

## **Monday morning meeting**

25 November 2024

### **Notes**

#### **New staff**

- We welcome Kateryna Kuzmuk at SIPRI. Kateryna joined MILAP as an intern in September (remotely) and will be at SIPRI for two weeks.

#### **Outreach**

- Congratulations to Nivi, the WMD team and the Outreach team for a very professional and well-run workshop. The participants were very appreciative.
- Thanks to Katarina, Marie and Ann-Sophie for receiving a German Master student delegation last week. Fantastic connection for SIPRI with young professionals.
- Today we will send out embargoed material for the arms industry data launch. Thanks to the MILAP colleagues for an extremely smooth preparation process.

#### **Operations**

GAD:

- Congratulations to the Weapons of Mass Destruction team for securing a new project titled 'Dialogue on Multi-Domain Escalation Risks', funded by the Swedish-based Global Challenges Foundation, for around EUR 74 000.
- Congratulations to the Climate Change and Risk team for securing a 2-year project with the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in collaboration with the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, to support research on Climate, Peace, and Security for the Danish government during their UN Security Council seat from 2024 to 2026. Total funding is 5M DKK and half of it will go to SIPRI.
- Final call for the teams interested in applying to the NATO Science for Peace and Security grants, we need them to send their interest today COB to GAD.

#### **Armament and Disarmament**

- Last Friday the A&D cluster held a very insightful and at times mindboggling workshop on arms control implications of quantum technologies, jointly with Quantum Delta in The Hague. Thanks to Alex and Vivianne who organised and to Kolja, Vitaly and Bob Kelley who participated. This was back to back with a larger event organised by Quantum Delta with the UN International Computing Centre (UNICC) to prepare the international year of Quantum, at which Alex and Sibylle co-chaired the peace and security breakout session.
- On Monday and Tuesday Kolja and Lauriane are attending the Chaudfontaine Group meeting in Liege, an annual meeting of officials, academics and researchers working on dual-use export controls.
- Nan and Lorenzo are in Brussels Monday to Wednesday for various meetings with the Directorate-General for Defence Industry and Space on work relating to EU defense industry.
- Diego has a meeting with the Colombian Ambassador on Monday to discuss possibilities to continue collaborations with them following the end of the project with the Colombian Ministry of Defence.
- On Wednesday, Diego will be a speaker on a webinar hosted by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, titled 'How Can Parliaments Secure a Peace Dividend? Allocating for peace'.
- The AT team wants to highlight that the team continues to receive many enquiries about Israeli arms imports/exports. These saw quite a spike after the backgrounder before the anniversary. (Shout-out to everyone involved in getting that out! Thanks!) Over the past two months, SIPRI was approached, quoted and contributed to articles and interviews in the New

York Times, Aftonbladet, SVT Aktuellt, SVT Online, Sverige Radio Konflikt (thumbs-up towards local visibility), France24, DW, Dutch RTL etc. A big thank you to the Outreach team for all the coordination, gate keeping and support to help us with these tasks.

### **Conflict, Peace and Security**

- Today, Monday 22 at 12.00, Pauline and Marie will present their report 'Words of Insecurity: Stories from Young Women in the Gao and Mopti regions in Mali'. You are welcome to join in the Conference Room or via Teams.
- Virginie is in Bamako to meet with the EU new Ambassador and Political Adviser, as the new project starts in January.
- On Thursday, Virginie will present the research paper on 'Military Entrenchment in Mali and Niger to the Just Future Networking Meeting'.
- Shourjya will launch the survey in Burkina Faso, a project funded by DANIDA.
- On Thursday, Marie and Ann-Sophie will join the visit from Swedish high school students from Upplandsbro.

### **Peace and Development**

- Last Thursday, the CCR programme and NUPI held a closed roundtable on Climate, Peace and Security in CAR.
- On Tuesday, Abeer will give a presentation on health system resilience and its role in mitigating the impact of conflict at the 'Policy Day: How do we protect or even improve institutional quality, health equity, and gender equality under crisis and conflict?'. The event is co-organised by the Quality of Government Institute at the University of Gothenburg and the Lancet Commission on Peaceful Societies through Health Equity and Gender Equality.
- On Wednesday, Florian will speak at the AIES (Austria Institut für Europa und Sicherheitspolitik) Workshop on Responding to a Changing Climate - Security Implications for Austria and Europe.
- On Wednesday, SIPRI and the Kofi Anan Foundation (KAF) will host an online event to launch a youth-led research report titled: 'Resilience Rising: Youth Research Informing Global Climate and Conflict Responses'. Katongo has been supporting this work and will be speaking at this event. The launch is part of SIPRI's partnership with KAF to advance global discussions on the youth, climate, peace and security agenda.
- On Thursday, Florian will speak at seminar on "Climate security: How can environmental challenges be integrated into foreign and security policy?" hosted by the Heinrich Böll Foundation Human Security Unit.