

Saudi Arabia Positions Itself as a Global Hub for Volunteerism and Nonprofit Innovation at Beyond Profit Forum



- *A record-breaking gathering that reshaped global dialogue on transparency, social impact, and the future of philanthropy*
- *From visionary leadership to 43 international agreements, Riyadh delivers a landmark moment for the nonprofit sector*

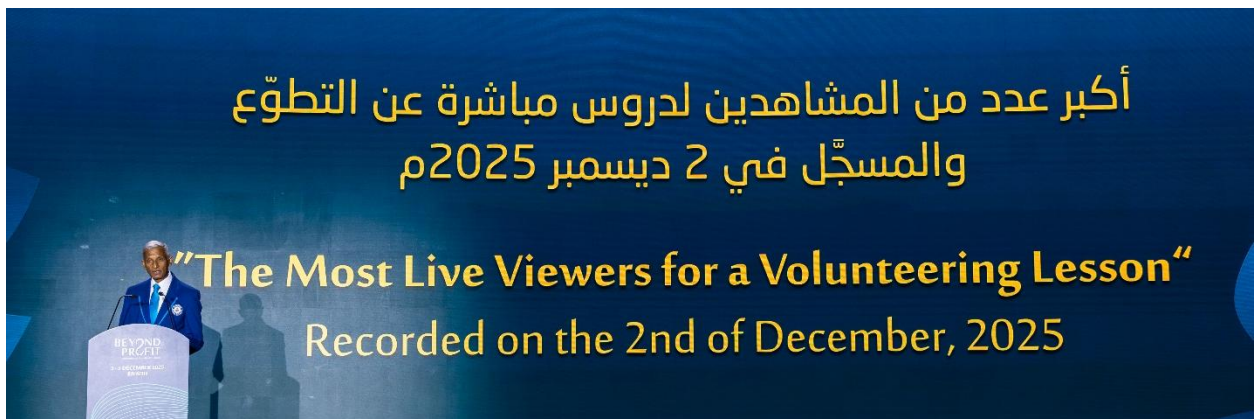
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Dec, 2025:

Saudi Arabia has firmly placed itself on the global map of social impact and volunteerism leadership with the successful conclusion of the Beyond Profit International Nonprofit Forum, organized by the National Center for the Non-Profit Sector (NCNP) and held from December 3 to 5, 2025. The three-day forum marked a defining milestone for the Kingdom's nonprofit ecosystem, bringing together over 3,800 participants, more than 100 international and local speakers from 20 countries, and leaders from government, private sector, philanthropy, and civil society.



Held under the patronage of the Minister of Human Resources and Social Development and Chairman of the NCNP Board, the forum served as a global platform for reimagining the role of the nonprofit sector in shaping sustainable development. Across more than 30 panel discussions, 25 specialized workshops, and executive-level programs, the forum explored the future of governance, innovation, transparency, social investment, digital transformation, and cross-sector collaboration.

One of the forum's most powerful messages centered on transparency as a driver of trust. International experts emphasized how modern digital systems, unified standards, and verifiable data can strengthen public confidence in nonprofit organizations while supporting their long-term sustainability. Discussions highlighted the importance of building governance frameworks that enhance accountability without placing excessive regulatory burdens on smaller organizations, ensuring a balanced and inclusive ecosystem.



Beyond dialogue, Beyond Profit delivered historic achievements and concrete outcomes. In a globally celebrated moment, Saudi Arabia officially entered the Guinness World Records for hosting the largest live audience for a volunteerism educational lesson, reflecting the Kingdom's growing leadership in

organized volunteer engagement. This accomplishment underscored Saudi Arabia's commitment to building a professional, high-impact volunteering culture aligned with Vision 2030 objectives.

The forum also recorded a major leap in strategic partnerships, with more than 43 agreements and memorandums of cooperation signed across organizational development, research, digital transformation, capacity building, and data governance. These agreements are expected to accelerate sector readiness, expand innovation, and unlock new models of collaboration between nonprofit, government, and private-sector entities.



Several strategic initiatives were launched during the forum, including the Nonprofit Insurance Initiative (Wasaq) and the Nonprofit Research Awards, both aimed at strengthening institutional resilience, enabling talent development, and promoting evidence-based policymaking. In addition, the Corporate Volunteering Network was unveiled to institutionalize volunteer departments within private companies, boosting structured corporate participation in social development.

A further milestone came with the issuance of 29 Social Investment Certificates to nonprofit organizations, activating newly introduced Social Impact Investment Rules designed to enhance investor confidence and regulate impact-driven funding. These measures signal a shift toward a more mature, accountable, and investable nonprofit environment.

Volunteerism took center stage throughout the forum. The closing coincided with International Volunteer Day, offering a powerful global platform to celebrate volunteer contributions. The National Volunteering Award Ceremony honored 37 winners across 31 award categories, recognizing institutions, initiatives, and individuals whose work embodies the Kingdom's commitment to community participation and service excellence.



Collectively, Beyond Profit delivered more than an event—it delivered a statement. Saudi Arabia is no longer positioning the nonprofit sector as a support pillar alone, but as a central economic and social development engine. The forum demonstrated how strategic governance, empowered institutions, data transparency, innovation, and volunteer mobilization are converging to build a globally competitive nonprofit ecosystem.

As the international community looks toward new models of sustainable development, the outcomes of Beyond Profit affirm Saudi Arabia's role as a regional and global leader in social innovation, partnerships, and impact setting a new benchmark for how nonprofit sectors can shape the future of societies beyond profit.