



Global Pro Bono Summit Africa

Africa's Pro Bono Practice: "Leveraging Multidisciplinary Pro Bono for SDGs and Agenda 2063"

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Executive Summary

In a world facing interconnected crises, where reports indicate climate disasters displacing 21M annually, 700M are living in extreme poverty amid AI job shifts, 250M children are out-of-school, and conflicts are driving migration, the Global Summit on Pro Bono Practice is a high-level convening designed to regenerate and transform the landscape of professional pro bono service and volunteerism to intervene and address these polycrises. While African pro bono initiatives have traditionally focused on legal services, this Summit drives a 'Multidisciplinary Revolution' by embedding healthcare, technology, education, climate, and finance into the ecosystem to confront systemic global challenges. By aligning with the **United Nations Agenda 2030** and the **African Union (AU) Agenda 2063**, the summit provides a robust and strategic platform for Governments, corporates, NGOs, and academia to co-create high-impact sustainable solutions that empower marginalized communities, whose livelihoods are threatened.

Africa's enhanced efforts, for example, Safaricom's digital literacy and skills program targeting upskilling 1M youths, creating 10K scholarships, and BMW Foundation's Responsible Leaders Network mobilizing 2,300 highly trained professionals in 100+ countries with about 250 leaders across Africa, create global models, enabling resilient communities to access sustainable quality education, financial literacy, job creation and energy transitions. At the same time, youth skills programs counter global talent shortages, while equity frameworks inspire UN Pact for the Future implementations. This directly advances four critical SDGs: 1. No Poverty, 4. Quality Education, 8. Decent Work, and 13. Climate Action, intertwined with Agenda 2063 Aspirations 1. Prosperous Africa and 6. People's Africa, tackling poverty affecting 400M Africans, education gaps for millions of youths, jobless growth amid an ever-rising youth bulge, and climate threats to secure livelihoods.

Over the four days, The Summit intends to forge 15 partnerships, launch 50 initiatives impacting 5,000 Africans, with a global ripple to 50,000 via shared toolkits, and the adoption of the "**Nairobi Pro Bono Accord/Declaration**," a blueprint for institutionalizing professional service to bridge the development gap in Africa and beyond. Drawing from successes like Safaricom's employee volunteering programs, Pyxera Global's pro bono programs, characterized by connecting corporate expertise with local innovation to accelerate positive change and Strathmore's community clinics model, The Summit provides a platform to deliver tangible Return on Investment (ROI): enhanced corporate Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) profiles, skilled talent development and retention boost, and community resilience gains. The Summit presents opportunities for global partnerships. Northern and Eastern partners will access scalable African innovations and multilateral bodies to amplify peace and development via Pro Bono and volunteer networks.

The Summit is estimated to cost KES 13.3M, for which we seek partnerships and sponsorship, respectively.

Rationale

In Africa, pro bono practice, an act in which professionals donate their expertise for the public good, has gradually transformed from legal aid to a multidisciplinary volunteer powerhouse encompassing healthcare consultations, educational tutoring, tech training, and financial literacy, among others. AU Agenda 2063 envisions a prosperous Continent based on inclusive growth, the "**Africa We Want.**" This summit arrives at a critical juncture. The world needs to bridge the massive skills gap in Africa through professional services. African corporates, organizations, and academia, in partnership with governments, must take a lead role in redeeming the Continent.

The Skills Multiplier: While Africa's GDP continues to grow, systemic barriers in healthcare, infrastructure, and justice remain. Pro bono services act as a "Force Multiplier," allowing Pro Bono Subsidiaries to access high-level technical expertise that would otherwise be cost-prohibitive.

Youth & Women as Drivers: Aligning with the AU's priority on "Engaged and Empowered Youth," generally a people-driven development, the summit focuses on pro bono as a tool for mentorship and economic inclusion. For Corporates, this presents a strategic avenue to enhance digital and financial literacy among the youth, which is paramount in economic empowerment.

A Hub for Multilateralism: Nairobi is home to several UN agencies, the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), hosts many INGOs, has premier academic institutions, top-notch corporate companies, and a vibrant civil society. Together, these positions Kenya as a strategic regional and global partner in the pro bono movement towards realizing the African Dream.

Further, in actualizing Agenda 2030, multidisciplinary pro bono directly bridges gaps: equipping youth with skills for decent work (SDG 8), securing property rights to end poverty cycles (SDG 1), delivering mentorship to millions out-of-school (SDG 4), and building climate resilience through expert advice (SDG 13).

This evolution mirrors global successes: A quick desktop survey reveals both encouraging and alarming findings. For example, IBM's tech volunteering has digitized 1,000+ NGOs, while Deloitte's skills-based programs lifted 50,000 out of poverty. Locally, Kenyan firm Safaricom has already shown strong commitment to digital inclusion and community development. It has supported Kenya's Digital Literacy Programme through free internet in schools, launched a five-year education initiative targeting more than 10,000 scholarships, and promoted employee volunteering through programs such as Shiriki and World of Difference. Academic institutions, like Strathmore's curricula integration and student initiatives, foster lifelong service norms among youth and women. On the other hand, according to a World Bank report, climate change costs \$1.9T yearly; automation was projected to displace 85M jobs by 2025, according to the WEF, while conflicts and pandemics continue to strain systems.

However, opportunities emerge: according to a UNV report, global volunteering surged 20% post-COVID. Africa's youth dividend stands at 60% for those under 25 years, positioning it as a vibrant innovation hub. Enhanced pro bono/volunteering in Africa has yielded global impact: Kenya's tech volunteers digitized 500 SMEs borrowing from the Safaricom model, replicable in Asia/Latin America; VSO's education programs boosted literacy up to 30%, informing UNESCO strategies; climate volunteering restored 500K hectares continent-wide exporting resilience to Pacific islands.

The Kenya Red Cross Society's network of more than 280,000 volunteers shows how pro bono and professional volunteering can reduce vulnerability, expand learning and skills, support livelihoods, and strengthen climate resilience through localized humanitarian action reaching over 3.4 million Kenyans. This model serves as a strategic catalyst for a prosperous and secure continent, proving that a sustainable pro bono ecosystem is the essential engine for a self-reliant Africa where people-driven development secures our shared future and global influence.

Therefore, Multidisciplinary pro bono in Africa, through healthcare expertise, education mentorship, tech solutions, climate change mitigation expertise, and financial advisory, altogether bridges development. This summit creates synergies, fosters North-South partnerships, and institutionalizes Pro Bono as Africa's development accelerator, positioning all funders and Northern partners as connectors of global good, and is perfectly timed in Nairobi for cross-sector engagement and commitments.

Objectives

The Summit envisions achieving the following:

- To Forge 15 Cross-Sector Partnerships: Secure MoUs between 5 corporates, 5 academics, and 5 NGOs for joint pro bono delivery, tracked via signed agreements.
- To Launch 50 Pro Bono Initiatives Impacting 5,000 Beneficiaries by the end of 2027: Develop actionable project blueprints in workshops, with 80% implementation tracked quarterly via dashboard, prioritizing youth/women-led efforts aligned to SDGs 1,4,8,13.
- To Integrate Pro Bono Practice into at least 2-3 University Curricula by the end of 2027 (Time-bound, Measurable): Partner with Universities and Institutions of higher learning.
- To Adopt Nairobi Pro Bono Accord/Declaration with 200 Signatories: Produce a roadmap for national Pro Bono Practice and volunteering frameworks, committing participants to 10,000 pro bono hours post-summit, fostering Agenda 2063 inclusivity.

Thematic Areas

The Summit focuses on four Africa-critical priorities, with pro bono and volunteering roles detailed for maximum relevance.

- SDG 1 (No Poverty) & AU Aspiration 1:

Africa's 400 million people live in extreme poverty. This is nearly 60% of the global 700 million total. It is possible, for example, for Pro bono financial advisors to provide microfinance training and property rights clinics to target groups like smallholder farmers, while corporates deliver business mentoring. Youth and women should be placed as a priority in order to help launch women and youth-led enterprises with dedicated funding pipelines and market linkages, breaking intergenerational poverty cycles.

- SDG 4 (Quality Education) & AU Aspiration 1 (Prosperous Africa):

Of the global 250 million out-of-school children, over 100 million are African youth facing acute barriers to quality education amid a burgeoning youth population. Pro bono educators and tech experts can deliver mentorship and digital learning platforms to out-of-school youth, while universities pioneer student-led tutoring programs integrated into curricula. For example, with a

target outcome of a 20% enrollment increase in pilot communities within 12 months, creating scalable models for national replication.

- **SDG 8 (Decent Work) & AU Aspiration 1:**

Africa is home to 60% of the world's unemployed youth despite comprising only 16% of the global population. Pro bono professionals can deliver skills workshops in tech, finance, and agri-business, while corporate volunteering programs match employees with SMEs for hands-on mentoring. For Academic integration, Universities can harness the youth demographic bulge by developing entrepreneurship certification curricula, creating job-ready talent pipelines with employer-recognized credentials for immediate employability.

- **SDG 13 (Climate Action) & AU Aspiration 7 (Environmentally Sustainable Africa):**

Droughts threaten 70% of African livelihoods, mirroring global climate displacement of 21M annually. Pro bono engineers and agronomists can develop climate resilience plans, including drought-resistant farming and water harvesting, while youth innovation forums can be encouraged to pitch community adaptation solutions. For example, this can be done by targeted deployment of proven adaptive strategies among smallholder farmers.

Pro bono professionals can help enhance Policy Alignment, anchored in UNEA-7 resolutions with emphasis on nature-based solutions, Global Biodiversity Framework implementations, sustainable management of chemicals, waste, critical minerals, and combating environmental crimes that undermine resilience.

Strategic Value Proposition for Partners

While governments lead the delivery of essential public services, as a strategic complement, the Summit creates a high-impact marketplace where professional expertise delivers measurable development returns for all stakeholders.

For Corporates

- **ESG Leadership:** Position your brand as a "Purpose Before Profit" leader, showcasing expertise in climate change mitigation, health, education, and economic empowerment through branded workshops and keynotes.
- **Talent Retention:** Employees, especially youth, are 3x more engaged when applying skills for social good, reducing turnover by 25% (Deloitte research).
- **Brand Purpose:** Demonstrate leadership in ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) and "Brand Purpose" by leading specialized workshops and high-level leadership dialogues.

For Academia

- **Service-Learning Innovation:** Pioneer curricula awarding academic credits for pro bono work, building graduate professional identity and employability.
- **Supervised Rotations:** Implement Strathmore-style Service-Learning models with corporate partners, creating job-ready talent pipelines with employer-recognized credentials.



For NGOs & Civil Society Organizations

- Expert Technical Assistance: Access global specialists for grant writing, legal compliance, M&E frameworks, and strategic planning capacity worth KES 50M annually.
- Global Best Practice Network: Join Peer-Learning platforms with 100+ organizations for scalable impact models and collective advocacy.

For Global Networks (IAVE, Forum IDS, Good Deeds Day)

- Africa's Collaborative Impact: Co-develop "High Impact Africa Pro Bono Projects" and feature the collective Impact Measurement Report at your global and regional convenings.
- Scalable Models: Export proven African solutions to other parts of the world through your networks.

Tangible Partnership Returns

- Approximately KES 80M pro bono value generated post-summit (tracked dashboard).
- 400K digital reach across corporate/academic networks.
- 15 signed MoUs positioning partners as Africa development leaders.
- Policy influence through Nairobi Pro Bono Accord adoption.

Broader Expected Summit Outcomes

- Nairobi Pro Bono Declaration: Binding commitments from 200 stakeholders for institutionalized volunteering, including 3 national frameworks by 2027. A signed commitment by participating corporates and NGOs to dedicate a minimum of 20 hours of pro bono service per professional/employee annually.
- 50 Live Projects: Scalable Workshop prototypes with funding pipelines, impacting 5,000 via tracked volunteering hours (e.g., 5,000 clinic consultations, 2,000 trained farmers).
- 15 Partnerships & 10,000 Hours Pledge: South-South and North-South MoUs yielding KES 50M pro bono value; 80% fulfillment via digital dashboard. ESG benchmarks showing 25% resilience, 30% income gains, attracting KES100M follow-on funding.
- Capacity Boost and Skills Transfer: 500 youth and women trained, with 25% corporate talent retention gains; 500K media reach amplifying Agenda 2063 visibility by 2027. A documented increase in the technical capacity of 50+ grassroots CSOs through intensive "Pro Bono Clinics" held during the summit.
- Multidisciplinary Matching Platform: Launch of a digital hub to connect NGOs with professional volunteers in real-time.
- Policy Advocacy Paper: Recommendations for the Kenya Government and AU on tax incentives for companies engaging in high-impact pro bono activities.



Suggested Keynote Topics

1. **"Africa's Multidisciplinary Pro Bono Revolution"**: Unlocking Agenda 2063 Prosperity Through Corporate Pro Bono Practice.
2. **"Youth and Women as Pro Bono Catalysts"**: Scaling Jobs creation and Equity among vulnerable groups.
3. **"From Expertise to Impact"**: Institutionalizing Pro Bono Practice for Africa's SDGs Priorities: Climate Resilience, Ending Poverty and Quality Education.
4. **"Partnerships for Peace and Prosperity"**: Exporting Resilience to a Polycrisis World.

Call For Partnerships – Transform Africa through Pro Bono Practice

The Global Summit on Pro Bono Practice is more than an event; it is a catalyst for a new era of development in Africa. By merging the expertise of our Corporate Giants with the passion of our Academic Institutions and the reach of our Civil Society, we can build better together. Additionally, it is a unique opportunity to place Kenya at the center of the Global Pro Bono Movement. By investing in this Summit, your organization is not just funding a Conference; you are investing in the Structural Transformation of Africa, ensuring that Professional Skills are harnessed to build a Resilient, Equitable, and Prosperous Africa, **"The Africa We Want"**.

We invite and welcome your organization to partner with us and join us in Nairobi this November 2026 as a Founding Partner of this transformative journey.

Sponsorship

Your investment equals Africa's Transformation:

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- Bronze (KES 500K) Registration Desks.

Four-Day Tentative Overview Program

Day	Theme	Key Activities	Outputs
1: Vision Setting	Pro Bono Evolution	3 Keynotes; high-level panels on SDGs-Agenda 2063. Reception	100 initial pledges.
2: Skills Workshops	Thematic Deep Dives	Breakouts on poverty, education, jobs, climate; youth pitches.	50 project blueprints.
3: Partnership Forge	Collaboration Hubs	Roundtables (corporate-academia-NGO); MoU signings.	15 partnerships sealed.
4: Commitments Lock	Action Roadmap	Declaration launch; dashboard demo; Awards Gala.	Full outcomes report.

Work Plan

250 Pax May-Dec 2026.

Phase	Tasks	Responsibility	Timeline	Indicators
Prep	Committee/Venue securement.	Organizers/Corporates	May-Jul	Sponsorship Partnerships signed.
Mobilization	Registrations/ Speakers	Committee/Academia/Corporates	Jun - Oct	200 registered; 30 speakers.
Execution	Event delivery; live coverage.	Full team	Oct - Nov	Attendance 90%, 15 partnerships
Follow-Up	Declaration rollout; tracking.	Monitoring	Nov - Dec	80% pledges activated.

Estimated Summit Budget

KES 13.3M total (Scalable for 200-250); 70% Sponsor-covered.)

Category	Amount (KES)	%	Notes
Venue & AV	3,200,000	24	Venue of Choice
Reception Dinner	900,000	7	Day 1/2 Diplomatic
Gala Dinner	1,300,000	10	Day 4 Awards Gala
Travel/Transport	1,600,000	12	VIP shuttles
Accommodation	1,600,000	12	Optimized Intl rooms
Participants	1,300,000	10	Scholarships
Program/Promotion	1,500,000	11	Media engagement
Staffing/Monitoring	1,300,000	10	Policy experts + Staff
Contingency	700,000	5	Buffer
Total	13,300,000	100	70% Sponsor-funded