

Mr. Simon Hocquard, Director General, Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO)

Simon Hocquard, Director General, CANSO (Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation) was appointed on 19 June 2019. In leading and managing CANSO as the global voice of air traffic management, he is responsible for delivering CANSO strategies, expanding worldwide membership, and enhancing CANSO's relationship with its industry peers and stakeholders. Prior to this role, Simon was Deputy Director General of CANSO, where his responsibilities included overseeing all CANSO operations globally to ensure CANSO fulfilled its commitments and deliverables in a timely, efficient, and customer-focused manner.

Simon previously served at NATS, the UK air navigation service provider. His roles included Operations Director at Swanwick, the largest air traffic control centre in Europe, leading 1,500 people through the successful air traffic management for the 2012 London Olympics and other change programmes; and Director Operations and Strategy NATS, where he was accountable for creating and implementing the business, technical, operational strategies and vision for the entire regulated business.

Simon has significant experience of working with governments and international institutions. He is appointed by the European Commission as Chairman of the Network Management Board, which governs the overall European Air Traffic Network, and drives performance improvement across Europe as well as within EUROCONTROL. He is also a member of the 'Wise persons Group' in Europe, which was established by the European Commission to provide recommendations for the future of European ATM.