

Mr. TIM ROWNTREE - DIRECTOR OCCAR

BIOGRAPHY



Tim began his career as a Craft Apprentice in the UK Ministry of Defence before joining the Student Engineer training programme and graduating with an Honours Degree in electrical and electronic engineering in 1980. He completed a range of technical and project management tours, including 5 years at the multinational Eurofighter project office in Munich, before joining the UK Tornado programme in 1996, where he became the Deputy Project Team Leader. In May 2001, he became the UK's Lynx Integrated Project Team Leader with responsibility for the airworthiness, in-service support and capability upgrade of circa 160 Army and Navy Lynx helicopters, and 2 major new helicopter projects.

He was then appointed as the UK's Deputy Director Air Systems in April 2004, where he was responsible for providing assurance to the UK's Defence Procurement Agency Executive Board that air systems projects met time, cost and performance targets.

Tim became the first Director General Air Support upon the creation of UK's new Defence Equipment and Support organisation (DE&S) in April 2007. He then completed the 2008 Royal College of Defence Studies course and returned to the appointment of Director General Air Support (later re-named Director Air Support) in October 2008. In this role he was responsible for the procurement and through-life support of the UK's military Air Transport, Air to Air Refuelling and ISTAR aircraft fleets, and additional systems such as synthetic training and simulation, aircraft defensive aids and commodity items which provide cross-platform support to all of the UK's aircraft fleets.

On 1 March 2013 Tim became the OCCAR Director. In this role he is responsible for the leadership and development of OCCAR to deliver collaborative European defence equipment programmes on a through-life basis on behalf of the OCCAR Member States and non-OCCAR nations participating in OCCAR programmes. OCCAR currently manages a portfolio of 13 programmes in the air, land and sea domains, with an annual turnover of around 3 billion euros and a total programme value of around 50 billion euros.