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Press release on the inauguration ceremony

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**Press Release:**

**enPower.life Powers the Future of Kampala's Businesses with Solar Energy**

Kampala, Uganda – **[14th November 2024]** - Today, enPower.life and Yujo Izakaya proudly inaugurated a 40 kWp solar photovoltaic (PV) installation and dedicated charging stations for E-Bodas and electric cars marking an important step forward for sustainable energy solutions in Kampala. This project demonstrates how solar energy can be both accessible and affordable in a commercial setting, marking a significant advancement for renewable energy and e-mobility in Uganda.

**The inauguration ceremony:**

The 40 kWp solar plant at Yujo Izakaya marks a significant milestone, showcasing how photovoltaic solutions can provide clean and affordable energy to businesses in Uganda. Located in the sustainability-focused Nekosero shopping complex, Yujo Izakaya exemplifies the commitment to sustainable development shared by the entire business community.

The inauguration event brought together prominent figures from politics, the solar industry, and e-mobility for an inspiring afternoon. Distinguished speakers included His Excellency, the German Ambassador to Uganda, **Matthias Schauer**, who conducted the official opening of the PV plant, and **Hon. (Prof) Robinah Nanyunja**, President of the Women Entrepreneurship Forum Africa (WEFA) and CEO of the Uganda Solar Energy Association (USEA). Representatives from the **German Energy Agency (dena)** also attended, emphasizing the support of the Renewable Energy Solutions Programme, funded by the **German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action** through the German Energy Solutions Initiative, which supports enPower.life to bring climate-friendly solutions to Uganda.

The event included an exclusive tour of the facility led by enPower.life's solar experts, offering guests an in-depth look at the technology. **Representatives from Zembo and Women on Wheels** also participated, highlighting their role in promoting e-mobility and supporting female e-bodaboda drivers in Kampala. The afternoon concluded with a press conference, allowing for meaningful discussions on the potential of solar energy and e-mobility to drive sustainable development in Uganda.

**Event Details:**

**Date:** Thursday, 14th November

**Time:** 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

**Location:** Yujo Izakaya, 36 Kyadondo Road, Nakasero, Kampala

**PV plant and solar charging stations:**

The PV plant and solar charging infrastructure at Yujo Izakaya is comprised of several key components. A 35 kWp PV system, installed on the rooftop of Yujo Izakaya and commissioned in July 2022, provides solar energy to businesses within the Nekosero shopping and lifestyle complex. Additionally, the complex houses three 11 kW charging stations for electric cars, all powered by this PV system. In 2024, an additional 5 kWp capacity was added specifically for a solar-powered charging station dedicated to E-Bodas. This charging station is used by Zembo and Women on Wheels, promoting safe and sustainable transportation for female drivers throughout the city.

**Our customer's voice: founder and CEO of Yujo Izakaya, Hanif Rehemtulla:**

*"The opportunity offered by enPower.life enables us to take the most significant step towards our sustainability goal so far. By harvesting the sun's power during the day, we will reduce the strain on our local electricity grid and encourage others to follow our example, while at the same time drastically reducing our electricity costs."*

**About enPower.life:**

enPower.life builds on nearly 25 years of expertise from Envidatec, a leading Germany-based company specializing in energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions. With experience gained from over 750 projects in more than 40 countries, Envidatec founded enPower.life to bring sustainable solar solutions to Ugandan businesses, aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

enPower.life is committed to empowering businesses in Uganda by providing access to clean, cost-effective solar power. In addition to its headquarters in Hamburg, Germany, enPower.life has recently opened a new office and showroom at the Nekosero complex on 36 Kyadondo Road, Kampala.

What sets enPower.life apart is its top-tier German expertise in the solar sector and an innovative business model. This approach enables businesses to benefit from solar energy and cost savings without the often prohibitive upfront investment associated with solar installations. Furthermore, enPower.life is aware of the entirety of what it means to plan, install, and operate a profitable solar plant. In comparison to other companies that merely install a solar plant, but then leave the risk assessment, safe operation, monitoring,



maintenance, and trouble-shooting up to the client, enPower.life ensures a smooth process throughout, continuing to operate the plant beyond it's commissioning.

Currently, enPower.life operates over 300 kWp across various client sites, including Aquarius Kigo Resort, Case Hospital, the International University of East Africa, and Masindi Hotel. Another 330 kWp are planned for the near future and in various stages of completion. enPower.life is eager to expand partnerships and provide solar solutions to the hospitality, healthcare, and e-mobility sectors in Kampala and throughout Uganda.

For more information, or to explore how enPower.life can support your sustainability goals, please contact our Development Coordinator Sheila Kubiita under [sheila.kubiita@enpower.life](mailto:sheila.kubiita@enpower.life) and visit [enpower.life](https://enpower.life).

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### **German Energy Agency (dena)**

The German Energy Agency (dena) is a centre of excellence for the applied energy transition and climate protection. dena studies the challenges of building a climate-neutral society and supports the German government in achieving its energy and climate policy objectives. Since its foundation in 2000, dena has worked to develop and implement solutions and bring together national and international partners from politics, industry, the scientific community and all parts of society. dena is a project enterprise and a public company owned by the German federal government. dena's shareholder is the Federal Republic of Germany.

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### **German Energy Solutions Initiative**

With the aim of positioning German technologies and know-how worldwide, the German Energy Solutions Initiative of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK) supports suppliers of climate-friendly energy solutions in opening up foreign markets. The focus lies on renewable energies, energy efficiency, smart grids and storage, as well as technologies such as power-to-gas and fuel cells. Aimed in particular at small and medium-sized enterprises, the German Energy Solutions Initiative supports participants through measures to prepare market entry as well as to prospect, develop and secure new markets.

[www.german-energy-solutions.de/en](http://www.german-energy-solutions.de/en)

### **Renewable Energy Solutions Programme (RES Programme)**

With the RES programme, the German Energy Solutions Initiative of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK) helps German companies in the renewable energy and energy efficiency sectors enter new markets. Within the framework of the programme, reference plants are installed and marketed with the support of the German Energy Agency (dena). Information and training activities help ensure a sustainable market entry and demonstrate the quality of climate-friendly technologies made in Germany.

[www.german-energy-solutions.de/GES/Redaktion/EN/Basepages/Services/dena-res.html](http://www.german-energy-solutions.de/GES/Redaktion/EN/Basepages/Services/dena-res.html)