

Monday morning meeting

31 March 2025

Notes

Senior Management Team

- We started a new Teams channel on Skills Development. Feel free to explore and share information there.
- At the SMT meeting last week, besides the weekly recurring items, the team discussed:
 - Institutes finances
 - Allocation of the 2025 Strategic Grant
- At this week's meeting, SMT will discuss:
 - Zondera follow up
 - Liquidity
 - Internship policy

Director's Office

- The Cooperation Group met last Thursday. In addition to regular updates two main topics were discussed. One was work environment and the other one was the cooperation at SIPRI (what works well, what works less well and what can be done to enhance collaboration) – these discussions will continue at next month's meeting. The report from the meeting will, as usual, become available at the intranet.
- A delegation from the MFA Diplomatic Programme will be at SIPRI today at 13:00. They will have briefings that will feature a broad programme with presentations from all clusters. It will be followed by afterwork drinks at 16:30.
- The MBL with the unions continue with a meeting on Wednesday morning.
- There is an RSC on Thursday, 3 April at 13:00. It will take place in the Conference Room. We would still like a volunteer to take the minutes. Please let Priscilla know if you would like to serve as the minute-taker.

Outreach

- The Forum agenda and preliminary participant list has been posted in the fundraising teams chat – together with a number of questions for all PDs. Please take a look and respond.

Operations

GAD

- Fantastic fundraising week for the Food, Peace and security Programme, which, after a year of efforts, signed two contracts with the German Development Cooperation Agency (GIZ) and the World Food Programme, for a total of c. 544,000 EUR. The project will study the so-called '[Sahel Resilience Partnership](#)' (SRP) that seeks to scale resilience-building efforts between development and humanitarian agencies in the Sahel and to reduce the need for humanitarian assistance. Congratulations Caroline and Simone!
- A fundraising helpdesk session will take place on Thursday 3 April, in the Seminar room and on Teams, with a specific focus on the Forum and a special guest, Claire!
- Please share your Europass CV with the GAD Team if you have not done so already by Friday, 4 April 2025.

Armament and Disarmament

Last week:

- Vincent organized a virtual industry roundtable on “Containing the risk of misuse: lessons from the deployment of foundations models”. Companies that participated included: Open AI, Meta, Microsoft and Hugging Face.
- Alex was in Oxford for an event organized by the University of Oxford and the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (DSTL) on AI Trust and Transparency.
- Zain delivered the opening lecture for the Geneva Center for Security Policy (GCSP)’s course on the Arms Trade Treaty, focusing on major global arms trends.
- Zubaida, Katarina and Pieter conducted two online workshops, with experts and practitioners to test and refine methodology for researching arms control verification.
- A new episode of the Responsible AI for Peace Podcast is out. It features a conversation with [Julia Stoyanovich](#), Director of the Centre for Responsible AI at New York University (NYU).

The topics discussed are:

- ◆ Why is responsible AI education essential for addressing AI risks?
- ◆ How can we effectively introduce ethics, safety, and security to future AI practitioners?
- ◆ How AI developers can shape the future of responsible AI governance?

This week:

- On Tuesday and Wednesday, Giovanna will be in Geneva for an event organised by UNODA titled: ‘Validation workshop for the development of a voluntary implementation guide for the Global Framework for Through-life Conventional Ammunition Management’. Giovanna is helping to review a set of implementation guidelines that UNODA are drafting.
- On Thursday and Friday, Mark will be in Paris attending The Second Pall Mall Process Conference on regulating commercial cyber intrusion capabilities. He will be speaking in a session on ‘Mapping the Availability of Cyber Intrusion Tools and Services’.
- Nivi will be in Paris to judge European Space Agency’s student moot court competition, and then to Bonn to moderate a panel on ‘space cooperation in the Middle East’ at an event co-hosted by Institute for International Cooperation Technological Diplomacy and other partners.
- MILAP and ATP will have an interactive session with FOI (Swedish Defence Research Agency) at their offices to discuss topics, interests and alignment.

Conflict, Peace and Security

- Jingdong will attend and present at the ‘India-Sweden Ties as a Gateway to India-Nordic Engagement’, a one-day event co-organized by Institute for Security and Development Policy (ISDP) and Indian Embassy, on Wednesday, 2 April.

Peace and Development

- On Monday and Tuesday Florian will be in London joining some meetings organised by XCEPT and meetings with Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO).
- On Thursday and Friday, Abeer and Barbara MT will attend a workshop at Uppsala University – each presenting a book chapter that are part of a book project on SDGs and Peace.