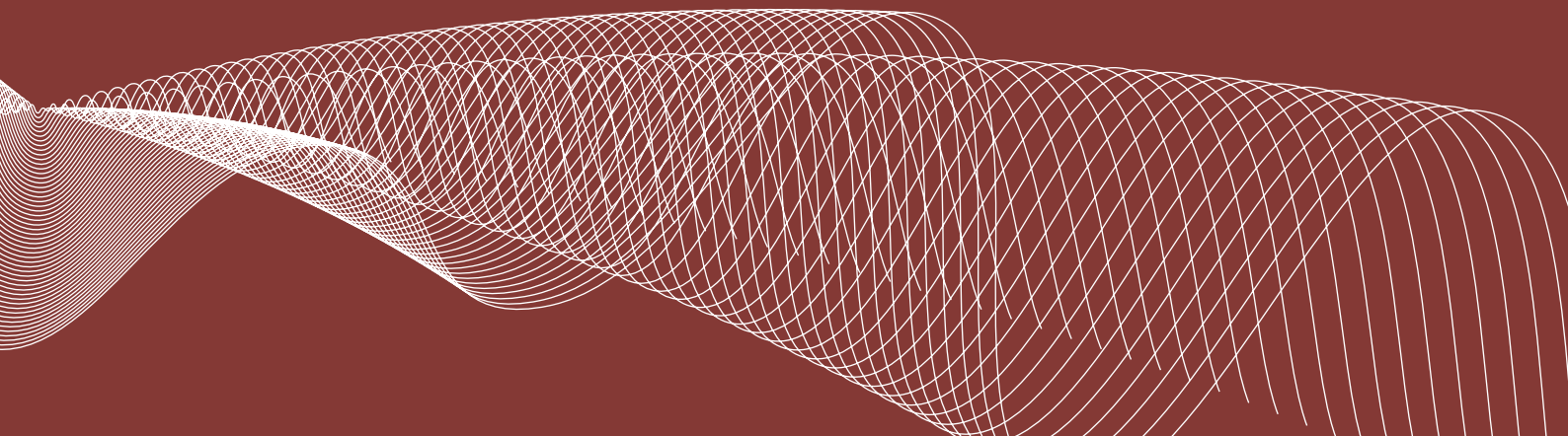




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WELCOME TO SIPRI’S ANNUAL REVIEW 2023

As we assess the global landscape of 2023, we are confronted with a reality that all too many of us find disheartening. The Russia–Ukraine war shows no signs of abating and the Israeli–Palestinian conflict has escalated to levels not seen since the Yom Kippur war, with risks of horizontal escalation to Lebanon and the Red Sea. These unfolding events paint a bleak picture.

Beyond these developments, the world grappled with a myriad of challenges, including over 50 armed conflicts in 2023. The conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan reached a turning point after a major offensive launched by Azerbaijan gave it control over contested territories. The civil war in Sudan resulted in thousands killed and millions displaced by the fighting. Preoccupied with Ukraine, Gaza and the looming dangers in the China–United States confrontation over Taiwan, the international system proved unable to manage conflicts effectively.

Amid these crises, it is crucial not to overlook their ripple effects on pressing issues such as militarization, arms control and ecology. Military spending continued to soar in 2023, underscoring the urgent need for arms reduction. Arms control efforts appeared stagnant as the year began with another disappointing development when Russia declared it would suspend its participation in New START. A minor triumph was witnessed in July, however, when the USA completed the elimination of its remaining chemical weapons arsenal in compliance with the 1997 Chemical Weapons Convention. Simultaneously, global temperatures shattered previous records.

Yet as we reflect on the global landscape of 2023, there remain reasons for hope and optimism. International efforts to slow down climate change and address the broader ecological crisis have gained momentum. They provide a framework for collective action. Although translating words into action remains challenging, these agreements set a standard for accountability and advocacy. While the road ahead may be daunting, the resilience and determination of individuals, states and international institutes such as SIPRI to work towards peace and sustainability offer rays of hope for a brighter future.

For a more peaceful world,

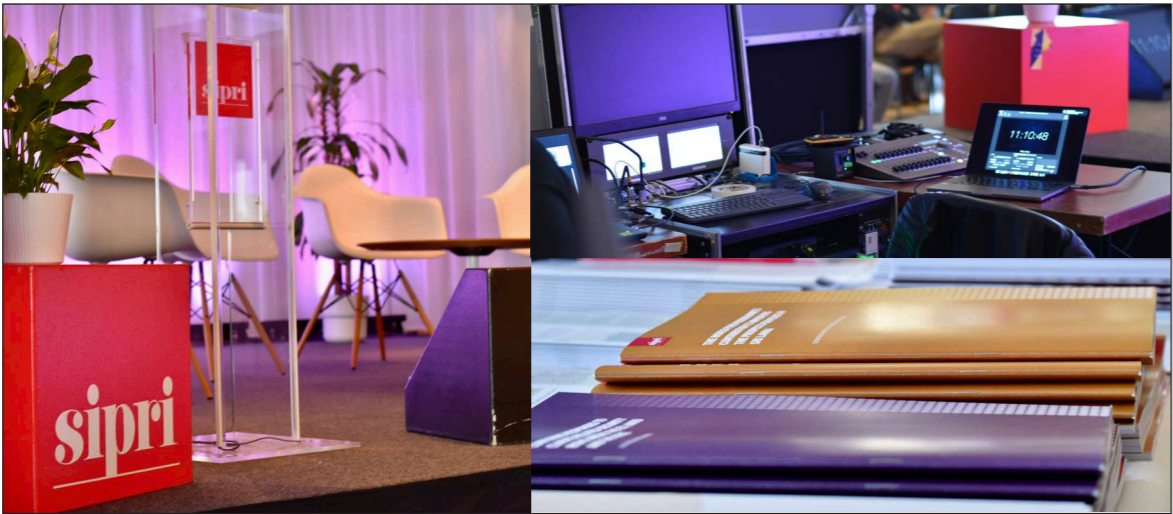
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COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

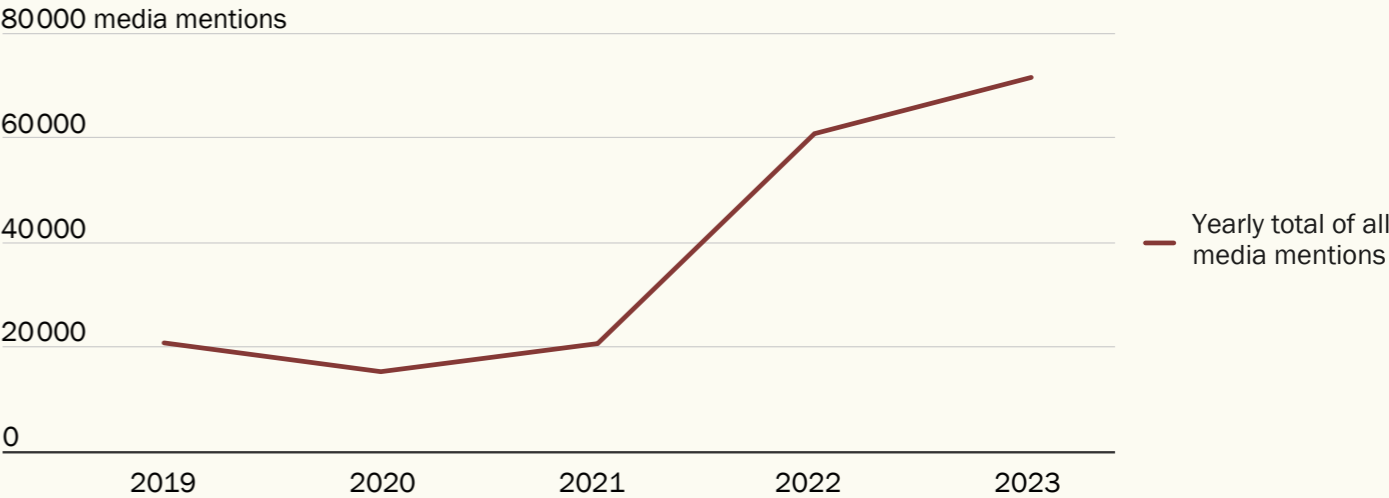
SIPRI's work remained highly sought-after in 2023, providing valuable insights for policymakers, journalists, experts and the general public. SIPRI's Communications and Editorial team disseminated research findings to a global audience through a diverse range of channels, including publications, films, newsletters and in-person seminars. The Institute maintained a large online presence through its website and social media channels, which boast over 154 000 followers and friends. These serve as vital and engaging platforms for public communication.

SIPRI's research plays a crucial role in advancing the public debate, awareness and discussion surrounding all aspects of international security. The public's interest is evident and increasing. In 2023 alone, media outlets in over 140 countries featured various aspects of SIPRI's work. These included major media outlets such as Reuters, *The Guardian*, Associated Press and AFP. Throughout the year, the Institute's research was covered in over 70 000 stories from global media outlets, compared to 59 000 in 2022.

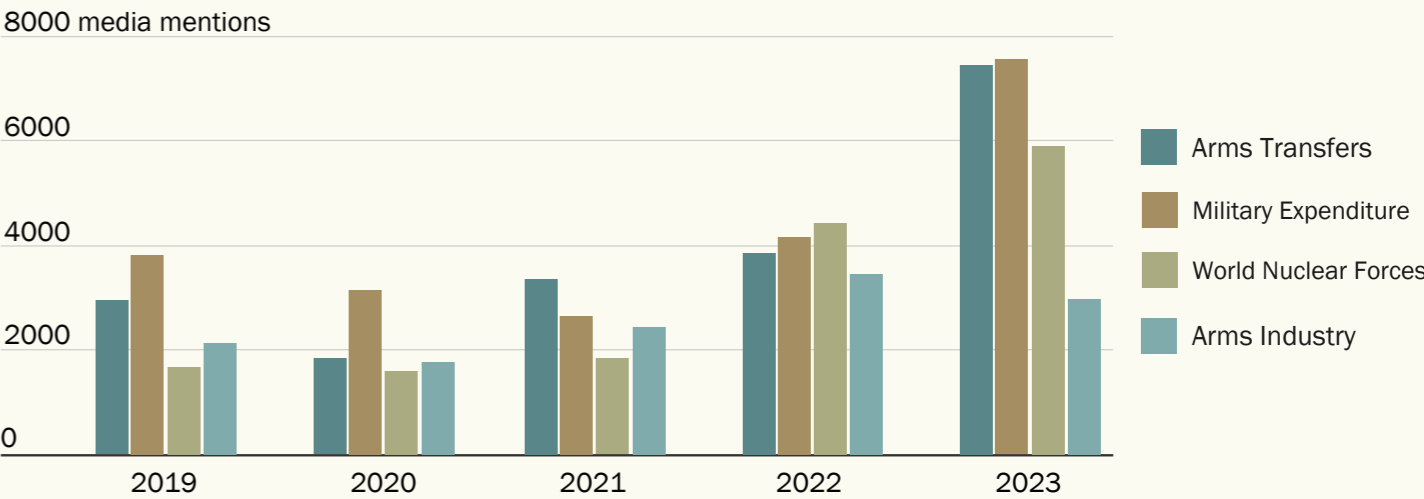


SIPRI's Communications team uses in-person, online and digital platforms to communicate with its global audience.

MEDIA MENTIONS OF SIPRI WORK



MEDIA MENTIONS OF SIPRI DATA LAUNCHES





SIPRI hosts Ambassador Mike Hammer, US Special Envoy for the Horn of Africa, 23 August.



SIPRI and its partner, the Alva Myrdal Centre, host the Armament and Disarmament Summer School, 21–25 August.

1 August: SIPRI news

SIPRI and its local partner, the Al-Tahreer Association for Development, organize community dialogues in Iraq.

21 August: SIPRI news

SIPRI leads a new joint research initiative on North Africa.

28 August: SIPRI news

SIPRI launches the Chinese translation of *SIPRI Yearbook 2022*.

29 August: SIPRI event

SIPRI hosts Rafael Grossi, Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency, for a roundtable discussion and international press conference.

29 August: SIPRI commentary

Dan Mahanty writes the blog ‘Five ways to protect civilians in contemporary armed conflict’.

29–30 August: SIPRI event

SIPRI hosts a workshop on NATO nuclear deterrence.

Selected publications in August

Integrating Gender Perspectives into International Humanitarian Law
Nivedita Raju and Laura Bruun

Mapping Pathways for Peace through the Composition of Official Development Assistance
Dr Jannie Lilja and Dr Gary Milante

AUGUST 2023

CONFLICT AND SECURITY IN WEST AFRICA AND THE SAHEL

The SIPRI Sahel and West Africa Programme examines critical concerns related to conflict, security, governance and conflict prevention in the region. Through its research, the programme aims to enhance understanding of local perspectives, as well as the needs and priorities of the regional populations, providing valuable insights for policymakers and practitioners.

SIPRI continued this important area of work throughout 2023. In June, the programme launched three reports on humanitarian protection in the Liptako-Gourma region, which is the new epicentre of the Sahara–Sahel crisis that broke out in 2012. In July, SIPRI and Save the Children Sweden organized an event entitled ‘Climate Change, Food Insecurity and Conflict in South Sudan’, which sought to bridge the gap between research and practice by exploring the relationship between climate change, food security and conflict in South Sudan. Later in the year, SIPRI briefed the United States Special Envoy for the Horn of Africa in a closed roundtable and played an active role in Africa Climate Week.



Left: Dr Caroline Delgado, Senior Researcher and Director of the SIPRI Food, Peace and Security Programme, speaks at an event on ‘Climate Change, Food Insecurity and Conflict in South Sudan’, 29 August.

Right: Stills from the SIPRI Spotlight film series on climate-related security risks in West Africa, 29 March.



SIPRI co-organizes a session at the Africa Resilience Forum, 4 October.



Dr Wilfred Wan, Director of the SIPRI WMD Programme, and Dr Lora Saalman, SIPRI Senior Researcher, co-organize a side event at the 78th session of the First Committee of the UN General Assembly, 20 October.

4 October: SIPRI event

SIPRI co-organizes a session at the Africa Resilience Forum.

6 October: SIPRI news

SIPRI releases a statement on the 2023 Nobel Peace Prize.

10 October: SIPRI commentary

Nivedita Raju and Dr Wilfred Wan write the essay 'Towards an agenda for gender perspectives in space security'.

12 October: SIPRI commentary

Dr Farah Hegazi writes the blog 'Training on climate security is crucial for the future of peace operations'.

19 October: SIPRI commentary

Alain Leroy and Emilie Chazelle write the blog 'Why peace and localization are key to transforming food systems'.

Selected publications in October

Women in Multilateral Peace Operations 2023: What is the State of Play?

Dr Claudia Pfeifer Cruz

OCTOBER 2023

PEACEKEEPING AND CONFLICT MANAGEMENT

The SIPRI Peace Operations and Conflict Management Programme provides comprehensive study and analysis of global peacekeeping efforts. The war in Ukraine has underlined the need to rethink and refocus the European Union's (EU) ability to act. Indeed, the EU needs to be able to deploy and sustain crisis management missions—both military and civilian—if it wants to be a credible security provider. This thematic focus shaped segments of SIPRI's work on peace operations in 2023.

In February, SIPRI and the German Center for International Peace Operations hosted a session at the Munich Security Conference. SIPRI also launched a report entitled 'New Compact, Renewed Impetus: Enhancing the EU's Ability to Act Through its Civilian CSDP'. In October, SIPRI published its yearly update on women's participation in multilateral peace operations. This study includes data and trends regarding women's representation in leadership roles, overall personnel and member states' contributions.



Upper left: UN peacekeepers.

Lower left: Data visualizations from SIPRI's annual update of women in multilateral peace operations, 23 October.

Top and bottom right: SIPRI co-organizes an official side event on peacekeeping operations at the 2023 Munich Security Conference, 19 February.

FACTS AND FIGURES

- SIPRI received record coverage in the global media, featuring in over 70 000 news articles (compared to 59 000 in 2022).
- SIPRI's work was covered by media outlets in 140 countries, with the strongest coverage in North America (19 800 mentions), Western Europe (17 010), Eastern Europe (9200), the Middle East (5300) and India (2900).
- Summaries of *SIPRI Yearbook 2023* were issued in 13 languages, including Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Russian and Ukrainian.
- SIPRI issued 79 targeted mailings to its over 48 000 global subscribers.
- On the SIPRI website, 75 news items and 9 press releases were published, alongside 31 online commentaries.
- At the end of 2023, SIPRI had more than 154 000 followers and friends on social media platforms.
- The SIPRI website generated over 3 600 000 website page views and 1 415 427 website visits.
- SIPRI's YouTube channel generated over 138 days of SIPRI watched time, with over 51 000 separate views.



FINANCES

SIPRI’s annual accounts are prepared in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act. All figures are in SEK.

	2023	2022
Income		
Parliamentary core grant	28 402 000	28 402 000
Funding from external projects	83 453 004	83 004 236
Royalties	33 760	323 255
Other	1 044 418	52 599
Total	112 933 182	111 782 090
Expenditure		
Project expenditure from grants	–34 781 011	–34 503 699
Administrative expenditure	–10 399 736	–9 612 750
Staff costs	–70 318 898	–68 323 518
Depreciation	–102 572	–107 455
	–118 602 217	–112 547 422
Result	–5 669 035	–765 332
Financial income		
Financial net amount	1 023 258	2 384 808
Change in capital this year	–4 645 777	1 619 476

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SIPRI’s annual staff photo taken on the occasion of the meeting of the Governing Board, 13 November.

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