



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **MPA and UNCTAD Partner to Support Global Maritime Transition in Decarbonisation and Digitalisation**

The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) to support maritime decarbonisation and digitalisation efforts globally.

2. The partnership brings together UNCTAD's trade development mandate and Singapore's experience as a leading global hub port, to advance the adoption of alternative fuels and digital solutions for ports and countries at different stages of readiness.
3. The MOU was signed by Mr Tan Hoe Soon, Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate & Strategy) of MPA, and Mr Vinod Nair, Chief, Budget and Project Finance Section of UNCTAD.
4. Under the MOU, MPA and UNCTAD will work together to share knowledge and best practices in areas such as sustainable finance and manpower development. It will also include capacity building and technical training for developing countries to strengthen their maritime capabilities and port resilience.

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## **About the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA)**

MPA was established in 1996 with the mission to develop Singapore as a global hub port and international maritime centre, and to advance and safeguard Singapore's strategic maritime interests. MPA takes on multiple roles as Singapore's maritime and port regulator and planner, international maritime centre champion, national maritime representative, and champion of maritime digitalisation and decarbonisation efforts. MPA partners industry, research community and other agencies to enhance safety, security and environmental protection, facilitate maritime and port operations and growth, expand multi-domain capabilities, and support the cluster of maritime services and manpower development.

For more information, please visit [www.mpa.gov.sg/](http://www.mpa.gov.sg/).

## **About UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)**

UNCTAD is the UN's leading body on trade and development. Founded in 1964, it supports 195 member states with expert analysis and technical assistance and serves as a platform for intergovernmental dialogue.

UNCTAD helps developing countries make trade, finance, investment, and the digital economy work for inclusive and sustainable development.

## **About Singapore Maritime Week 2026**

SMW is an annual gathering of the international maritime community to advance key industry issues and exchange ideas to bring the sector forward. Driven by MPA, in collaboration with industry stakeholders and research and educational institutions, SMW brings together key opinion leaders and industry leaders through conferences, dialogues and forums.

The range of activities and events organised by MPA, industry stakeholders and research and educational institutions, as well as the cosmopolitan profile of participants, reflect the vibrancy and diversity of Singapore as a global hub port and leading international maritime centre.

For more information, please visit [www.smw.sg](http://www.smw.sg).

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