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LI President participates in roundtable discussions by IT6

Liberal International President, **Hakima el Haïté**, participated in roundtable discussions on entrepreneurship and youth employment in the economic recovery plans of the Moroccan regions.

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On Wednesday **27th May 2020**, Dr. el Haité will participate in webinar arranged by **ALN**, **CALD** and **FNF**. The one-hour interactive webinar is entitled *Can Digital Social Innovation Work in Sub-Saharan Africa?: Drawing Lessons from Taiwan's Successful Pandemic Response*.

Make sure to follow LI on social media for updates on the event

ARTICLES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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BUREAU IN ACTION



Statement: Liberals will fight for Taiwan's recognition at WHA

The bureau of Liberal International deplores the decision of the World Health Assembly to deprive Taiwan of retaking its seat as an observer to the decision-making body of the World Health Organisation on Monday 18th May.

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Liberal leaders join together for webinar: State of Democracy in Cambodia

LI President of Honour van Baalen regrets the decision by WHA to exclude Taiwan from the international community





Prominent political leaders **Hakima el Haité**, **Mu Sochua** and ALDE Party president **Hans van Baalen** have set out the action they have taken internationally to support LI full member Cambodia National Rescue Party and the Cambodian people in restoring democracy to Cambodia. Watch and listen to the next steps Liberal International is taking next to support freedom and keep the spotlight on Cambodia featuring LI nominal VP **Emil Kirjas**, and the liberal leaders.

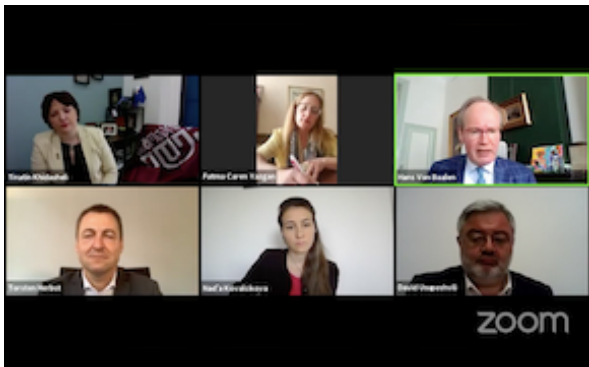
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ALDE President **Hans van Baalen** fully supports the proposal of the United States and Canada to give Taiwan observer status at WHA meetings. Unfortunately, there was no decision made this week, and the discussion is postponed to a resumed WHA session that will take place later this year. Van Baalen expressed his disappointment at the delay but continues to support Taiwan's observer status and urges the global community to do the same.

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Honorary President van Baalen speaks on the liberal Covid-19 response with FNF and Civic IDEA



On discussion with Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom South Caucasus and Civic IDEA, LI President of Honour **Hans van Baalen** presents the European liberal view on Covid-19. Van Baalen reminds us that there needs to be consensus and there needs to be solidarity in financial recovery plans. "People look at the Marshall plan, the recovery plan, but it was not built in a day." van Baalen states.

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LI VP and Monterrey keeps speech on the subject of presidential elections



Los Ciudadanos por la Libertad assume the commitment not to nominate any member of the party for a presidential candidate and we promise to work in alliance with all sectors to choose who will undoubtedly achieve the defeat of the Sandinista Front. More on this in the speech by LI Vice President and Leader of the opposition, **Kitty Monterrey**.

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LI VP and HRC member Abir Al-Sahlaní raises issue of the treatment of LGBTQ people in Uganda

LI bureau member Pallarés joins comparative discussion on the effects of Covid-19 in Andorra and Argentina



The situation of LGBTQ people in Uganda has been completely unacceptable for far too long. MEP's **Abir Al-Sahlani** and **Fredrick Federley** questions the situation of LGBTQI people in Uganda to EU Foreign Minister Josep Borell. Via QX Opinion. The poor situation now calls for a swift response and for the EU to act.

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LI treasurer **Judith Pallarés** participated in discussion with **Ana Gabriela Castellani** on the effects and measures implemented in Andorra and Argentina, and the way in which their governments have coped with the pandemic, highlighting the measures of public management that have made the operation of public administration possible.

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

"Sorry you're on mute" LI HRC Webinar on freedom of expression - summary



Liberal International hosted its first webinar focused on the coronavirus and its impact on our societies. During the discussion, **Karen Melchior** (Denmark), MEP from Radikale Venstre (LI full member), speakers **Gyde Jensen** (Germany), MP for **FDP** (LI full member) and Chair of the Bundestag Committee for Human Rights and **David Kaye** (USA), **United Nations'** Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Opinion and Expression will share their perspectives on this timely topic.

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Adapting food systems to feeding the future: A Liberal perspective by CJC member



Climate change has a negative effect on crop and food production through higher temperatures, elevated CO2 concentration, precipitation changes, increased weeds, pests and disease. Overall food systems – from production to processing to retail - are severely affected by climate change. Read more on the topic in article written by LI CJC member and member of Llibertat i Democràcia (LI Full member) **Susanna Rivero Baughman**.

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Coming up: Online roundtable on Women, Power and the Pandemic: A Liberal Roundtable



Liberal International, in cooperation with the **Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe** (ALDE Party), the **Africa Liberal Network** (ALN), the **Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats** (CALD), and the **International Federation of Liberal Youth** (IFLRY) would like to invite you to participate in our event **Women, Power and the Pandemic: A Liberal Roundtable**.

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VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS



LibDems (UK) launches campaign to improve mental health support for medical workers

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Webinar: *How do we salvage incomes and get South Africa safely back to work?* by the **DA**

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LYMEC organises Digital assembly on **Saturday 13 June 2020**

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"Disinformation Against Ukraine and the EU in Times of the COVID-19 Pandemic"-webinar by.

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Tune into the fifth episode of **MENA on the map**, this time featuring **Dr. Fadia Kiwan**

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IFLRY Webinar: *Youth Perspectives on Climate Refugees & Migrants*. Sunday, June 7th at 7pm CET. Stay tuned to IFLRY's twitter for the registration link.

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HOW OUR MEMBERS ARE FIGHTING COVID

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TWEET OF THE WEEK



On Sunday 17th, the world joined together to support LGBTQ+ rights

This week's tweet comes from the President of Taiwan, Tsai Ing-Wen

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

REPUTABLE SITES FOR COVID-19 INFORMATION

With the rise of Fake News and Disinformation, 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 & Disinfo and contain this pandemic.

If you want to find out more information on data and statistics, please also click the links below.

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(WHO)**

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