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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

GLOBAL PRO BONO SUMMIT AFRICA 2026

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

Nairobi, Kenya | 24th – 27th November 2026

Organized by: Global Pro Bono Network and Jitolee Good Friends Foundation

1.0 Executive Summary

The Global Pro Bono Summit Africa is a high-level convening designed to strengthen multidisciplinary pro bono service as a practical tool for development in Africa. Convened in explicit recognition of the United Nations International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development (IVY 2026) under UN Resolution 78/127, the summit serves as Africa's flagship continental response to translate global volunteer momentum into practical African action. The summit brings together governments, corporates, academic institutions, NGOs, and global networks to explore how professional expertise can be mobilized in support of poverty reduction, education, decent work, and climate resilience.

The concept is grounded in the recognition that volunteerism and pro bono service can generate measurable value. In Kenya, a national study estimated that there were 13,950,631 volunteers and valued volunteer work at Kshs. 236.3 billion, equal to 3.66% of GDP, showing that organized volunteer action can have meaningful economic and social impact. Anchoring these national efforts within the global IVY 2026 mandate underscores how multidisciplinary pro bono, expanding beyond traditional legal aid to include healthcare, technology, education, finance, and climate expertise functions as a strategic driver to realize UN Agenda 2030 and AU Agenda 2063.

The summit will provide a platform for partnership building, knowledge exchange, and the launch of practical initiatives that can be scaled across sectors and countries, ensuring the legacy and core pillars of IVY 2026 - Recognition, Integration, and Action are sustained well beyond 2026.

2.0 Rationale

Across Africa, the need for access to professional support remains high in areas such as education, climate adaptation, financial literacy, youth employability, and organizational capacity. Pro bono practice offers a way to connect skilled professionals with communities and institutions that need technical support but may not be able to afford it. Driven by the global push of IVY 2026 to elevate volunteerism into a core, measurable pillar of development, Kenya offers a strong model with both a policy framework and empirical evidence on the value of volunteerism. The summit builds on this foundation to promote a coordinated, sustainable, and measurable pro bono ecosystem.



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3.0 Objectives

- **Cross-Sector Partnerships:** Forge 15 cross-sector partnerships among corporates, academia, and NGOs.
- **High-Impact Initiatives:** Develop up to 50 pro bono initiatives with direct reach to at least 5,000 beneficiaries.
- **Academic Integration:** Integrate pro bono practice into 2–3 university curricula by the end of 2027.
- **Nairobi Pro Bono Accord:** Adopt the Nairobi Pro Bono Accord/Declaration with at least 200 signatories committing to institutionalized volunteer service.

4.0 Thematic Priorities

- **Poverty Reduction (SDG 1 & AU Asp. 1):** Support microfinance training, property rights clinics, and enterprise mentoring.
- **Education (SDG 4 & AU Asp. 1):** Provide mentorship, tutoring, and digital learning support for out-of-school youth.
- **Decent Work (SDG 8 & AU Asp. 1):** Deliver skills workshops and entrepreneurship support for youth and SMEs.
- **Climate Action (SDG 13 & AU Asp. 7):** Support resilience planning, climate-smart agriculture, and adaptation solutions.

5.0 Value for Partners

The summit offers strategic value aligned with IVY 2026 objectives. Corporations can strengthen ESG positioning, brand purpose, and employee engagement. Academia can deepen service-learning and graduate employability. NGOs can access vital technical support. Global networks can help scale African pro bono models internationally.

6.0 Budget & Call for Partnership

The summit is estimated to cost KES 13.3 million (70% sponsor-covered), spanning venue/AV, diplomatic dinners, gala awards, travel, participant support, and programming. We invite partners to join this effort as a direct continental response to IVY 2026, turning professional expertise into practical development outcomes and securing a self-reliant Africa.