



Liberal International's Newsletter

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COVID-19 ROUND UP

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear friends,

I trust you are well.

This is the second edition of our newsletter and unfortunately, since last week, the number of COVID-19 cases and death toll continue to rise. I would like to reiterate a call for global governance for health security, in particular, urging the European Union to support Africa during this crisis.

I know that the liberal family and our MEP's can be counted on to support this cause.

Below you will find a declaration, key statements and a petition in the "Bureau in action" section. I focus your attention to this because, as liberals, we must take a stand and fight to safeguard democracy, the rule of law and human rights now more than ever before.

No country, no citizen of the world should be excluded from the World Health Organisation. It should not be based on political and geopolitical criteria but as an essential right to good health for everyone worldwide.

With the crises of this pandemic, every country, every government is tasked with protecting their citizens; however, this crisis offers dictators and those seeking to undermine democracy the perfect opportunity to do so. This is what we must also guard against. We have just seen it in Hungary with Viktor Orban. Please take a moment to sign the petition that ALDE Party President Hans van Baalen has created. Together, the global liberal family can take a stand against authoritarianism and nationalism.

I hope that each of you is safe and healthy. I strongly urge you to follow the principles of 'safety distancing' and to stay at home/lockdown to ease the burden on your healthcare system.

Stay safe

Best,

Dr Hakima el Haité
President of Liberal International

This week, LI President **Dr. Hakima el Haité** & renowned Economist **Joël Ruet**, took to public forums as they examine the lost lessons of previous pandemics.



“ Strengthen international collaboration, based on the belief that the health security of the most powerful nation in this world is dependent on the health security of the weakest nation. ”

The pair highlight key points of crises throughout humanity's history and provide practical solutions for building this new world order!

These articles featured this week on **Telquel** as well as the **Diplomatic Courier**. Read the latest action plan in French or English

“ The world has known many epidemics...we seem to have forgotten some of the lessons. ”

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BUREAU IN ACTION

LI, ALDE Party & FNF Joint Declaration: Taiwan Should Get WHO Assistance



In a joint declaration by LI President **Dr. Hakima el Haité**, ALDE Party President **Hans van Baalen** & FNF Chairman **Prof. Karl-Heinz Paqué**; the global liberal family stand firm in our support & commitment for LI Member Party DPP Taiwan and President **Tsai Ing-wen** in demanding that the **World Health Organisation** offers Taiwan assistance and allows Taiwan to share their COVID-19 lessons and best practices.

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LI President of Honour, Hans van Baalen calls for global governance of COVID-19



Calling on the EU and its Member States to participate in worldwide responses to fight the Covid-19 pandemic LI President of Honour stressed that ALDE Party supports the initiatives for global solidarity and actions of these international leaders.

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LI VP & Guinea's Opposition Leader, Cellou Dalein Diallo, Highlights the situation in Guinea



Disappointed by the failure of his ballot results on March 22, Alpha Condé continues to arrest and kidnap those he holds responsible for this failure.

Cellou Dalein Diallo highlights the current situation in his home country. Liberal International previously released a statement on the matter which stated [Guinea's Conde must not be allowed to exploit Coronavirus for political ends](#)

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LI President of Honour & ALDE Party President, van Baalen, the petition against Orbán intensifies!



Hungary's Viktor Orbán has taken advantage of the COVID-19 pandemic and has established a Corona-Dictatorship which goes against freedom, democracy, solidarity and the rule of law. We need to defend democracy and stand up against the passing of the Authorisation Act and this corona dictatorship! "How can we let Orbán get away with this?" - show your support for **Momentum** and the people of Hungary!

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

HOW OUR MEMBERS ARE FIGHTING COVID

AFRICA

DA to share "Blue Book" of comprehensive COVID-19 measures with President Ramaphosa

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AMERICAS

Ricardo Gomes, President of RELIAL RED "with freedom, the rule of law and a lot of determination, the pandemic and economic disaster can be overcome.

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ASIA

Cambodia's CNRP leader, Sam Rainsy, highlights How to Prevent COVID-19 From Paralysing the World's Economy

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EUROPE

Ilhan Kyuchyuk MEP "The green light to start accession talks with northern Macedonia and Albania shows that Europe can make decisions in times of crisis"

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MENA

The Moroccan government fights back against COVID-19

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TRAINING ON COVID-19

In support of our member parties, who expressed to us that they found the information provided in our first newsletter extremely helpful, we are sharing a **free learning course** with the WHO about the Coronavirus and emergency responses.

Real-time training for COVID-19
Free online courses from WHO experts



Intro to COVID-19

Health and safety

Infection Prevention and Control

Clinical care

Country capacitation

Treatment facilities

OpenWHO.org 

ENROL TODAY

COVID-19: THE FIGHT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND CLIMATE JUSTICE

Women must be protected from increased abuse during COVID-19 crisis



As Liberal International raised last week, a soar in domestic violence cases is being reported from countries all over the world where people are being restricted from leaving their homes. For example, reported cases tripled in China, Brazil has seen a 50% rise, and France a 35% increase since restrictions on movement were put in place.

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Justice principles at the core of a post COVID-19 world



As the outbreak of the coronavirus threatens our communities, driving our public health systems to the verge of collapse, consumers are staying home and many businesses are shutting down. LI Climate Justice Committee member Susana Rivera Baughman has edited and commented on the impact on the decline of CO2 emissions in the short term but risks having a negative impact on global emissions trends long term.

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TWEET OF THE WEEK



LI Deputy President & FNF Chairman, calls out the World Health Organisation

This week's tweet of the week comes from **Prof. Karl-Heinz Paqué**, in which he calls for the **WHO** to change their policy regarding Taiwan.

RETWEET

Make sure you follow Liberal International on social media.

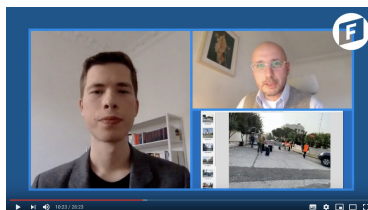


VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS



Canadian Prime Minister, **Justin Trudeau** announces new measures that will help their most vulnerable

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FNF MENA Regional Director, **Dirk Kunze**, provides an update on the situation in Jordan & MENA

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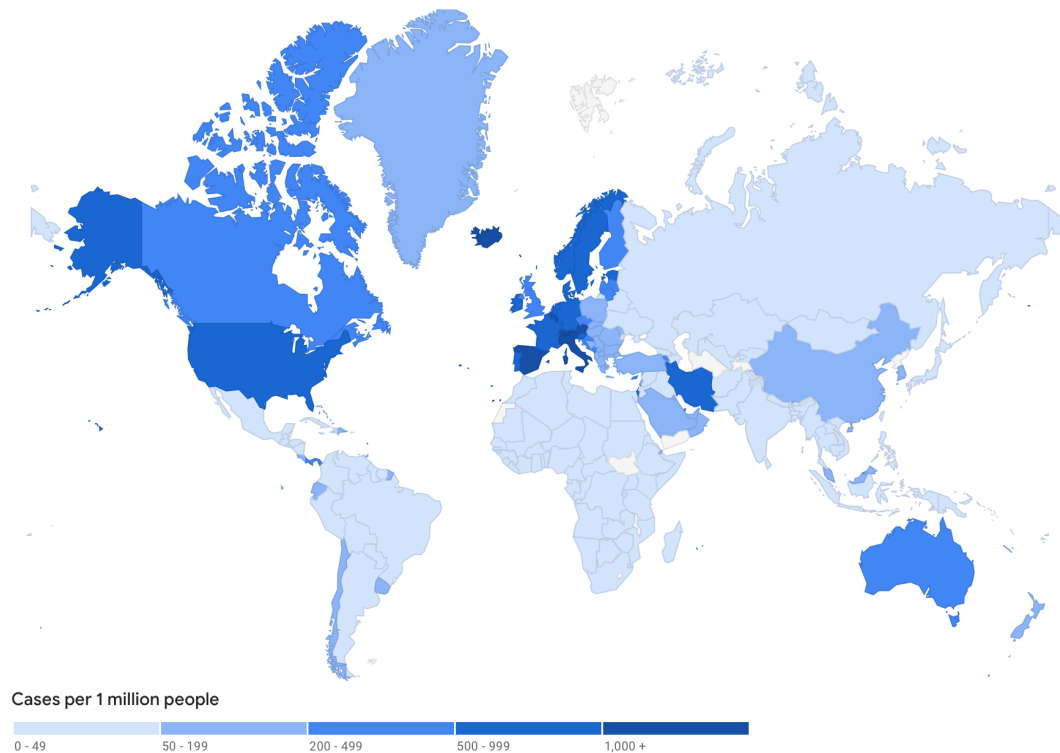
DPP Leader & Taiwanese President **Tsai Ing-wen**, offers medical supplies to countries most in need

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LATEST COVID-19 WORLD MAP

Coronavirus (COVID-19) map

Updated less than 20 minutes ago

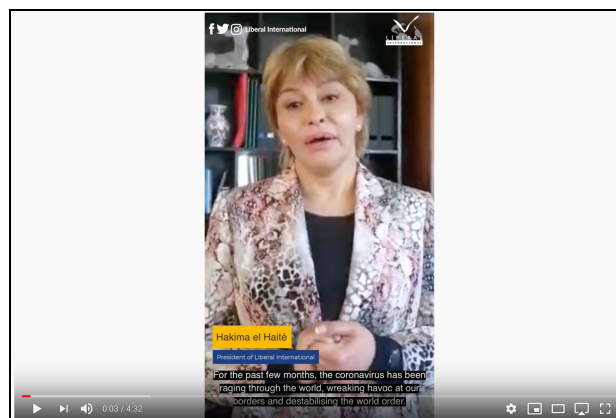


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DID YOU CATCH OUR PAST COMMUNICATIONS?

Be sure to double-check your email - Liberal International has sent out communications to the membership.

If you missed the LI President's video address from last week, please watch below



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REPUTABLE SITES FOR COVID-19 INFORMATION

With the rise of Fake News and Dis-information, Liberal International has listed some trusted sites for information around COVID-19. As liberals, we need to do all we can to minimise the spread of Fake News & Dis-Info and contain this pandemic.

World Health Organization (WHO)

International Committee of the Red Cross

Doctors Without Borders

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TOP TIPS:

- Do not feel guilty and know how to disconnect.
- Use reliable sources of information
- Do not look too much and listen to the media and social networks

Other websites to check out:

- LitCovid: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/research/coronavirus/>
- Living map of evidence: http://eppi.ioe.ac.uk/COVID19_MAP/covid_map_v3.html
- REACTING Consortium: <https://reacting.inserm.fr/literature-review/>
- DocCismef: [https://doccismef.chu-rouen.fr/dc/#env=basic&q=covid-19.sr%20ET%202020-03-22.ins & p = 1 & n = 50](https://doccismef.chu-rouen.fr/dc/#env=basic&q=covid-19.sr%20ET%202020-03-22.ins&p=1&n=50)
- A MOOC: https://www.fun-mooc.fr/courses/course-v1:UPEC+169003+cv_01/about
- NephJC: <http://www.nephjc.com/covid19>
- ERA-EDTA: <https://www.era-edta.org/en/covid-19-news-and-information/#toggle-id-11>

OTHER NOTEWORTHY ARTICLES

- [AN ANALYSIS OF GLOBAL PUBLIC OPINION ON COVID-19](#)
- [GOVERNMENTS HAVEN'T SHOWN LOCATION SURVEILLANCE WOULD HELP CONTAIN COVID-19](#)

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