

## **Supporting information**

Fig. S1. (a) Optical absorption spectra from as-synthesized In- and Bi-doped ZnO nanocrystal solutions showing absorption band edge shifts as a function of the doping level. (b) X-ray diffractograms from In- and Bi-doped ZnO nanobulk pellets.



Fig. S2. (a) Room-temperature Seebeck coefficient  $\alpha_{300K}$  plotted as a function of electron concentration. The solid lines correspond to model fits with  $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{2}$  and  $\frac{-1}{2}$ , denoting electron scattering from optical phonons, ionized impurities, and acoustic phonons, respectively and the green dashed line represents the first principles model<sup>R1</sup>. (b) Direction-averaged Seebeck coefficient as a function of doping at different temperatures from first principles calculations carried out within the constant scattering time approximation<sup>R1</sup>. The red circles are experimental data from In-doped ZnO at 300 K.

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Fig. S3. (a) Temperature-dependent thermal diffusivity and specific heat capacity, and (b) electrical conductivity versus temperature showing the two different activation energy regimes indicating the donor states for 0.5 at.% In-doped nanobulk ZnO.