

5th Digitalization Committee Meeting Summary

The 5th meeting of the Digitalization Committee for the 2023/2025 term was held at the SSA office in the Bank of China Building. Led by Mr. T.S. Teo, the Digitalization Committee convened to discuss the progress and plans across its three workgroups: SME digitalization, startups and cybersecurity.

For the SME Digitalization workgroup, Mr. Teo outlined its objectives, which included promoting the adoption of digital solutions, raising awareness of digitalization, and equipping SMEs with the necessary tools to embrace digital transformation. He also highlighted key challenges faced by the workgroup, such as generating interest from SMEs, managing limited resources to meet their needs, and the fact that the program was still in its early, unproven stages.

For the Start-up workgroup, Mr. Teo reported that the primary objective was to enhance digital adoption among maritime companies and develop a virtual platform to connect the maritime industry with digital technology providers. He explained that the platform's scope included serving as a central hub for information on maritime digital solutions, enabling solution providers to showcase their offerings, and facilitating interactions between technology providers and adopters.

The Cybersecurity workgroup, led by Richard Wagner, reported that the workgroup was working on several objectives: development of the curriculum on vessel OT systems cybersecurity; cybersecurity scorecard enablement; cybersecurity scorecard internationalization; improvement of the cyber resilience and situational awareness in the Singapore maritime sector using MCAOC; creation of a robust cybersecurity standard for shore-based maritime operators, particularly SMEs.

The Chair would compile and review feedback from members to refine the work plans, focusing on key milestones. Following approval, responsibilities would be assigned, and progress would be regularly monitored, with adjustments made as needed to achieve the milestones.

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