



## Hasan Ikhata

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Considered one of the preeminent transportation planning experts in the nation, Hasan Ikhata is the Executive Director of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), the largest metropolitan planning organization in the United States. Appointed in January 2008, Mr. Ikhata has over 25 years of public and private sector experience in Transportation Planning in Southern California. At SCAG Mr. Ikhata implements the policies of an 86-member Regional Council and directs day-to-day operations of the agency. He is credited with being a transformational and unifying leader who has enhanced SCAG's value to member agencies and fostered unprecedented levels of public input and participation in the development of regional transportation plans.

Prior to joining SCAG in 1994, Mr. Ikhata worked for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD).

Mr. Ikhata has received several awards and honors from various organizations and agencies including MOVE LA, for Outstanding Leadership as Executive Director of SCAG in preparation of the 2012 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. He has also been recognized by the American Society of Public Administration (ASPA), Southern California Leadership Council (SCLC), Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG), Orange County Business Council, Orange County Division, League of California Cities, California Legislature 49th District Assembly Resolution by Hon. Mike Eng, City of Los Angeles, State of California Certificate of Recognition, Association of the San Bernardino County Special Districts, Four Corners Transportation Summit, City of Big Bear Lake and numerous others.

Mr. Ikhata holds a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Civil and Industrial Engineering from Zaporozhye University in the former Soviet Union; a Master's degree in Civil Engineering from UCLA and a PhD Candidacy in Urban Planning and Transportation from USC.