Affairs) and then attending the Helsinki Security Forum.
- Alaa spoke at China's Rise as a Global Balancer: What Leadership Role Does It Seek? Conference organised virtually by the Hong Kong based Think Tank Global Institute For Tomorrow <https://global-inst.com/conferences-and-webinars/shattering-paradigms-china-in-the-world-series/geopolitics-conflicts-is-chinas-balancing-act-a-global-good-2/>
- Alaa is participating in the MENA Think Tank Forum virtually today and tomorrow which is taking place at the American University of Beirut.

Peace and Development

- Katongo is in Abyei for fieldwork together with colleagues from Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI). They are hosted by the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei.
- Kheira will brief the Swedish MFA on Tuesday climate change, migration and peace and security in Somalia.

Draft Distribution of Events

Event title	Date	Type of event	Content lead	Event lead
Scenario Workshop on Nuclear escalation risks in the age of AI	22-23 September	Research workshop	Jules (GovAI) and Vlad (WMD)	Lucas
Finding Common Ground: Development cooperation in fragile and conflict-affected settings (part 1 – closed roundtable)	25 September	Strategic Grant roundtable	Claire (Major Initiatives)	Mimmi
Assessment of the United Nations Future Pact	30 September	Online webinar	TBC	Mimmi
Governing Board meeting	6-7 October	Governing Board	Karim / Charlotta	Director's Office
Governing Board public event	7 October	Public event	Karim/Charlotta	Director's Office

Outer Space and Strategic Stability	9-10 October	Research workshop	Nivi and Vlad (WMD)	Lucas
Empowering Journalism: Transparency in Defense Spending and Arms Western Balkans – Workshop I	15-16 October	Research workshop	Mathew (AT)	Lucas (supported by Annika)
Political and security developments in the Western Balkans	16 October	Public event	Mathew (AT)	Lucas (supported by Annika)
Event on the Arctic with General Nicolas Vaujour	21 October	Public event	Barbara (European Security)	Mimmi
Foreign Affairs Committee visit	22 October	Visit	Charlotta	Director's Office
Strategic Stability on NATO's New Northern Flank: identifying disruptors of strategic stability	22-23 October	Research workshop	Barbara (European Security)	Mimmi
Empowering Journalism: Transparency in Defense Spending and Arms Western Balkans – Workshop II	6-7 November	Research workshop	Mathew (AT)	Mimmi
EUNPDC Annual Conference (Brussels)	10-11 November	EUNPDC Conference	IAI (Consortium member)	Martina or Lucas to attend
SIPRI Workshop on Multi-Domain Escalation Risks	17-18 November	Research workshop	Vlad (WMD)	Lucas
Using emerging technologies to strengthen the biological weapons prohibition regime	20-21 November	Research workshop	Wilfred (WMD) and Mark (DUAT)	Lucas (supported by Annika)
Event in partnership with the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs	24-25 November	Research workshop	Jingdong (China and Asia Security)	Mimmi
NIS Risk Reduction project	26 November	Research Workshop	Tytti (WMD)	Lucas
Human Security Policy Dialogue (Oslo)	November	Policy workshop	Claire (Major Initiatives)	Mimmi
Finding Common Ground: Development cooperation in fragile and conflict-affected settings (part 2 – workshop)	December	Strategic Grant workshop	Claire (Major Initiatives)	Mimmi
EUNPDC Training Course for Students of Natural Sciences disciplines	1st or 2nd week of December	Training course	TBD (within A&D)	Lucas
80 years after the atomic bombs: Lessons from Hiroshima and Nagasaki	TBD	Seminar	Karim and A&D	Director's Office
EUNPDC Phase 5 events	TBD		A&D researchers	Lucas
Ongoing work from October				
2026 Stockholm Forum		Major event	Claire	Potentially Mimmi, but tbd after discussion with Claire