



SIMON HOCQUARD APPOINTED DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CANSO

Geneva, Switzerland, 19 June 2019 – CANSO (the Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation) has announced that Simon Hocquard is appointed Director General of CANSO from 19 June 2019. This follows as Jeff Poole completes his tenure as Director General. Simon previously served as CANSO Deputy Director General.

Teri Bristol, outgoing Chair of the CANSO Executive Committee (ExCom), said, “The CANSO Executive Committee unanimously supports the appointment of Simon Hocquard to the position of Director General. Simon has been an excellent Deputy Director General of CANSO and his wealth of experience as an air traffic controller, CANSO Member and Chairman of the Network Management Board has been of huge benefit to CANSO and its Members. The ExCom is delighted that Simon has accepted this position and we look forward to working with him as CANSO enters its next phase.”

Simon Hocquard, Director General, CANSO, said: “I am deeply honoured that ExCom has chosen me to lead the organisation. My relationship with CANSO goes back many years, both as a CANSO Member when I worked at NATS, and latterly as Deputy Director General of CANSO. This gives me valuable insights from the perspective of a Member and from that of the organisation. Also, my background as an air traffic controller, and in senior management positions dealing with strategic and aero political issues, gives me a comprehensive grasp of the current aviation environment. With new technologies transforming ATM performance, new airspace users such as drones, and growing air traffic, the industry faces many challenges. I relish the opportunity to lead CANSO and help guide the ATM industry as it faces and successfully manages these changes.”

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About Simon Hocquard – Simon was appointed Director General 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.

Simon was previously 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/partner focused manner.



In January 2015 Simon was 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. Simon is 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.

Before joining CANSO, Simon worked for 23 years 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.

About CANSO – the Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation – is the global voice of air traffic management (ATM) worldwide. CANSO Members support almost 90 percent of world air traffic. Members share information and develop new policies, with the ultimate aim of improving air navigation services (ANS) on the ground and in the air. CANSO represents its Members' views in major regulatory and industry forums, including at ICAO, where it has official Observer status. CANSO has an extensive network of Associate Members drawn from across the aviation industry.
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About the process for appointing the Director General - Under the terms of CANSO's [Articles of Association](#), the CANSO [Executive Committee](#) appoints the Director General for renewable terms of three years. The Director-General is responsible for the management of the CANSO secretariat and of CANSO activities, in accordance with the decisions of the AGM and instructions from the Executive Committee (Articles 11 k and 13).

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