

Biography
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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, Ikhata has over 30 years of public and private sector transportation planning experience in the region. As ED of SCAG, he directs day-to-day operations of the agency and implements policies set by its governing board. Prior to joining SCAG in 1994, Mr. Ikhata worked for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD).

Ikhata has received several awards and honors from various organizations and agencies including the American Society of Public Administration, Southern California Leadership Council, Orange County Transportation Authority, Orange County Business Council, League of California Cities, City of Los Angeles, State of California Certificate of Recognition, Association of the San Bernardino County Special Districts, the Building Industry Association, regional chapters of the Women's Transportation Seminar and numerous others.

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 the University of Southern California.

Mr. Ikhata is also an adjunct professor in the business school at California State University, Northridge.