

International Technology Panel

The International Technology Panel helps Sembcorp stay ahead in the fast-changing landscape of energy transition, climate action and digital innovation. Partnering with Sembcorp's senior leadership, the ITP provides strategic insights and clear recommendations to guide technology-related decisions. This underscores the importance Sembcorp places on existential areas to keep the company focused on future-ready energy systems and solutions.

Jonathan Asherson, OBE Chairman

Mr Asherson brings extensive experience in the energy and aerospace sectors across Europe and Asia. He currently serves as chairman of Sembcorp Energy UK.

Mr Asherson was previously president of Rolls-Royce Southeast Asia and later retired as chairman of Rolls-Royce Singapore, where he oversaw the

company's regional operations across civil aerospace, defence, marine and energy in Asia Pacific.

He has chaired the Singapore International Chamber of Commerce and British Chamber of Commerce, and served as a non-executive director of the UK Department for International Trade and the Economic Development Board of Singapore. He was also a council member of the Singapore National Employers Federation.

His contributions have earned him distinguished honours, including an Order of the British Empire (OBE) medal as an officer in 2007 and the Public Service Medal (Friends of Singapore) under the Singapore National Day Awards in 2010.

He holds a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering and an honorary doctorate of science from Kingston University.

Pieter Franken Member

Mr Franken started his career as a researcher at Hitachi's Central Research Lab in Japan and has since held executive roles at Aplus, Citigroup, Elevandi, Monex Group, Monex Securities and Shinsei Bank. He is currently managing director at GFTN (Global Finance and Technology Network – formerly Elevandi) and also CEO of GFTN Japan, where he plays a key role in strengthening and expanding Singapore's financial technology (FinTech) ecosystem into Japan and Northeast Asia.

For more than a decade (2016–2025), he has supported the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) as a member of its International Technology Advisory Panel and also served on the board of GFTN.

In 2011, Mr Franken co-founded Safecast, a global non-profit enabling accessible environmental data through ordinary citizens collecting such data. The genesis was Japan's Fukushima nuclear accident where trusted data is premium.

He is also the founding member of the ASEAN Financial Innovation Network, promoting financial

inclusion and digital transformation in ASEAN through the APIX platform in collaboration with IFC World Bank and MAS.

As a senior researcher and guest professor at Murai Lab, Keio University, Mr Franken contributes to research on Internet of Things, digital assets, FinTech, and financial inclusion.

He holds a Master of Science in computer science from Delft University.