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THE XSABO GROUP HONOURED WITH "COMPANY OF THE FUTURE" AWARD AT BERLIN'S RENOWNED "BIG BANG ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) FESTIVAL"

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The Xsabo Group has been officially awarded the **prestigious "Company of the Future" Award** by the **German Institute for Innovation, Sustainability and Digitalization (diind)** for the **second consecutive time**, cementing The Xsabo Group's position as a trailblazing market leader in renewable energy and wealth creation in Africa, following its landmark win last year. The renowned accolade recognizes The Xsabo Group's **relentless commitment to sustainability, cutting-edge innovation and future-proof solutions**.

Winners of the "Company of the Future" Prize are determined by an **independent jury** working under the patronage of **former German Federal Minister for Economic Affairs, Brigitte Zypries**. The formal award ceremony took place on **September 17, 2026**, at the internationally respected **Big Bang Artificial Intelligence (AI) Festival in Berlin**.

Reflecting the global significance of this gathering, the festival hosted high-ranking political dignitaries, including **Omid Nouripour (Vice President of the German Federal Parliament), Bärbel Bas (Germany's Federal Minister for Labour and Social Affairs), Dr. Stefanie Hubig (German Federal Minister of Justice), former German Federal President Christian Wulff** and **Bavarian State Premier Dr. Markus Söder** alongside **several ambassadors** and **global industry leaders** like **Frank Thelen** as well as **renowned Thought-Leaders** such as Philosopher and Best-Seller Author **Richard David Precht** and TV-Moderator **Eckart von Hirschhausen**.

The Xsabo Group views this award not merely as a corporate success, but also as a testament to the strength of the trust and strategic collaborations that it shares with leaders who champion progressive development and economic empowerment in Africa.

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"Receiving this prestigious award for the second consecutive year is a profound validation of our continuous journey," said Dr. David Alobo, Founder & CEO/Managing Director of The Xsabo Group. "We thank the Almighty God for these outstanding achievements and our steady progress. This honour belongs entirely to our exceptional team, whose tireless dedication turns visionary concepts into tangible progress on the ground."

The 2026 award highlights a powerful momentum across The Xsabo Group's core strategic initiatives in commercial diplomacy:

Renewable Energy Sector Generation & Integration

Following the successful operational milestones of **Xsabo Kabulasoke (20MW)**, the largest grid-connected solar power plant in East and Central Africa, and **Xsabo Nkonge Solarline (20MW)**, the most modern solar power plant in Sub-Saharan Africa, The Xsabo Group is rapidly expanding its clean energy footprint. The permit is expected later this year for **Innovis Xsabo Power** (20MW featuring a world-class state-of-the-art Battery Energy Storage System/BESS) as well as the license for **Xsabo Adjumani** (5MW).

Furthermore, The Xsabo Group recently executed an ***Implementation Agreement*** **with the Government of the Republic of Zambia** for **Xsabo Chingola Solarline** (30MW with Battery Energy Storage System for 24/7 power generation), with construction officially scheduled to commence on **July 1, 2027**.

Concurrently, Phase 1 of the **Tilenga Solar Power Project (15MW)**—being implemented for the Global Player **TotalEnergies** in a joint venture with **Jivo Energy**—is entering its final commissioning stage, bringing clean power integration directly to the doorstep of **Uganda's upstream oil corridor** in the Lake Albert region. Uganda's national oil project is operated by TotalEnergies (56.6%) in partnership with **China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC)**, one of the world's largest offshore raw oil and gas producers, and the state-owned **Uganda National Oil Corporation (UNOC)**. It includes the development of **six oil fields** and drilling of about **400 oil wells from 29 locations**.

It is equally important to mention a Xsabo project under development in the **Democratic Republic of the Congo**, whose progress has been put on hold due to the current Ebola crisis. It is envisaged that this project will **supply one of the world's pivotal diamond and gold mines with renewable energy 24/7**.

Growth Agenda for Wealth Creation

Driven by its "Growth Agenda for Wealth Creation," The Xsabo Group is successfully diversifying into high-impact agricultural sectors. The groundwork for **Xsabo Coffee Ventures** is virtually complete, positioning the company to begin purchasing and processing export-grade, premium certified coffee for the global market.

In **January 2027**, **Xsabo Mills** will launch the pilot phase of its innovative, energy-efficient and sustainable multi-purpose milling solutions aimed at advancing safe, hygienic food processing.

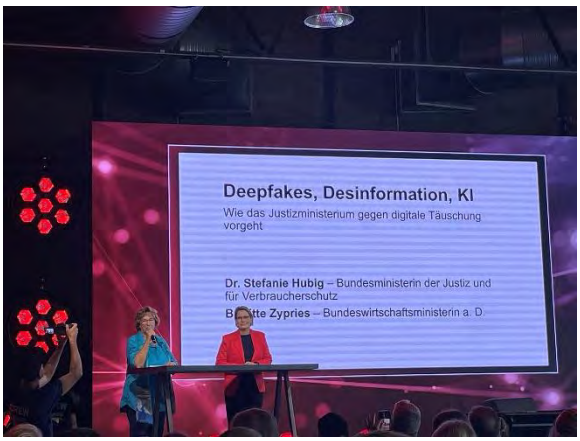
Simultaneously, **Xsabo Drinks & Beverages** will pioneer a targeted test phase in Uganda, introducing premium European beverages—including authentic high-end quality beer from Germany—to tap into a highly lucrative, but hitherto unexploited market niche.

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A few impressions from the AI Festival and the Award Ceremony



German Federal Justice Minister Dr. Stefanie Hubig, flanked by Former Federal Economics Minister Brigitte Zypries, on deep fakes and disinformation.
Photo: The Xsabo Group



Former German Federal President Christian Wulff calls for optimism in the AI era.
Photo: The Xsabo Group



Omid Nouripour, Vice President of the German Federal Parliament, talks about the pressure on democracy in the AI era and amidst global crises.
Photo: The Xsabo Group



Philosopher and Best-Seller Author Richard David Precht asks what would remain of human beings if AI takes over education and creativity.
Photo: The Xsabo Group



Renowned medical expert and TV-Moderator Eckart von Hirschhausen shares case studies of deep fakes and how to address the challenges they pose.
Photo: The Xsabo Group



Technology Thought-Leader and Billionaire Frank Thelen on various models in the future path in AI advancement
Photo: The Xsabo Group



Former Federal Economics Minister Zypries (host) congratulates Prize Winners
Photo: Offenblende/Kathrin



Interview with Dr. David Alobo of The Xsabo Group during the Award
Photo: Offenblende/Kathrin



Franziska Leischker, Director of The Xsabo Foundation, busy networking

Photo: Offenblende/Kathrin



Dr. Alobo and Franziska Leischker (1st and 2nd from left) with other winners

Photo: Offenblende/Kathrin

ABOUT THE XSABO GROUP

The Xsabo Group is a fast-growing international brand with an Afro-European flair and special focus on commercial diplomacy.

Expertise

In Africa, its key market, The Xsabo Group has initiated high profile projects supporting the corresponding Government's efforts to pave a path for their people out of poverty and thus spur prosperity. This includes wealth creation projects planned for various African countries and powering development, like through the flagship 150MW solar power project of The Xsabo Group in Uganda.

The Pilot Solar Power Plant of The Xsabo Group, which was ceremonially commissioned by Uganda's President Yoweri K. Museveni in the presence of Uganda's Vice President and other dignitaries, is the largest solar power plant in East and Central Africa. Xsabo Nkonge Solarline (20MW), the latest in the portfolio of successfully completed solar power plants of The Xsabo Group, is the most modern solar power facility in Sub-Saharan Africa.

As with an orchestra conductor, The Xsabo Group secures pivotal comparative advantages by integrating "Best-in-Class" players into its value creation chain.

Its activities thus make The Xsabo Group part of a global growth agenda to build resilience, catalyse sustainable growth and promote net-zero economic transition in Uganda and across Africa as the world economy moves towards a low-carbon future.

The Commercial Diplomacy initiatives of The Xsabo Group thus aim at supporting African governments to ensure that Africa can optimally exploit the available opportunities for economic growth and development by capitalizing on its natural capital and the global decarbonization agenda as follows:



International Award

An international jury working under Hon. Brigitte Zypries, former German Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy, bestowed the prestigious "Company of the Future" award on The Xsabo Group for two consecutive years in 2025 and 2026.

The "Company of the Future Award" given by the German Institute for Innovation, Sustainability and Digitalisation (diind) is the most prominent award for companies of the future in Germany. It "recognizes companies excelling in innovation, sustainable competitive advantage and forward-thinking solutions." Winners are determined through a multi-stage process that includes detailed analysis of entrepreneurial activities and comprehensive social listening to assess public perception.

Winners are characterized by their unique ability to learn from experience and skilfully apply this knowledge to address the challenges of tomorrow. They implement their ideas sustainably and clearly with strong support from their employees.

Doing Good is Good Business

The Xsabo Group gives back to communities hosting its projects and initiatives through The Xsabo Foundation, the corporate social responsibility (CSR) arm of The Xsabo Group.

The activities of The Xsabo Foundation are living proof that doing good is good business.