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DEMOCRACY DISRUPTED:

DIGITALISATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS

5 - 8 December 2019
Johannesburg
South Africa

DELEGATE GUIDE

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Everyone whose flight arrives after 12h00 will not qualify for an early check in.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Radisson Blu Gautrain, Johannesburg, South Africa
6-7 December 2019

“Democracy Disrupted: Digitalisation and Human Rights”

Thursday, 5 December 2019

TIME	ACTIVITY
Evening	Some arrivals
18:00	Departure for Dinner from Radisson Blu Gautrain
18:30	Butchers Shop and Grill (no formal programme, no speeches, free seating) Shop 30 Nelson Mandela Square Sandton
20:30	Return to Hotel

Friday, 6 December 2019

TIME	ACTIVITY
Morning	All arrivals
10:00	Departure by bus to Constitution Hill
10:45	Start of Constitutional Court Tour
11:15	Start of tour of Women's Gaol
12:15	Tour of Constitutional Hill Precinct
13:00	Departure for Hotel
13:30	Lunch

Start of Programme

Welcome Remarks:

Jules Maaten (Netherlands)
FNF Africa Regional Director

14:30

Astrid Thors (Finland)
LI Vice President and Chairperson of the Liberal International Human Rights Committee

Introduction by facilitator **Chris Roper** (South Africa)
Deputy CEO, Code4Africa, Former Editor in Chief of Mail & Guardian

TIME	ACTIVITY
	Control. Alt. Delete. Can political and human rights be safeguarded in the digital age? <u>Moderator:</u> Clement Stambuli <u>Speakers:</u> Ann Cathrin Riedel (Germany) Chairwoman LOAD eV Verein fuer liberale Politik Agnieszka Walorska (Poland) Entrepreneur and Digital Innovator
15:15	
16:30	Tea Break and Networking
16:45	End of Working Day
17:30	Transfer by bus to Maboneng Precinct for Africa Human Rights Award Arts on Main 264 Fox St & Berea Rd, Maboneng
18:45	Arrival and Welcome Drinks
19:00	Welcome by Jules Maaten FNF Africa Regional Director Presentation of the 2019 Africa Freedom Award by Astrid Thors (Finland) LI Vice President and Chairperson of the Liberal International Human Rights Committee Acceptance speech of Hon. Robert Kyagulanyi Ssentamu (Bobi Wine) (Uganda) 2019 Africa Freedom Award Laureate Freedom Speech Dinner
21:30-22:00	Buses depart for return to hotel

TIME	ACTIVITY
08:30	Breakfast at hotel
	Recap of Friday's debates, setting the stage for Saturday
09:15	Chris Roper Deputy CEO, Code4Africa; Former Editor in Chief Mail and Guardian
	Who Checks Your Status? Digitalisation in Authoritarian Societies <u>Moderator:</u> Astrid Thors (Finland) LI Vice President and Chairperson of the Liberal International Human Rights Committee <u>Speakers:</u> 09:30 Olga Karatch (Belarus) Director of 'Our House' Ana Corina Sosa Machado (Venezuela) Democracy activist and daughter of opposition leader Maria Corina Machado Johnson Yeung (Hong Kong) Chair of the Board of Hong Kong Civil Hub, Board Member of Amnesty International Hong Kong Survey feedback
11:00	Tea Break and Networking
	Case Study: Bell Pottinger <u>Speakers:</u> 11:15 Chris Roper (South Africa) Deputy CEO, Code4Africa, Former Editor in Chief of Mail & Guardian Francine Higham (South Africa) Media Liaison Officer & Digital Strategist
12:30	Group Photo
12:45	Lunch

Saturday, 7 December 2019

TIME	ACTIVITY
	What the f@ct! Does your neighbour control your news? <u>Moderator:</u> David Lewis <u>Speakers:</u> 13:45 Dmitry Litvinenko (Ukraine) TV journalist; Moderator of Society of Ukrainian TV Journalists Kate Wilkinson (South Africa) Deputy Chief Editor, Africa Check Johnson Yeung (Hong Kong) Chair of the Board of Hong Kong Civil Hub, Board Member of Amnesty International Hong Kong
15:30	Tea Break and Networking
	Summary and Conclusions Chris Roper (South Africa) Deputy CEO, Code4Africa; Former Editor in Chief Mail and Guardian <u>Closing remarks:</u> 15:45 Jules Maaten (Netherlands) FNF Africa Regional Director Astrid Thors (Finland) LI Vice President and Chairperson of the Liberal International Human Rights Committee
16:15	End of Working Day
18:00	Dinner at participants own initiative

Sunday, 8 December 2019

TIME	ACTIVITY
Morning	Breakfast at hotel
Afternoon/ Evening	All Departures

SPEAKERS' PROFILES

Friday, 6 December 2019

14:30 - 15:15

START OF PROGRAMME



Jules Maaten
FNF Africa Regional Director

Jules Maaten is a Dutch politician & since August 2016 Regional Director for sub-Saharan Africa for the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom (FNF), based in Johannesburg. Prior to that he was FNF country director in the Philippines (2010-2016), supporting projects for good governance, human rights, free trade and the "It's All About Freedom"- project that includes an annual Freedom Run against corruption. From 1999-2009 he was a Member of the European Parliament for the Dutch People's Party for Freedom and Democracy, Member of the Bureau of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe and sat on the European Parliament's Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety.

He was a substitute for the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs. Jules Maaten was elected as a member of the European Parliament in the European Elections of 10 June 1999, on the list of the Dutch Liberal Party VVD and he joined the Liberal Group in the Parliament. Before his election as MEP Jules Maaten was Secretary General of the world union of liberal parties, the Liberal International, in London (1992-1999), during which time he was involved among others in supporting democratic movements in Asia, Latin America, Africa and Central and Eastern Europe.

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Astrid Thors
LI Vice President & Chairperson of the
LI Human Rights Committee

Astrid Thors is a lawyer, a Finnish politician and the former Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) High Commissioner on National Minorities (2013-2016). She was elected vice-president at LI's 70th-anniversary congress in Andorra in 2017.

Ms Thors has extensive experience in international politics and human rights. She served parliamentary terms in the European Parliament (1996-20004) and in the Finnish Parliament (2004-2013), where she was the Finnish Minister of Migration and European Affairs (2007-11).

Astrid Thors was vice chair of the Swedish People's Party of Finland (SFP) between 1992 and 2000, and the chair of the youth branch of the party 1981-83. She was also elected vice-president of ELDR (now ALDE) 2011-13.

A lawyer by education, Ms Thors has held numerous high-level positions related to justice and human rights – including the chair of the National Committee of Unicef Finland 2000-05 and the advisor to ministers of justice, defence and European affairs. She has also chaired the Advisory Board on Human Rights of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland and the Refugee Advisory Council.

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Chris Roper is chief engagement strategist and deputy CEO for the continent's largest federation of civic technology and data journalism labs, Code for Africa (CfA). He also serves as director for CfA's forensic data initiative, the African Network of Centres for Investigative Reporting (ANCIR).

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CONTROL. ALT. DELETE. CAN POLITICAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS BE SAFEGUARDED IN THE DIGITAL AGE?

In every part of the world ultranationalist views and xenophobic sentiment are not only on the rise but becoming normalised. Digital technologies have the potential to unite, to emancipate, and to empower – to shape how we interact and the narratives we live by. But, where people's fundamental human rights are unprotected or political divisions maliciously exacerbated with untruths, democratic norms begin to fray. What are the greatest challenges faced by liberal democrats in safeguarding political and human rights in the age of AI and algorithms and what resources and methods can be deployed in the fight for liberal democracy?



Ann Cathrin Riedel
Chairwoman LOAD eV Verein fuer
liberale Politik

Ann Cathrin Riedel is chairwoman of LOAD e.V. - an association for liberal internet policy. With her agency UP DIGITAL MEDIA she develops strategies for digital political communication. She was a lecturer at the HS Fresenius in Düsseldorf and was included in the list of 65 "Faces of the Future" under the 35th place by the magazine "Politik & Kommunikation".

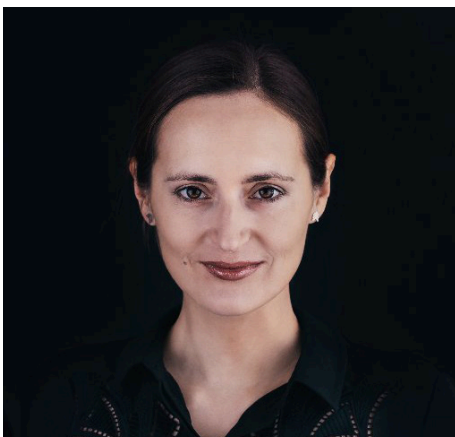
She is a member of the working groups "Ethics in Digitalisation" and "Algorithm Monitoring" of Initiative D21. In her functions she publishes and speaks regularly about ethics and civil rights, freedom of expression and communication in the digital space, as well as digital sovereignty.



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Agnieszka Walorska
Entrepreneur and Digital Innovator

Agnieszka M. Walorska is a founder of CREATIVE CONSTRUCTION, kickstartAI and hidence. As one of the very first employees at one of the biggest exit-success stories on the German market (studivZ), Agnieszka has played a crucial role in the explosive growth of this social network.

She is the author of publications and sought-after expert and keynote speaker on ethical and societal aspects of Artificial Intelligence, Human Computer Interaction and Digital Innovation. She led successful Innovation and Customer Experience projects across several industries, including utilities, banking and media.

Agnieszka studied social sciences and politics at Warsaw University and Humboldt-University of Berlin and received a scholarship from German Academic Foundation and Hertie Foundation. When she is not busy solving innovation problems, she is training for her next IronMan.



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2019 AFRICA FREEDOM AWARD



Hon. Robert Kyagulanyi Ssentamu
(Bobi Wine)

2019 Africa Freedom Award Laureate

Ssentamu Robert Kyagulanyi, also known as Bobi Wine, is a 37-year old Ugandan musician-turned-politician, and by popular acclaim, the leader of the generationally transformational People Power Movement, a resistance pressure group uniting Ugandans around the world to fight for human rights and the dignity of fellow Ugandans.

He is currently an Honorable Member of Parliament (Hon. MP) representing Kyaddondo East Constituency in Wakiso district of Uganda. On July 24, 2019, Hon. Kyagulanyi officially announced his intention to run for the upcoming 2021 presidential elections.



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WHO CHECKS YOUR STATUS? DIGITALISATION IN AUTHORITARIAN SOCIETIES

During the Arab Spring, the world was full of optimism for the windows of opportunity that opened for human rights and democracy activists to reach out and unite even in the most oppressive societies. Since then, digitalisation has revealed itself as a double-edged sword. While providing activists with opportunities, it has also created another arena where authorities can seize control. Surveillance, tracking and control of communication channels have created new hurdles for activists to overcome. How do human rights activists deal with these challenges?



Olga Karatch
Director of the Civic Initiative Center
'Our House'

Olga Karatch is one of the most active Belarusian dissidents and the founder and leader of the civil rights movement Nash Dom (Our House).

Nash Dom is a social campaign organised in network structures, whose activities include the publication of a newspaper which informs citizens of their rights and offers information on problems, ranging from illegal detentions to the questionable quality of drinking water. The aim is to transform Belarusian society with nonviolent action and to increase the influence of citizens on the decision-making processes of the government and institutions. The organisation is constantly surveilled by the KGB, and working to ensure the integrity of the organisation's data is essential not only for the organisation itself, but also for the security and safety of its activists and those receiving help from the organisation.

Olga and Our House's work has achieved increased accountability and put pressure on politicians and civil servants even in the very constrained context of the Belarusian society.



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Ana Corina Sosa Machado
Democracy activist and daughter of
opposition leader Maria Corina Machado

Ana Corina Sosa Machado is a senior associate at PwC, and a Venezuelan activist. Venezuela has been in a downward spiral for years with growing political discontent with its dictator Nicolas Maduro, further fuelled by skyrocketing hyperinflation, power cuts and shortages of food and medicine. The Venezuelan government has increased online censorship and its surveillance of citizens online.

The United Nations Human Rights Commission issued a statement earlier this year condemning "the censorship and blocking of information both in traditional media and on the internet." Protestors have moved to social media apps like Instagram, Snapchat, Facebook, Twitter and WhatsApp, which are harder to censor. The government, in turn, floods social media with positive images and fake news of the country.



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CASE STUDY: BELL POTTINGER

In 2017, the British PR agency Bell Pottinger was expelled from the Public Relations and Communications Association after running a racially divisive campaign in South Africa on behalf of the Gupta family. Bell Pottinger was accused of stirring up anger about “white monopoly capital” in South Africa, as well as operating fake Twitter accounts to mount racially driven campaigns. A September 2017 review by law firm Herbert Smith Freehills concluded that the firm had breached ethical standards, lacked appropriate policies for managing controversial accounts, and had brought the PR industry into disrepute.



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Francine Higham
Media Liaison Officer & Digital
Strategist

Francine Higham is currently the Media Liaison Officer for the Western Cape Minister of Finance & Economic Opportunities. Previously, Ms Higham was the DA Abroad Leader based in London, and one of the founding members of the DA Abroad, which is a volunteer organisation and the official overseas supporter network for the Democratic Alliance.

Originally from the Eastern Cape, Ms Higham is Rhodes University alumni as she obtained her degree in Journalism & Drama.



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WHAT THE F@CT! DOES YOUR NEIGHBOUR CONTROL YOUR NEWS?

In an age of (anti-)social media, authoritarian regimes and rogue businesses are capable of disrupting national and international politics. From Donald Trump in the United States to Bell Pottinger in South Africa, democratic authorities and private businesses have frequently shown themselves vulnerable – unable or even unwilling – to react or future proof their societies to the real-world consequences of digitalised fake news. How can we equip citizens and organisations with new, accessible tools to mitigate the impact of disinformation?



Dmitry Litvinenko
TV journalist; Moderator of Society of Ukrainian TV Journalists

Dmitry Litvinenko is a Ukrainian TV-journalist, originally from the Donbass region. He is currently the moderator of the Society of Ukrainian TV journalists. Litvinenko has worked as a journalist for 20 years, and was present as a live reporter at the Maidan protests in 2013.

He won the 2016 ADAMI Media Prize for News and Short Fiction, a prize created to encourage filmmakers, journalists and audio-visual media professionals in the EU Eastern Partnership countries to promote topics of migration, tolerance and cultural diversity and to counter messages of hate and ignorance.

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Kate Wilkinson
Deputy Chief Editor, Africa Check

Kate Wilkinson is the Deputy Chief Editor of Africa Check, a fact checking organisation. Her main research areas include education, immigration, crime and viral social media hoaxes. She leads the organisation's media work, with regular appearance on local and international television and radio.

Her work also involves training African journalists on verification and research techniques. In 2017, she developed a programme which taught school children how to decipher fact from fiction on social media.

The Mail and Guardian named her one of its Top 200 Young South Africans in 2013.

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Information about Joburg

Johannesburg, informally known as Jozi or Joburg, is the largest city in South Africa and one of the 50 largest urban areas in the world. It is the provincial capital and largest city of Gauteng, which is the wealthiest province in South Africa. Johannesburg is the seat of the Constitutional Court. The city is located in the mineral-rich Witwatersrand range of hills and is the centre of large-scale gold and diamond trade.

Political Landscape

The Democratic Alliance (DA) is the South African member party of Liberal International (LI) and the official opposition to the governing ANC. In the May 2019 elections, the party won 20.77% of the vote. The leader of the party is John Steenhuisen, who was elected on 17 November 2019 and succeeded Mmusi Maimane. The chair of the DA Federal Board is former LI deputy president, Helen Zille.

The DA historically positioned itself as the anti-corruption party and earned an impressive reputation for good governance in towns and communities across the country. Almost a third of South Africans experience some form of DA governance. In addition to the Western Cape (WC) Province, the DA currently governs in 33 municipalities. These include South Africa's legislative capital, Cape Town; the administrative capital, Tshwane; and the economic centre, Johannesburg.

The DA's Western Cape far exceeded other province's performance in the latest Auditor General's Public Finance Management Act 2018-19 report. These audit results, scoring a 79% clean audit result, show that the DA's Western Cape government is committed to good governance and service delivery for those living in the province.

The DA won the Western Cape in the 2009 General elections. In the 10 years that the DA has governed it has created over 508,000 new jobs. Unemployment is 14% lower than the national average which is almost at 30%. Direct foreign investment contributions to the WC sits at over R100 billion. It is often positioned as Africa's Tech Hub, a place for an emerging green economy with a developed financial hub for Sub-Saharan Africa.

Cyril Ramaphosa of the African National Congress (ANC) was elected president of the ANC in December 2017 and became President of the Republic in February 2018 after his predecessor, Jacob Zuma, resigned in disgrace over corruption allegations. Although the ANC won the May 2019 parliamentary elections, its 58% share of the vote was its lowest margin of victory since the end of apartheid, losing a whopping 19 seats in Parliament.

General Information

VISA

Citizens of the European Union, as well as the United States, Australia, and several other countries can enter and remain in South Africa visa-free for up to 90 days. To avoid any complications please check if your nationality allows visa-free travel to attend the conference.

Your passport will be checked when you arrive at a South African port or airport to make sure you're allowed to come into the country. It is important that your passport is valid for the whole of your stay.

Kindly note, that if you are travelling with your child, certain documentation must be made available to South African border and security officials. Please ensure that you have the correct documentation if travelling with a minor as failure to do so will result in the authorities not permitting you into the Republic.

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WEATHER

The weather in Johannesburg during the month of December is usually around 22-30°C (68–88°F). The weather is sunny and hot with light showers. Evening temp. can be around 14-19°C (57-66°F)

COMMUNICATIONS

Please check with your service provider about your roaming rates in South Africa.

If your roaming costs are high, we recommend you acquire a Pay-As-You-Go SIM from one of the local providers. You can either do so already at the airport or later in Rosebank/Sandton.

South African cell phone providers include, for example, Vodacom, MTN, Telkom, Virgin Mobile and Cell C.

Please note that this will be a personal expense.

The South African country code is +27.

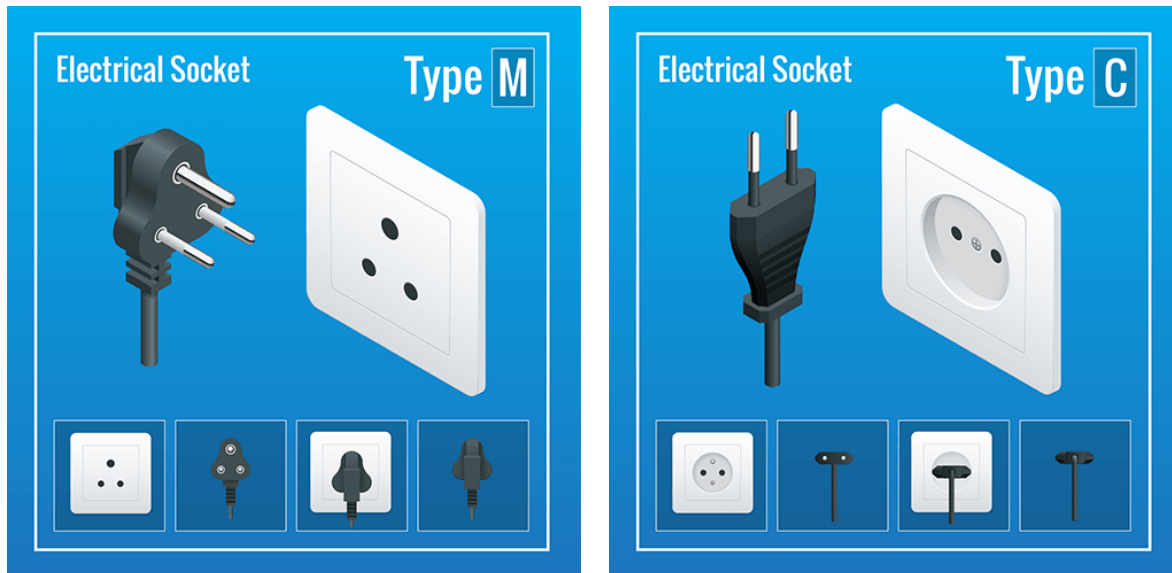
DRESS CODE

The dress code throughout the event on 5 – 8 December 2019 will be business attire.

ELECTRICITY

The most common plug in South Africa has three round prongs, forming a triangle. In most places, there are also sockets for 2-pin plugs. It is therefore advised that you at the very least bring a converter for this type of socket. The voltage is 220-230.

The Hotel can provide one for you at a surcharge of ZAR250.00 which you will have to pay directly. When you return the plug safely to reception, you will receive your ZAR250.00 back



EMERGENCIES

In case of sickness or accident during the event, the participant should immediately notify a member of the Secretariat of Liberal International or FNF. Participants are advised to ensure that they have adequate insurance coverage, either at their own expense or at the expense of their nominating organisation for sickness, accident and third-party risk covering the entire duration of the stay in Johannesburg. Neither Liberal International, FNF, nor the host, accepts responsibility or liability for such contingencies.

If you need to visit a pharmacy in Johannesburg, you can find one in Sandton City Shopping Centre (Clicks or DisChem), which is staffed by a pharmacist, and is open during work hours. You will also find other venues across town. If you should need to visit a hospital, you might want to visit Netcare Sunninghil or Morningside Mediclinic.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Emergency number for:

Police - 10111
Ambulance or Fire Department - 10177
Emergency - 112
Netcare 911 - 082 911

PERSONAL EXPENSES

Please note that all personal expenses, i.e. mini bar, laundry, phone calls, extra meals, room service etc. are for your own account. We kindly ask that you please settle all additional bills at check out.

CURRENCY

The local currency is the Rand (ZAR). There are plenty of ATMs available in all cities and towns. All major credit (Visa and MasterCard) and debit cards are accepted. Please do check with your bank that you will be able to use your card in South Africa.

If you wish to exchange money, please do so upon arrival or arrange it beforehand. It is also possible to pay for all purchases by card. For the latest exchange rates, please see for example www.xe.com/currencyconverter/.

GRATUITY/ TIPPING

Tipping is customary in South Africa. As a rough guide tipping 10% to 15% of your bill is typical!

TRANSPORT OUTSIDE OF FORMAL PROGRAMME HOURS

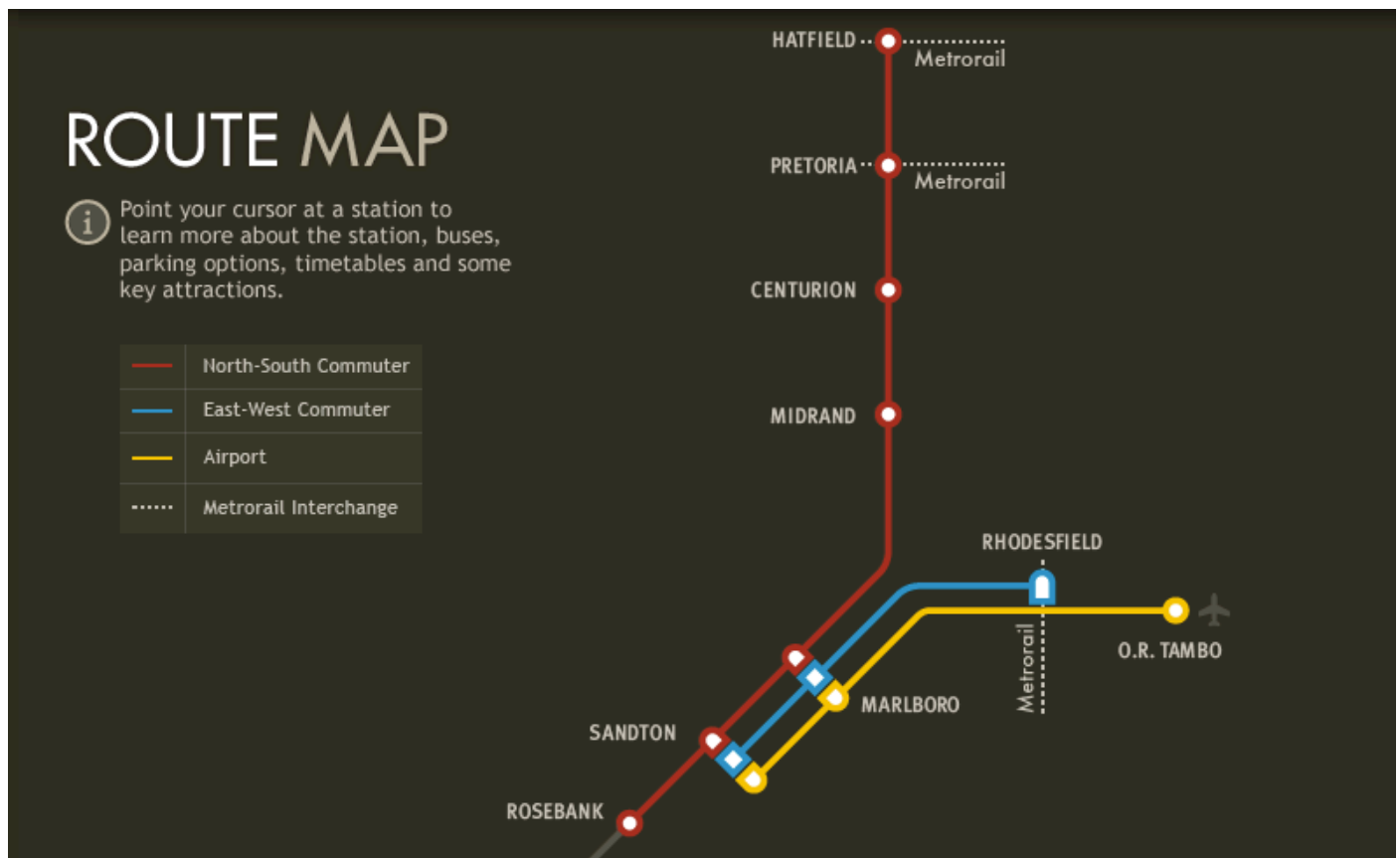
The venues chosen for the programme are centrally located. We will brief you on arrival regarding nearby services and places of interest. All transfers needed as part of the programme will be organised and settled by the organisers. The participants are responsible for any additional transport undertaken in their free time.

UBER

Known throughout the globe for being a practical taxi service. The easy to use app that offers quick transport from wherever to wherever, Uber is very prominent in Johannesburg.

THE GAUTRAIN

The Gautrain is a new and modern bullet train that connects the major metropolitan areas of South Africa's Gauteng Province. It links Johannesburg, Pretoria and the O.R. Tambo International Airport.



SAFETY

Most visits to South Africa are trouble-free, but you should take **sensible precautions** to ensure your safety. It is worth noting that crime is an element of the South African society, however, most violent crimes tend to occur in remote and isolated areas. It is strongly advisable **not to walk on the streets after dark**.

Use common sense and take basic safety precautions. Keep valuables locked away and don't wear expensive watches or jewellery, flash expensive cameras, or walk in deserted areas. Keep car doors and windows locked at all times. If in doubt, ask a guide at your accommodation for safety guidelines.

In urban areas tap water is usually of high quality and safe to drink. It is quite safe to have ice in drinks and to eat salads. However, when travelling to remote rural areas and the bush you should take your own drinking water along or buy bottled water.

Please take note- in recent days, the area around the Radisson Blu Gautrain has been flagged a crime hotspot. Please do not walk around with your mobile phone in hand or have any valuable jewellery in visible range.

INTERPRETATION

There will be professional simultaneous interpretation service for the meeting from English to French and French to English.

SOCIAL MEDIA REFERENCES

Please we encourage you to engage with us on our digital media platforms before, during and after your stay in South Africa. You will find us on:

Liberal International

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PARTNER PROFILES



Liberal International (LI) is the world federation of 106 liberal democratic political parties across 5 continents of the world – we have member parties from Andorra to Zanzibar!

Our work centres on human rights, climate justice, and broader political advocacy of liberal values. We have built a network of highlevel political leaders to foster international relations at a time when global treaties and democratic values are under threat.



FRIEDRICH NAUMANN FOUNDATION For Freedom. Sub-Saharan Africa

We are the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom, an independent German organisation that is committed to promoting liberal policy and politics around the world in the form of human rights, the rule of law, democracy, innovation, digitalisation and free trade.

We have been active in sub-Saharan Africa since 1991. We organise campaigns, media events, seminars, workshops, study tours, cultural happenings and training courses. We have activities in many countries in the region such as Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Guinea, Kenya, Mali, Namibia, Tanzania, Uganda, Senegal, South Africa, Zimbabwe and Zambia.

We prioritise human rights including freedom expression, freedom of the press, violence against women, capital punishment, children's rights and LGBTQI+ rights.

We believe that Africa has to be free from corruption, free from red-tape, in order to be #FreeToAdvance



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Launched in June 2003, the Africa Liberal Network (ALN) is a network of African Liberal Democratic political parties and is an associated organisation of Liberal International, the political family to which Liberal Democratic parties belong.

All members of the network are bound by a policy stating that they exist to ensure the freedom and dignity of all people through establishing political and civil rights, ensuring basic freedoms and the rule of law, supporting democratic governance based on free and fair elections with peaceful transition, ensuring religious, gender and minority rights, fighting corruption and establishing free market economies.

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Jules Maaten
FNF Africa Regional Director

Jules Maaten is a Dutch politician & since August 2016 Regional Director for sub-Saharan Africa for the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom (FNF), based in Johannesburg. Prior to that he was FNF country director in the Philippines (2010-2016), supporting projects for good governance, human rights, free trade and the "It's All About Freedom"- project that includes an annual Freedom Run against corruption. From 1999-2009 he was a Member of the European Parliament for the Dutch People's Party for Freedom and Democracy, Member of the Bureau of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe and sat on the European Parliament's Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety.

He was a substitute for the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs. Jules Maaten was elected as a member of the European Parliament in the European Elections of 10 June 1999, on the list of the Dutch Liberal Party VVD and he joined the Liberal Group in the Parliament. Before his election as MEP Jules Maaten was Secretary General of the world union of liberal parties, the Liberal International, in London (1992-1999), during which time he was involved among others in supporting democratic movements in Asia, Latin America, Africa and Central and Eastern Europe.



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Masechaba Mdaka works as a Regional Assistant to the Africa Regional Programme at the Friedrich Naumann Foundation in Rosebank, Johannesburg. Her previous stints during her professional career have seen her working with Election Management Bodies, Corporate South Africa, Developmental Finance Organisations and Local Government.

She has experience in working in a donor project driven space as well as the Learning and Development sector. Her area of knowledge and experience include Event Organisation and Coordination, Project Management, Public Relations, Office Management and Facilitation.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of the Witwatersrand majoring in International Relations and German. She also has completed 3 Courses in an Elections Management Course (Building Resources In Democracy, Governance and Elections - BRIDGE) and is an accredited African Union Elections Observer.



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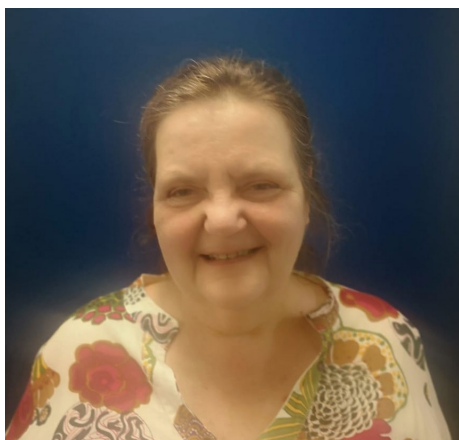
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He is responsible for the development and distribution of the organisation's digital and public communication strategy for sub-Saharan Africa. Through this position, he has played a significant role in communicating African issues to both German and international audiences.

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Christiane Kolbe
FNF Regional Secretary

Christiane Kolbe emigrated with her parents from Germany to South Africa many, many years ago.

She obtained a MA (German) and BA Hons (Afrikaans) at the University of Pretoria. After lecturing at the University of Pretoria, Christiane took a sabbatical for a few years.

In 2007, she started working as the regional secretary in the FNF sub-Saharan regional office in Johannesburg.



Genesis Cleveland
FNF Regional Project Officer

Genesis Cleveland was born in Hesse, Germany. In 2014, Genesis completed her diploma in law at the University of Marburg, Germany. After graduation from law school she worked as a research assistant at a law firm focusing on start-ups and venture capital in Cologne, Germany.

Hereafter she started her legal clerkship and worked for the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy and other institutions. Genesis conducted an internship at the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Los Angeles, USA, before being offered a position by the Federal Foreign Office at the legal department of the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Lagos, Nigeria.

Mid-2019 Genesis started as Regional Project Officer of Friedrich Naumann Foundation sub-Sahara Africa in Pretoria, South Africa.



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Gordon Mackay
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Gordon Mackay, the Liberal International Secretary-General is a former Shadow Minister (Energy) and member of South Africa Parliament on behalf of the Democratic Alliance. As of 1 January 2018, Gordon took over as the Secretary General of Liberal International – the global federation of liberal political parties.

Before standing for Parliament, Gordon worked for the United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) in New York in the Office of Emergency Programmes – with a specific focus on peace-building and recovery in post conflict settings.

Prior to working at the United Nations – Gordon was a management consultant for EY focused on complex legislative and regulatory reform World Bank funded technical assistance projects aimed at improving the efficiency, transparency & effectiveness of financial regulation of developing & transitional economies.

Gordon holds a Masters degree in International Studies from the University of London, an Honours degree in Development Economics (cum laude) from the University of Johannesburg, a post-graduate Diploma in Humanitarian Studies (cum laude) from the School of Tropical Medicine, University of Liverpool and professional qualifications in energy economics from the Barcelona Graduate School of Economics.

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William Townsend
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William Townsend is head of communication and political outreach for Liberal International (LI), for whom he has worked for five years.

Prior to joining LI, Mr Townsend managed political campaigns for the Liberal Democrats (UK), helping to secure some of the party's best election results at local, national and international levels.

William subsequently worked on other international campaigns, including cross-party initiative ahead of the 2011 presidential election in the Democratic Republic of Congo, before working for the Royal African Society in London.

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Mikaela Hellman
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In her role as the human rights programme officer, Mikaela is working to deliver the priorities of LI's human rights committee. She is driving human rights-related campaigns and coordinating with committee members to achieve LI members' priorities within the field.

For the past two years, Mikaela has been working for the international office of the Swedish Centre Party (Centerpartiet), coordinating the party's international work and its involvement in the ALDE-party and LI as well as its policy development in foreign- and security policy. She is a former intern with the Liberal Democrat International Office and with the Swedish Representation to the Council of Europe.

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Jason Frazer
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Jason Frazer has been the Communications Officer for Liberal International for the past 2 years. Although currently living in London, he was born in Johannesburg, South Africa.

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