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Colonel Osman Saafan is the Director of Corporate Safety and Security Management and Military Affairs at DFS Deutsche Flugsicherung GmbH. Before joining DFS in 1996, he fulfilled many different operational roles and staff functions in the German Air Force where he also gained operational experience as a tower and en-route controller and lastly in the German Ministry of Defense. His first job at DFS was head of operations management at ACC and TWR Munich and, in parallel, project manager for the first cross-border arrival management system for the ACC Munich. This project later won a Jane's ATC Award. He subsequently took on various leadership tasks at the company including head of DFS Capacity Management and Head of Control Centre in Langen, Germany's largest control centre. In his present function, Bonn-born Osman Saafan is responsible for safety, security, human factors and civil-military cooperation in the field of air navigation services.

Osman Saafan is also involved as the vice chair of the Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO) Global Safety Standing Committee and as the vice chair of the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) Stakeholder Advisory Board.