

Monday morning meeting

16 June 2025

Notes

New colleague

- Florence Cassam, Senior Researcher with SWAP joined SIPRI today. She will work remotely for two weeks and will arrive in Stockholm on 1 July.

Senior Management

- At the SMT meeting on 11 June, SMT discussed items besides the weekly recurring topics:
 - Risk Policy
 - Accreditation to the Second World Summit for Social Development 2025
- This week's SMT meeting will be the last one ahead of the summer holidays and will resume in August. The agenda for this meeting is still to be confirmed.

Director's Office

Last week:

- A huge thanks to the colleagues in the Outreach team for your support with the prep for the visit by the Qatari Minister last week.
- Thanks to everyone who attended the farewell reception for Dan. It turned out well. Huge thanks to all the colleagues who supported with the prep and clean up.
- Last week Charlotta was in Brussels for a EuroMeSCo meeting on Europe's future policy for the Southern Neighbourhood – the 'New Pact for the Mediterranean'.

This week:

- Dan is in Paris today and tomorrow attending an Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development - International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (OECD – IIASA) partnership Strategic Foresight Workshop.
- There will be Cooperation group meeting on Thursday.
- Karim attended the AMC Conference last week and is in Stockholm this week for few meetings.
- On 23 June Charlotta will be in London to speak at a conference on mediation and on 24-27 June she will be at 'Almedalen week' in Visby/Gotland.
- Our last Monday all-staff meeting before the summer vacation period will be on 23 June. The meetings will resume on 11 August.

Operations

GAD:

- Congratulations to the DUAT team for signing a long-term agreement with Expertise France to provide technical support as part of their project "European Union Outreach activities in support of the implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty"
- Kudos to the Peace Operations and conflict management for the contract signed with the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung for the funding of the workshop organised in April in Dakar, Senegal in relation to the New Geopolitics of Conflict Management project.
- Another round of applause for the Weapons of Mass Destruction and China Asia programmes for starting a new project with the Korea Foundation on "Nuclear risk reduction and regional security in the Korean Peninsula: Lessons from past confidence-building efforts".

Outreach

- Today we are launching **the Yearbook** with the lead story on our new figures on World Nuclear Forces. The story is running since Midnight, we keep all posted on the coverage.
- **THANK YOU to Pieter** who commented in a 30 min live show on Swedish TV SVT the current developments in the Middle East over the weekend – great visibility in Sweden for us.

Armament and Disarmament

- Publication alert!
 - Jules and Vlad just published an [SIPRI insight paper on the impact of military AI on nuclear escalation risk](#)
 - Vincent published an op-ed in IEEE Spectrum on “navigating the dual-use dilemma in the field of robotics”.
- The WMD team is hosting a workshop on priorities at the AI-nuclear nexus Monday and Tuesday (16-17 June) as part of a project funded by the German Federal Foreign Office.
- Members of the AT team were quoted in several news outlets covering Israel, India and Pakistan over the last month including the New York Times, leMonde, Business Insider, as well as a live interview with France24.
- Alex and Netta are in Odense for a workshop on governance of military AI organised by the AutoNorms project and the Centre for War Studies at the University of Southern Denmark.
- Vincent will have a TV interview with the BBC on AI and Drones.
- On Monday to Wednesday, Giovanna will be in Trento in Italy to participate as a lecturer in the summer school on arms transfer controls organized by the School of International Study (SiS) of the University of Trento.
- On Monday and Tuesday, Lauriane will be in Berlin attending an international conference on “Joining Forces to Safeguard Research” organised by German Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space.

Conflict, Peace and Security

Last week:

- Fei published a commentary on ‘From Tactical to Strategic: The DPRK-Russia Military Cooperation’ at Asia-Pacific Leadership Network (APLN).
- Fei and Larisa who previously worked at SIPRI’s cyber project co-authored a paper on ‘Cybersecurity for a Sustainable future’ published as part of SEB’s Sustainable Finance Outlook for June 2025.
- China Programme published a policy brief on ‘Security Cooperation Between Japan and the Nordic States in Uncertain Times’.
- Last week, two papers were published based on the research on the experiences of Sudanese refugees in Eastern Chad: A policy brief written by Marie and our Chadian colleague Prisca and a blogpost written by Virginie and our Chadian colleague Olivier.

This week:

- Together with WMD programme, Fei will also moderate and present at the AI-nuclear nexus workshop on 16-17 June.
- Virginie will be participating in the steering committee for the project being conducted in Burkina Faso and funded by DANIDA.

Peace and Development

- Caroline will present at the SIANI’s webinar Multisectoral efforts for food system transformation on Monday.
- Katongo and Florian will engage with a group of Global Teen Leaders hosted by the We Are Family Foundation at their Three Dot Dash is the Just Peace Summit.