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Dr. Nina Smidt and Klaus Grünfelder will co-head the Siemens Stiftung

As of October 1, 2021 Dr. Nina Smidt will assume all operative management duties as Managing Director and Spokesperson of the Board of Directors at Siemens Stiftung. Simultaneously, Klaus Grünfelder will commence as full-time Managing Director. Rolf Huber's previous mandate as one of the three Managing Directors at Siemens Stiftung came to an end on September 30, 2021 as he entered retirement.

Since October 2012, Rolf Huber has served as Managing Director at Siemens Stiftung with responsibility for the foundation's development cooperation working area and the communications department. His dedication and expertise were essential in creating a wide-reaching, international network of social entrepreneurs in line with the foundation's aim of providing long-lasting support for social development. Rolf Huber broke new ground with the Kenyan social enterprise WeTu, a social business that was founded to provide innovative solutions for supplying energy and drinking water along the coast of Lake Victoria. As an advocate for e-mobility solutions, he set the course with his commitment, especially for Africa.

"In his nine years as Managing Director at Siemens Stiftung, Rolf Huber was essential in turning what was initially an emerging foundation into a well-recognized organization. His actions were driven by the belief that entrepreneurship and suitable technology – paired with support for local operation and ownership – were essential to sustainable development."
Berthold Huber, President of the Siemens Stiftung Board of Trustees

Dr. Nina Smidt, since April 2020 Managing Director and Spokesperson of the Board of Directors at Siemens Stiftung, will assume all operative management duties for the working areas – culture, education, and development cooperation – in addition to the communications department.

Klaus Grünfelder, who has served as the foundation's Chief Financial Officer on a pro bono basis since 2018, will assume a full-time position as Siemens Stiftung's Managing Director in charge of asset management, human resources and finance.

"Siemens Stiftung is very well positioned with its excellent international network and the long-lasting impact we help to create. The members of the Board of Trustees, the Managing Directors, and the entire Siemens Stiftung team would like to thank Rolf Huber for his enormous dedication."
Dr. Nina Smidt, Managing Director and Spokesperson of the Board of Directors at Siemens Stiftung

About Siemens Stiftung

As a nonprofit foundation, we promote sustainable social development, which is crucially dependent on access to basic services, high-quality education, and an understanding of culture. To this effect, our project work supports people in taking the initiative to responsibly address current challenges. Together with partners, we develop and implement solutions and programs to support this effort, with technological and social innovation playing a central role. Our actions are impact-oriented and conducted in a transparent manner.

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