

Monday morning meeting

23 June 2025

Notes

New colleague

- Rachel Blair, a new intern joining the Food, Peace and Security programme.

Director's Office

- Dan is in Geneva today attending a Preliminary Findings Workshop on the World Mediation Report. On Tuesday and Wednesday, he will be in Toledo speaking on a panel at the International Seminar on Security and Defence.
- Today, Charlotta is in London speaking at a conference on mediation and on 24-27 June and she will be at 'Almedalen week' in Visby/Gotland.

Outreach

- The Launch of the Yearbook and the World Nuclear Forces generated an all-time high record of coverage for a data launch with over 8600 media outlets during the first week.
- With the USA entering the war between Israel and Iran, Dan has been on Swedish TV4 evening news and Australian TV and Bob Kelley has also been taking several interviews over the weekend.

Operations

GAD

- Congratulations to the Arms Transfer team for signing an agreement for a project funded by the Swedish Institute (also a new donor of SIPRI!) for around 1.8 million SEK in total. The project is titled Empowering Journalism: Transparency in Defense Spending and Arms Procurement in the Western Balkans and will consist of building journalists' capacities in using the AT database.
- Kudos to the European Security, Arms Transfers and Climate Change programmes for getting funding from the United Kingdom Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), under their Strategic Stability programme. The project titled Strategic Stability on NATO's New Northern Flank started earlier this year with funding from the Swedish Armed Forces, and this new funding of 212,885 GBP will enable its full implementation until 31 March 2026.

Armament and Disarmament

- Last week Tuesday, Alexander and Netta were in Odense for a workshop organized by University of Southern Denmark on human control practices in the use of military AI.
- The DUAT and the China and Asia Security programmes' joint application for the 2025 Strategic Policy Grants Program (SPGP) of the Australian Department of Defence (titled 'China's export controls and implications for Australia's national defence strategy') was approved for funding. The project is expected to run until the end of 2027 and has a budget of 402,462 AUD.
- On Tuesday, Wilfred will make an online presentation on 'transparency around nuclear forces and their deployment' to the multilateral CEND initiative (Creating an Environment for Nuclear Disarmament)
- On Wednesday, a delegation that includes the Pakistani ambassador to Stockholm will be visiting to discuss "Framing Normative Guardrails for AI-Nuclear Integration: A Global South Perspective" and other issues of strategic stability.

Conflict, Peace and Security

- On Monday, a delegation from the Chinese People's Association for Peace and Disarmament (CPAPD) will be visiting SIPRI in the morning.
- Marie is attending the European Conference on African Studies in Prague this week and will present a paper on Sudan refugees.