

# **knowledge** management in Global SAP Practice

## The Atos Global SAP Competence Center (sapCC) – a source of competitive advantage.

Many of our SAP customers are transforming their businesses in unprecedented ways. To anticipate this, we need a highly-skilled workforce that is well-versed in both our customer landscapes and business needs, who can translate these changing needs into effective business solutions.

Today, personnel from Atos provide support to around 5,000 customer SAP systems globally, and more than one million people rely on our technology to achieve their business goals. Imagine the competence pool needed to support such diverse and complex client systems on a follow-the-sun 24/7 basis?

It means extensive mobilization of business knowledge and SAP-centric expertise offered by different teams and people located in different countries and business units. It means that we have to empower our people with knowledge and create opportunities to share the power of knowledge. We must enable complete collaboration across these units to facilitate better access to people, systems, and information, so we can deliver on-time solutions of unparalleled quality to our SAP customers.

In this context, the challenges of a high-growth global SAP organization were primarily related to managing knowledge. With application of Knowledge Management (KM) concepts, sapCC was transformed into a learning organization offering several knowledge services and facilitating social collaboration to meet the challenges. This document talks of transformation of sapCC.





## Introduction

#### At the heart of Atos' expertise in SAP lies the Atos sapCC. The sapCC facility helps Atos maintain its status as a leader in the SAP systems integrator market.

The functions of the sapCC include supporting Atos SAP Practices worldwide, empowering nearly 10,000 Atos SAP consultants in their day-to-day duties, enabling complete collaboration across the entire Atos SAP community.

This is done by the numerous services and tools as outlined below.

These tools are all about empowering people with true knowledge-sharing capability: who to contact for a particular knowledge set, where to access it, and how to share it.

These tools will allow us to support to our customers completely:

- Empowering users with better tools, making work easier and facilitating KM
- Enabling full collaboration across units to have better access to people, systems, and information.

"The battle kit for the Atos SAP consultant to get up to speed with the latest SAP technologies and solutions"





## Understanding our SAP solutions to make them work – where ideas translate into business

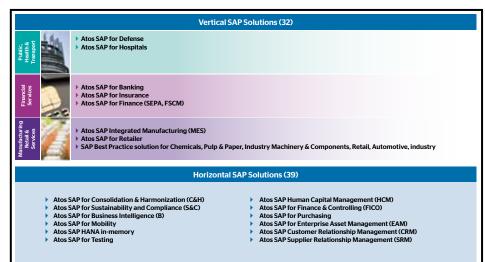
To keep up with the onslaught of new SAP solutions and technologies is not easy. There are many solutions and technologies on offer that integrate with many others, layering complexity as they do so. How do we stay in control, to prepare and run successful demos and prototypes for our customers?

The answer is to have a centralized and co-ordinated approach to managing our SAP Test & Demo systems. It supports our 10,000 Atos SAP consultants worldwide and offers them training and demonstration environments to assist customer engagements. At any given time, dozens of Atos consultants can simultaneously access the services of the Competence Center through a dedicated sapCC web portal. This is the Atos SAP KM and collaboration portal for the Atos SAP community. It is a one-stop shop wherein one can access our SAP systems, information, and people.

The sapCC portal contains a wide variety of learning and playground systems along with a catalog of relevant demonstrations that can be adopted to support our bid and pre-sales activities. It also contains new SAP solutions and technologies like HANA, Mobile, and Analytics. The business value this creates for our customers is clear:

- Speed: faster time to demo and prototyping - making use of a team of Atos experts with ready-to-use central demo capabilities
- Customer Experience: providing anywhere, anytime access to the sapCC Portal, providing an easy access path to various SAP systems
- Innovation: thought leadership on SAP key topics from our experts in industry, solution & technology, reducing the risks and timeline involved in adopting new SAP technologies
- Efficiency: increasing the efficiency, reusability, and quality of an adopted SAP solution.

#### Atos Demo Catalogue



#### **The Atos Approach**

- Centralized & co-ordinated Training & Demo environment
- Access to 71 Demo landscapes
- Access to 35 Training systems
- Accessible anywhere / anytime
- People working together via virtual teams of expert communities
- Demos added to catalog for reuse.

## With a little help from my SAP friends!

You're working on an SAP project within a customer environment and have some questions regarding an issue. You need to solve it before the project can move forward. And you really need to know the answer today. Does this sound familiar?

Often, getting an answer to a question from an expert could mean a response time of days, rather than hours. But now, thanks to the 'Ask the SAP expert - the Atos SAP Social Helpdesk' community on blueKiwi, our Enterprise Social Network tool, the average response time has come down to around 45 minutes.

We launched this community in March 2013, and today it has become a successful global entity that enables collaboration between people across countries and business units. The goal of this community is simple: to connect people who 'need to know' with those who 'do know'. This approach of helping one another will enable everyone to gain quicker access to SAP expertise and reduce the time required to solve various issues and questions.

The benefit for members of the community is they now have a platform where they can put their questions to a wide range of experts and experienced users who will provide them with timely support. At the same time, everyone benefits and learns from the process of sharing knowledge, views, and insights with other SAP colleagues.

Today, this community has evolved into a self-sustaining group, that is fun to access and be a part of, and which will improve our business performance through shared experiences, solutions, and successes.

#### The Atos Approach

- Global Q&A Community for:
- Posting & answering SAP expert questions
- Sharing SAP knowledge
- SAP expertise location
- Get support in hours instead of days
- Recognition & reward on key contributors (Member of the Month)
- Making use of gamification for our toughest SAP challenges.





## Learning by collaboration and knowledge-sharing at your own pace

Just like us, our customers invest in technologies to create new processes while improving the existing ones all year round. As a result, the workforce is constantly required to expand their skill sets while simultaneously focusing on the customer. At Atos, we have optimized our organizational performance through learning and development by adopting several tools that collate these new ways of learning. We equip our people with tools and content to enable social learning and collaboration.

## I am not alone - I have my friends - no matter where they are from!

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is a success."

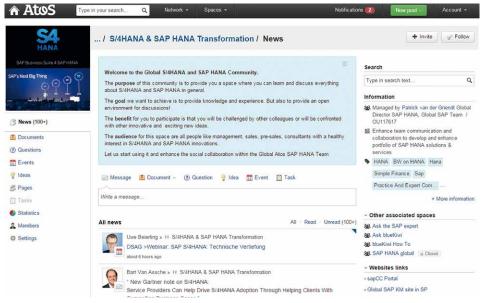
#### Where there is team collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved.

We have lots of experts in different SAP domains scattered across the globe. You can feel very alone very quickly in a big organization, if you are not well-connected. Wouldn't it be nice if you could work with your peers to understand each other's expertise, and have a platform where you could collaborate together, thereby building trust?

KM and collaboration remains a priority for a knowledge-intensive organization like ours, and our ambition is to develop a seasoned, collaborative, and community-based approach to maximize the value created from our greatest assets: our people.

Henry Ford

#### Unlocking everyone's true potential!



#### The Atos Approach

- Unifying Atos SAP consultants across 23 expert communities
  - Business process competencies (5)
  - Vertical competencies (7)
- Technology competencies (7)
- Encompassing competencies (3)
- Enable social collaboration tools (ESN, Lync, SP)
- Scope: training, curriculum, portfolio, experience sharing, customer's domain knowledge, delivery challenges, demos.

#### We use a variety of methods and tools to enable this:

- Through the SAP Learning Hub; an SAP cloud-based learning platform, which provides access to all the SAP learning material 24/7 from anywhere, supplemented with learning rooms where people can ask questions and get support
- Access to an online database of SAP publications, also called SAP Expert Journals, which are knowledge articles on SAP BI, CRM, Financials, SCM, HR, GRC, and Solution Manager
- Access to recorded webinars and presentations from the Atos SAP TechEd knowledge transfer sessions on SAP key Solutions such as HANA, Cloud, Mobile, Analytics, and Solution Manager

 Access to 35 SAP Training systems, which people can use for self-study, trials, and playground purposes.

With these tools we can enhance our learning as a team and build our own Atos SAP role curriculum, thus enhancing the service quality offered to our customers. It is also the perfect way to quickly induct new consultants and develop an agile workforce.

Thus we have yet another tool to empower our employees and increase our ability to react faster to new technologies – all contributing to increased employee and customer satisfaction along with increased sales success rates.

#### The Atos Approach

- Activate social learning & collaboration
  - SAP Learning Hub
  - SAP Expert Journals
  - SAP TechEd KT sessions
    SAP Training environment
- Accelerate training of new corners
- Building Atos SAP curriculums through centralized access of content, people & systems.

# Shifting gears – showing the great SAP stuff first!

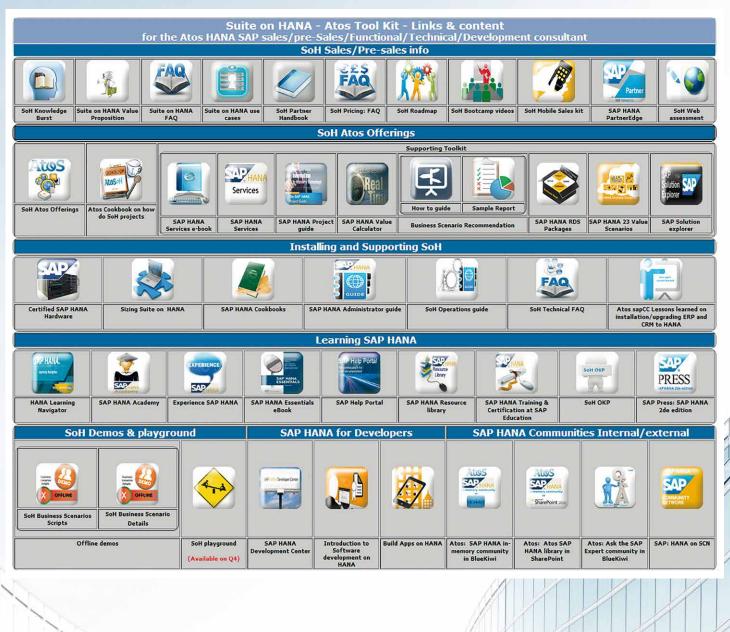
#### SAP ramp-up programs are a key element of the sapCC mission because it is all about innovation.

It will give us 'first mover' advantage, becoming part of a community that has early access to tomorrow's software. It will enable us to get early access to special training and knowledge tools, to better help us support our customers with their implementations more effectively. The benefits gained by us are clear. Providing our consultants with state-of-the-art demo environment will accelerate our time to proposal, enhancing our chances of winning with smooth solution implementation and reduced risk (with the confidence that we have done it before).

For key new SAP Solutions, we create a landing page highlighting the most important things that need to be known about the solution in order to accelerate adaption of the solution to our workforce.

#### The Atos Approach

- Process coordination: from nomination to communicating the learning
- Mobilizing team to learn and test new solution
- Capture the knowledge by building new demo on latest SAP solutions
- Building landing page for key new SAP Solution
- Communicate the learnings through knowledge transfer sessions.





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