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YOUR SHARED SERVICES COMMUNITY

Howdy, Shared Services & GBS Professionals!

Thank you for checking out SSOW! This is where the shared services and GBS community comes together to move beyond trend-spotting and into strategybuilding.

The landscape is clear: automation and customer experience are paramount. But this year, we're challenging you to go further. We're asking: How can shared services organizations not just add value, but actively drive value, and - most importantly - prove that value to the business?

At SSOW, we're diving deep into this core question. Building on the success of our process-focused approach from 2024, this year's event allows for even more granular exploration of the most common SSO processes. This means you'll gain targeted insights that directly address your specific challenges and opportunities.

We're committed to providing you with the tools, knowledge, and connections you need to excel in today's dynamic shared services environment. Come prepared to learn, connect, and leave with a clearer roadmap for demonstrating your organization's indispensable value.

We look forward to welcoming you to Houston!

Who Should Attend?

- Chief Financial Officer
- Vice President, Service **Delivery**
- Vice President, Shared **Services Center**
- Vice President, Finance **Digital Transformation**
- Senior Director, People **Operations**
- Senior Director, GBS
- Senior Director, Change Management
- Director, Operations
- Director/GPO R2R

- Director/GPO P2P
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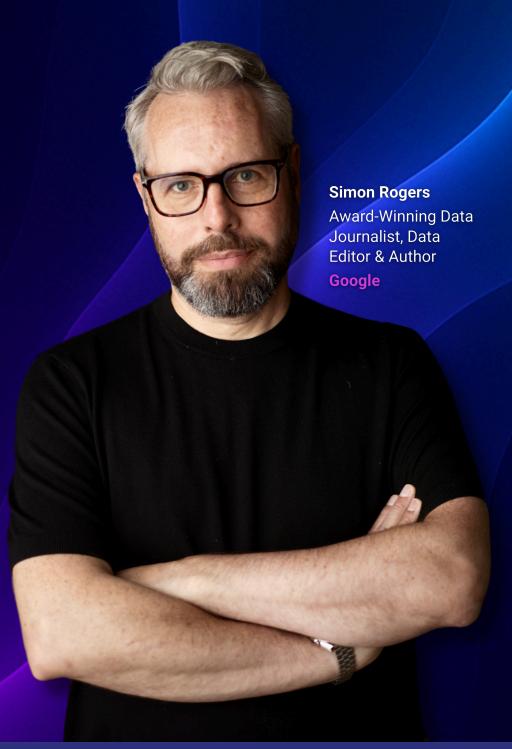
The Google Data Editor Who Turned Numbers Into Narratives—and Changed How We See the World

Simon Rogers is an award-winning data journalist, writer and speaker. Co-host of The Data Journalism Podcast and author of 'Facts are Sacred', published by Faber & Faber around the world. He has also written a range of infographics for children's books from Candlewick.

Data editor at Google, based in San Francisco, he is director of the Sigma Data Journalism Awards and teaches Data Journalism at Medill-Northwestern University in San Francisco and has taught at U Cal Berkeley Journalism school.

His latest book, What We Ask Google, will be published by Random House in 2026.

Don't miss Simon's SSOW Keynote session 'The Art of the Data Story: Moving Minds with Metrics' on Thursday, September 18, 2025, at 10:10 AM, an impactful session on turning raw metrics into compelling data stories that drive action, align stakeholders, and ignite enterprise-wide change.





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INDUSTRY LEADING SPEAKERS



I was able to connect with a lot of different people, industries, and services that are going to be able to help me and my GBS further develop.

- Vice President Corporate and Business Services, Americas, Michelin



Mahen Jayarajan Former Senior Executive, Transformation, GBS, Finance & Operations



Florian Bejko P2P Process Owner

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- 7% Specialist

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INDUSTRY



- 24% Utility & Energy
- 19% Manufacturing
- 14% Retail & CPG
- 14% Professional Services 2% Media
- 9% Healthcare & Pharma
- 6% Construction & Trans. 1% Public Sector
- 5% Technology
- 4% Higher Education
- 2% Travel & Hospitality
- 2% BFSI

A variety of industries means even more opportunities for benchmarking

FUNCTION



- 35% Finance
- 20% HR
- 10% GBS
- 7% Other
- 6% Transformation
- 6% Multi-Functional
- 5% Supply Chain/Procurement
- 4% Service Delivery
- 3% Operations
- 2% CI/Automation
- 2% Data/IT

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- Awesome experience. This was a fabulous conference. It was very organized and well attended. The app, support, food, speakers, Innovation Hub, etc. were great.
 - Vice President GBS, Westinghouse Electric Company
- This was a great experience for myself and my team members to understand trends in the GBS industry and make some **new friends** in support of our initiatives
 - Controller, Plants and Shared Services, **Komatsu America Corp**
- This was my first time. It was very informative and great networking opportunities!
 - Employee Services Vice President, Nokia













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Access to SSO Execs

Forge invaluable connections with senior shared services and outsourcing (SSO) executives. Expand your professional network, exchange best practices, and build strategic partnerships that can propel your career and organization forward.

Benchmark in Real Time

Gain immediate insights into industry benchmarks and performance metrics. Participate in live polling and interactive sessions to compare your organization's performance against leading shared services models, empowering you to identify areas for improvement and drive tangible results.

TOP **REASONS** TO ATTEND

Case Studies on Shared Services Adding Value

Collaborate with like-minded leaders from across North America and join the largest network of Shared Services & GBS professionals. Exchange ideas, discover proven strategies, and discuss real-world examples of how shared services are driving value across diverse industries. Learn from in-depth case studies presented by leading organizations, showcasing innovative approaches to cost reduction, process optimization, and strategic growth.

Technology Showcase & Innovation Hub

Explore the latest shared services technologies and solutions from leading providers. Experience live demos, discover innovative tools, and gain insights into how technology can transform your shared services operations.

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HOT TAKE HUSTLE

Real-Time Collaboration for Shared Services Leaders!

Participate in a unique and interactive session designed to tackle the most pressing challenges facing shared services organizations today. This **dynamic activity** will get you out of your seat and actively engaged in **real-time problem-solving and benchmarking!**

We'll present a series of provocative statements related to shared services best practices, emerging trends, and industry hurdles. Based on your stance, you'll move to a designated area in the room. Once positioned, you'll engage in **collaborative discussions** with your group. Share your solutions, challenge conventional thinking, and gain valuable insights from your shared services colleagues.











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Pre-Conference Workshops and Main Day One - Tuesday, September 16, 2025

WORKSHOPS

8:30 am Workshop Registration

9:00 am Morning Workshops - pick 1 🛂

Workshop A

Close the Gaps in R2R Automation: Insights from New Research



Workshop B

Essential Strategies for a Shared Services Organization to Thrive in Any Market Condition



10:30 am Mid-Morning Break and Networking

11:00 am Afternoon Workshops - pick 1 🛂

Workshop C

Untangle Your Processes: 90 Minutes to Shared Services Optimization

Speaker: Tony Hiatt, Director of Shared Services, **Granite Construction**

Workshop D

Simplify HR Transformation and Enhance the Employee Journey

12:30 pm End of Workshops and Luncheon for Workshop Attendees

SSOW OPENING

1:30 pm SSOW/Chairperson's Opening - Main Event

1:45 pm Reclaim Your Resources: Strategic Process Optimization for High-Value Work Todd Ferraro, Global Vice President, Global Operations & BPO, Verint-Systems





2:15 pm	People, Not Just Platforms: Digital Transformation Done Right Hosted by Leena AI	•	
2:45 pm	Networking Break		
3:30 pm	The Power of Perception: Communicating IT Success in a Transforming World Larry Hack, Senior Vice President, Shared Services, PriceSmart		
4:00 pm	Nokia GBS Transformation: Proving Value Through Expansion, Portfolio Innovation, and Customer-Centric Change Carolina Okrongli, Head of Strategy & Chief of Staff, Nokia Business Services, Nokia Rod Lindsay, President, Nokia Business Services, Nokia		
4:30 pm	The SSO & GBS Hot Take Hustle		
5:30 pm	Close of Day One and Welcome Reception		
Main D	Pay Two - Wednesday, September 17, 2025		
8:00 am	Breakfast and Networking		
9:00 am	The Future of Shared Services: Driving and Proving Value in the Age of Technology Guy Babbitt, Senior Vice President Shared Business Services, US Foods Karen Davis, Vice President, Contact to Resolution (Shared Business Services), US Foods		
9:40 am	The 2025 State of the Shared Services & GBS Industry Survey & Highlights		
10:10 am	Networking Break and Demo Drive		



10:40 am Interactive Discussion Groups (IDGs) - pick 2

Rethinking Risk, Spend & Compliance in the Age of Al-Powered Shared Services

Hosted by: Voversight

IDG 4

Set up your HRIS System: Tech and Talent

IDG 2

How Can I Overcome the Challenges of Moving From Manual to Technology-Driven Processes?

Sam Cohen, Senior Director, Transformation GBS, Otis Elevator Co

IDG 5

Streamlining O2C: Improving End-to-End Efficiency for Accelerated Cash Flow

IDG 3

Why Enterprises Are Going Beyond Al Agents to Al Employees?

Hosted by: & Supervity

IDG 6

Execute a Global Process Strategy to **Ensure Efficiency and Alignment Across Operations**





12:15 pm Networking Luncheon

1:15 pm Process Tracks - pick 1 🛂

Data

Data-Driven Collections: Using Al to Unlock Cash Flow and Insights in O2C

Juliano Godoy, General Manager, Agile Enterprise Services, **Phillips 66**

Process Excellence

One World, One P2P: Achieve Global Harmony

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The Employee Support Express: Build a Centralized Ticketing Hub

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1:55 pm Process Tracks - pick 1 🛂

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The Hidden Catalyst in GBS Transformation: Trustworthy, Empirical Data

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GBS Evolution: Optimizing Processes for Finance

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Workforce Management

The New Hire Experience:
Comprehensive Onboarding Strategies

EJ Santos, Head of Farmers Business Services, **Farmers Insurance**

2:30 pm Process Tracks - pick 1 🛂

Data

Beyond Spreadsheets: Unlocking R2R Insights Through Integrated Data and Dashboards

Claudia Baqueiro, LATAM SSC R2R Director, **PepsiCo**

Process Excellence

Global O2C: A Universal Language for International Success

Nicole Sherwood, Finance Director, ABS

Workforce Management

Building Talent for Transformation: Creating a Competency Framework to Power Digital Change

Héctor Saúl Alderete Fierro, Head of GBS Americas, **Kerry Americas**

3:00 pm Networking Break





How Do We Get the Data?: A Multifunction Assessment of Workforce Efficiency 3:30 pm

Dahlia Rigsby, Director, Finance Shared Services, West Fraser

Hosted by ScottMadden

The Collaboration Imperative: How Catalent's Global Process Owners Are Powering the Future of Finance 4:15 pm

Rachael Thorley, Director, GPO, R2R, Catalent Eric Joyner, Director, GPO, O2C, Catalent Florian Beiko, P2P Process Owner, Catalent

4:45 pm Al Straight Talk Panel: Capabilities and Roadblocks within Shared Services

Ardhendu Banerjee, Vice President, GBS, CGI

Jeff DeWolf, Director, Global Process Office, Tetra Pak Group

Rick Stevens, Director of Procurement, Indeed.com

Hosted by Simplify IA

Drinks Reception 5:15 pm

Main Day Three - Thursday, September 18, 2025

Breakfast and Networking 8:00 am

9:10 am Panel: The New Metrics: Measure Strategic Value in Shared Services

Moderator: Ian Thompson, Owner, Clear Cycle Advisors Carlos Santos, Head, North America Shared Services, Holcim Tonia McMillan, Vice President, HR Strategy, Amtrak Majella Lavin, Vice President, GBS, Ball Corporation Amit Yadav, Head, GBS, Tenneco

Panel: The Modern Shared Services Leader: Influence, Innovation, Impact 9:40 am

> Moderator: Julie Schwendimann, Former Vice President of Global Shared Services Operations, Stanley Black & Decker Valguir Correa, Vice President, Corporate Finance, Baha Mar

EJ Santos, Head, Farmers Business Services, Farmers Insurance

Sheneg Aranda, Vice President, Cadence Bank

10:10 am Keynote Session: The Art of the Data Story: Moving Minds with Metrics

Simon Rogers, Award-Winning Data Journalist, Data Editor, & Author, Google

10:50 am Networking Break and Demo Drive Results

11:30 am Process Tracks - pick 1 🛂

Data

Data-Driven AP: How Intelligent Automation Unlocks Visibility and

Jairo Sancho. Shared Services Director, Align Technology

Richard Cardone, Director, P2P,

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Process Excellence

Process by Design: Creating Scalable Shared Services Through Standardization

Jeff DeWolf, Director Process Office, Tetra Pak Group

Workforce Management

Beyond the Contract: Upskill, Align, and Win With Your BPO Partner

Robert Lynch, Director Finance Operational Excellence. Ahold Delhaize USA

Debbie DeSalvo, Director, Americas R2R Controller, Astellas Pharma







12:00 pm Lunch

Process Tracks - pick 1 🛂 1:00 pm

Data

From Transactions to Insights: How Data Analysis Adds Value Across Shared Services

Mina Gindi. Global Director of Finance Shared Services, NOV

Process Excellence

Empower Suppliers, Streamline Invoices: The Self-Service Solution

Jeff Hoffman, Source To Pay Operations Director & Transformation Lead. AECOM

Workforce Management

People-Centered Change: Enabling Successful Technology Transitions

Rhea Bauer, Senior HR IT Digital Consultant, Bosch

John Wilke, Senior Vice President, Enterprise Technology & Digital Enablement, Zachry Group

1:35 pm Process Tracks - pick 1

Data

Data-Driven Shared Services

Process Excellence

Global R2R Standardization: Achieve Consistency and Efficiency

Matt Lorey, Director, R2R Shared Services. CRH

Yvonne Swiatek-Marcinkiewicz, Global Director R2R, ADM

Workforce Management

Level Up Your Team: Skills for the Future

2:10 pm Build the Ecosystem of Collaboration: Breakdown Internal and External Silos for Competitive Advantage Ardhendu Banerjee, Vice President, GBS, CGI

Closing Recap and Final Thoughts 2:40 pm

2:50 pm Close of Conference – See You at the Next SSOW is in March 2026!











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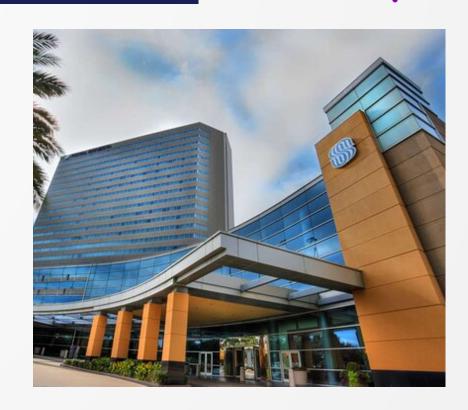
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