



### **İrfan AKER-Immediate Past President**

İrfan AKER received his B.Sc. Degree from Boğaziçi University and M.Sc. Degree from University of Birmingham.

He has 40 years of experience in the management, coordination, construction management, contract administration, supervision and commissioning of several international major multi-billion dollar projects related to energy, transportation and water industry which were mostly financed by international lending institutions.

He has extensive experience in transactional advisory services including cross-sector technical, transactional and commercial advisory services for the Lenders and Sponsors for mega BOT/PPP projects amounting to more than US \$ 50 Billion.

He has participated as moderator, chairman and panelist in many international meetings, symposiums and conferences in the fields of water, energy and transportation. He has published articles/papers in different technical and financial subjects.

He was the Governor of World Water Council (WWC) during 2006-2018, was the Chairman of ATCEA during terms of 2021-2023 and 2023-2025, was the Board Member of Association of Turkish Consulting Engineers and Architects (ATCEA) for terms 1994-1996, 2004-2006, 2018-2020, President of the Turkish Technical Advisory Council under Union of Chambers and Community Exchanges of Türkiye (TOBB) during 2021-2025 and was the Secretary General of ICOLD Turkish National Committee during 1997-2003.

He acted as the Jury Member for the Turkish Prime Minister's Water Prize, 2009, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> KYOTO World Water Grand Prize, 2012 and for the 4<sup>th</sup> KYOTO World Water Grand Prize, 2015.

He was heavily involved with the organization of international events such as; the ICOLD 67th Executive Meeting (Antalya 1999), the FIDIC Annual Meeting (İstanbul 1995), International Symposium Water for Development (İstanbul 2005), 5<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum (Member of the International Steering Committee+Chairman of the Communication Committee) (İstanbul March 2009), 6<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum (Marseilles March 2012).

İrfan AKER is currently the Chairman of the Executive Board of DOLSAR Engineering Inc. Co., the Governor of the World Water Council (WWC) as well as the member of the Executive Board of WWC and member of the Executive Board of Foreign Economic Relatives Board (DEİK) for Türkiye-Pakistan, Türkiye-Afghanistan and Türkiye-Belgium. He is married and has two children. He is fluent in English and German.