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## **The Global Volunteer Index (GVI) Launch**

**Venue:** Birchwood Hotel and OR Tambo Conference Centre

City of Ekurhuleni

Gauteng

South Africa

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

*Event Streaming Link*

Global Volunteer Index Launch Time: Jun 2, 2025 08:00 AM Johannesburg

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**Programme**

<b>Monday 02 June 2025</b>		
08:00 – 08:30	Arrivals and Welcome Coffee	Itseng Malao
08:30 – 08:45	Opening Remarks	<b>Professor Barend Erasmus:</b> Dean: Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, University of Pretoria
08:45 – 09:00	Opening Remarks	UNDP Resident Representative in South Africa (TBC)
09:00 – 09:20	The State of the World's Volunteerism Report (SWVR) 2025	<b>Emiliya Asadova,</b> Policy Specialist, Volunteer Advisory Services Section, United Nations Volunteers
09:20 – 09:30	Words of Support	<b>Mr Euiwook Kim,</b> Chief Executive Officer, Korean Volunteer Centre, Seoul, South Korea (Virtual Presentation)
09:30 – 09:40	Asian Workshop co-host affirmation	<b>Professor Jin-Kyung Jung:</b> Kwangwoon University, Seoul, South Korea (Virtual Presentation)
09:40 – 10:00	Rationale and Objectives of the Global Volunteer Index (GVI)	<b>Samuel Manda:</b> Principal Investigator of the Global Volunteer Index Project, University of Pretoria
10:00 – 10:45	Perspectives on Volunteering: Session I	<p><b>(15 minutes each)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Dr. Alok Rath:</b> Global Head of Knowledge, Evidence &amp; Learning at Voluntary Service Overseas, India <b>Title: Volunteering towards Active Citizenship and System Change</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Tenna Sørensen Jochumsen:</b> Project Officer. Centre for European Volunteering (CEV). Belgium <b>Title: Service-Learning - Roads to Volunteering</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Professor Jacob Mati:</b> Centre on African Philanthropy and Social Investment, Wits Business School, South Africa <b>Title: Dynamics of Volunteering</b></li> </ul>
10:45 – 11:15	Refreshments break	
11:15 – 11:30	Measuring Volunteer Work Module and Implementation Worldwide	<b>Vladimir Ganta,</b> Senior Statistician, Department of Statistics, International Labour Organisation (Virtually)
11:30 -11:45	Statistics South Africa: Measuring Volunteer Work in South Africa	<b>Desiree Manamela:</b> Chief Director: Labour Statistics, Statistics South Africa, Pretoria, South Africa

11:45 – 13:00	Panel Discussion Title: <b>Challenges in Measuring Volunteering: What to Measure and How to Measure.</b>	<p><b>Moderator: Sollie Millard</b>, GVI (Co-Principal Investigator / Senior Researcher, University of Pretoria)</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Dr Tapiwa Kamuruko:</b> Chief of the Volunteer Advisory Services Section, United Nations Volunteers</li> <li>▪ <b>Dr Alot Rath:</b> Global Head of Knowledge, Evidence &amp; Learning at Voluntary Service Overseas, India</li> <li>▪ <b>Tenna Sørensen Jochumsen:</b> Project Officer. Centre for European Volunteering (CEV). Belgium</li> <li>▪ <b>Edem Agode:</b> Head of Operations: National Agency for Volunteerism in Togo (ANVT), Togo.</li> </ul>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	Itseng Malao
14:00 – 14:20	Title: The contribution of volunteerism to the Agenda 2063 and the imperative for the Global Volunteer Index (GVI).	<b>Dr. Meshesha Shewarega</b> , Coordinator of the African Union Continental Linkage Platform, African Union: Virtual Presentation
14:20 – 15:15	Perspectives on Volunteering: Session II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Edem Agode:</b> Head of Operations: National Agency for Volunteerism in Togo (ANVT), Togo. <b>Title: The Development of Volunteering in Africa at National, Regional, and Continental Levels.</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Dr. Jacqueline Butcher García-Colín</b>, Director, Centro de Investigación y Estudios sobre Sociedad Civil (CIESC), Mexico: Virtual Presentation <b>Title: Experiences and Challenges in Measuring Volunteering in Latin America: A Case Study of Mexico.</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Francisco Alberto Arias:</b> Chief Executive Officer, Young Volunteer Culture, Dominican Republic: Virtual Presentation <b>Title: An Empirical Evaluation of the J1 Program and the YVC Platform</b></li> </ul>
15:15 – 15:30	Closing Remarks	TBC
15:30– 18:00	Cocktail Function	Opening Remarks, Loretta Ferris, Deputy Vice Chancellor: Academic, University of Pretoria