

**Welcome Address
by Jürgen Nimptsch**

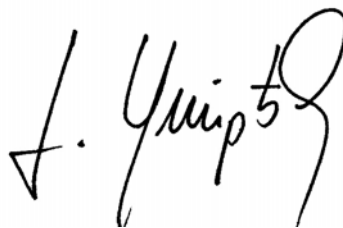
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**Mayor of Bonn
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A warm welcome to Bonn, Germany's United Nations City, and welcome to this year's Bonn Seminar of the European Capacity Building Initiative, which runs parallel to the meeting of the Subsidiary Bodies to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

ecbi has committed to opening doors for trust and understanding in the global climate debate by advancing an exchange between scientists North and South. The initiative's Fellowship Programme offers the opportunity for European partners to meet with delegation leaders of the Global South, some of them past ecbi Fellows.

It is with particular pleasure that the city of Bonn is hosting the ecbi Bonn seminar in the Old Town Hall and I would like to express my support and appreciation to Benito Müller and the European Capacity Building Initiative for their valuable work and the fruitful exchange!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Nimptsch', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jürgen Nimptsch