You are cordially invited to an event on

**Peacekeeping reform: Making UN peace operations more fit for purpose**

United Nations peace operations are at a crossroads. Over the past decade, the number of peace keepers have increased significantly, and the UN deployed several new missions to countries where there was neither much peace to keep nor a constructive peace process to support. Subsequently, the extent to which UN peace operations are effective and remain fit for purpose is subject to an ongoing debate. UN peace operations are often confronted with both increasingly complex political and security environments and unrealistic expectations of what they can achieve.

This event looks at UN peacekeeping reform by focusing on the topics of gender mainstreaming, the safety and security of peacekeepers and the UN’s peacekeeping budget. It hopes to build upon ongoing efforts in the Headquarters of the United Nations in New York, such as the Secretary-General’s 2017 report on ‘Restructuring of the United Nations peace and security pillar’ and the open debate on 28 March in the Security Council on ‘Collective action to improve UN peacekeeping operations’ and also feed into these discussions.

The seminar which is co-organized by the Embassy of Indonesia, the Embassy of Ethiopia, the Embassy of Brazil and SIPRI will bring together experts from Indonesia, Brazil and Ethiopia.

**Friday, 13 April 2018, 10.00-12.30 at**

**Medelhavsmuseet, Fredsgatan 2, Stockholm**

*Registration is mandatory for all participants.*

Please confirm your participation by **Wednesday, 11 April** to **Ms Alexandra Manolache**, SIPRI Communications Officer, Tel: 0766 286 133, Email: alexandra.manolache@sipri.org.

*Please note:*

*Lunch is complimentary for all participants.*

*This event will not be livestreamed.*