

Monday morning meeting

28 April 2025

Notes

Senior Management Team

- At the SMT meeting last week, besides the weekly recurring agenda items, SMT discussed:
 - Bilateral meetings at the 2025 Stockholm Forum
 - Risk assessment (as part of the preparations of materials for the upcoming Governing Board meeting in May)
 - Review of the first batch of SIPRI's policies: Anti-Corruption policy and Policy on Ethical Due Diligence on financial sponsorship
 - On Wednesday, SMT will discuss strategic grant budgeting and allocation, and the KPI's, which are also part of the materials being prepared for the Governing Board meeting in May.

Director's Office

- There will be a visit by a delegation of Swedish Armed Forces, Defence Attaché Section to SIPRI today at 13:00 – 15:00.
- There is an RSC meeting tomorrow, 29 April at 10:30.

Operations

GAD:

- We signed a Long-term agreement with the World Food Programme for research services for 3 years. Good to keep that in mind for your discussions with other UN agencies, as it seems that other UN agencies can use the LTA for their own requests for research services.
- The contract with SIDA to support the Stockholm Forum was also signed.

Outreach

- We are live since midnight with the **new data on World Military Expenditure!** We are currently running with 1800 global articles after an intense embargo period. CONGRATULATIONS!!! An impressive achievement of both Milap and Outreach in challenging circumstances.
- We are navigating the Forum, data launch, the Saudi diplomatic training and the North Korea meeting ahead of next week. Thanks for colleagues' patience and support.

Armament and Disarmament

Last week:

- Vlad was in Islamabad speaking on AI and nuclear at a CISS (Center for International Strategic Studies) conference on 'Nuclear Deterrence in the Age of Emerging Technologies'
- Nivi went to Ypres to attend deliberations as a jury member for the Ypres Peace Prize 2026.
- Last Friday the DUAT team published a new EUNPDC paper on '[Non-proliferation, Nuclear Technology and Peaceful Uses: Examining the Role and Impact of Export Controls](#)'. Huge thanks to the editorial team who helped us put it together.

This week:

- Tytti and Wilfred are in New York for the Preparatory Committee of the NPT (Non-Proliferation Treaty), speaking on side events related to ongoing research projects.

- Mark is in New York this week for the III Preparatory Committee meeting of the 2026 review conference of the NPT (Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty). He will chair a side event that SIPRI co-organized with the European External Action Service in the context of the EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium (EUNPDC) project. Side event is on Tuesday, 29 April and the title is: 'Non-proliferation, peaceful uses and nuclear technology – Clarifying the role and impact of export controls' (<https://reachingcriticalwill.org/images/documents/Disarmament-fora/npt/prepcom25/ngo-materials/EU.pdf>).

Conflict, Peace and Security

- Jingdong Yuan has appeared in two IISS (International Institute for Strategic Studies) podcast 'The Arms Control Poseur' in recent weeks. He was featured on:
 1. Better know a nuke: North Korea (<https://www.iiss.org/podcasts/arms-control-poseur/2025/04/better-know-a-nuke-north-korea/>)
 2. Better know a nuke: China (<https://www.iiss.org/podcasts/arms-control-poseur/2025/03/better-know-a-nuke-china/>)

Peace and Development

- Barbara MT and Gretchen were in Bishkek for the Global Mountain Dialogue for Sustainable Development and research interviews as part of the OSCE project on gender and climate security.
- Simone and Caroline were in Dakar for a GIZ kick-off workshop as part of their new project.