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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Racism, and arbitrary discrimination of any kind, is unacceptable and cannot be tolerated in a modern democratic state. Liberals have always fought for the respect of human rights and the inclusion of equality as a basic principle in governance models and I therefore call on my fellow liberals to once again make their voices heard on this issue.

Dr Hakima el Haité
President of Liberal International

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Is there space for entrepreneurship and youth employment in the economic recovery plans?

LI President Hakima El Haité discusses the economic dynamics in the north African region as well as the importance of entrepreneurship and youth engagement in the post-crisis economic relaunch



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Can Digital Social Innovation Work In Sub-Saharan Africa?

Liberal International together with **African Liberal Network**, **Council of Liberal Asians** and **FNF Africa** hosted a webinar with Taiwan's digital minister, **Audrey Tang**, as she shared lessons from Taiwan's successful pandemic response.

Read more on Taiwan's successful response to the Pandemic and how Taiwan can help on the "[Taiwan can help](#)"-website



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DID YOU MISS IT?

LI, ALDE Party, ALN, CALD & IFLRY hosted the webinar: "Women, Power and the Pandemic: A Liberal Roundtable"

Is Covid-19 just another barrier for female political candidates to overcome?

Is this crisis in fact showing once and for all that female leadership is more effective than male leadership?

Remarks by speakers: **Claudine Kishkek, Nereah Amondi Oketch, Emma Murphy & Emily Lau**



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ARTICLES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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BUREAU IN ACTION

LI Bureau Statement: Time is running out to save Hong Kong



The bureau of **Liberal International** condemns the Chinese government's intention to impose a so-called 'national security law' on Hong Kong – a precursor to direct rule from Beijing – in contradiction to the terms set out in the 1997 handover agreement. The bureau calls on governments around the world to demonstrate similar resolve in defending Hong Kong and resisting further aggression from China.

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The Pandemic Dilemma: Recession or Contagion?



Liberal International Bureau members **Prof. Karl-Heinz Paqué**, **Hans van Baalen**, and **Abir Al-Sahlani** participated in webinar organized by the **Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD)**, in close cooperation with the **ALDE Party** and **FNF Korea**. The Webinar will address the considerations should countries take into account to prevent a second wave of coronavirus outbreak as they reopen their economy.

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LI Honorary President Alderdice moderates webinar on post-covid challenges



LI President of Honour **Lord John Alderdice** moderated the online event *Our shared future in the wake of a global pandemic: Impact on economic, social and environmental divides* organized by the Victoria forum. The discussion evolved around globalization and the economy in a post-pandemic world and what COVID-19 is revealing about the extent to which we are connected or divided.

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The government should listen to the MP's, says LI VP Sittheeamorn



Vice President of the Liberal International Bureau **Kiat Sittheeamorn** participate in talk with Thai PBS World, around the future of the Thai economy. Mr. Sittheeamorn also points out that the MP's are currently bringing forward important views and recommendations that can be used in practice and that the Government should pay attention to.

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

The free press is essential to managing pandemics and societies



The onset of the COVID19 crisis, and more recently the massive protests against discriminatory police violence in the United States, have caused a worrying escalation of a trend which was already underway. Authorities across the world have stepped up their attacks on journalists and the free press, undermining the very foundations of well-functioning societies.

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COVID-19: an opportunity for a values based & low-carbon future



For the first time in history, a global crisis has forced the confinement of 3 billion people, stopped 300 million children from attending school, and caused millions to lose their jobs across the world in record time. The damage, however, is amplified when we think of tomorrow's world; how we manage our exit from this crisis will determine how much we are impacted by the drastic losses we have suffered.

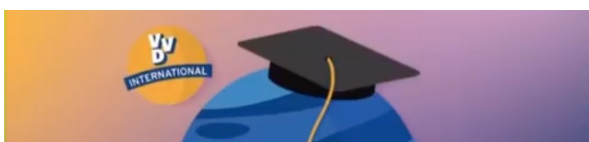
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REMINDER: DEADLINE APPROACHING



Join us in strengthening and promoting women in politics through ensuring that your party participates in our Women in Political Parties Index (WIPPI). All international officers have received an e-mail in the beginning of March with instructions for completing the survey. To calculate each party's score requires three different people to fill in the survey before **9 June 2020**.

Learn from one of the best: Dutch governing party shares best practice training with LI members



The **VVD International 101 Academy** is open to any LI member who wants to learn more about building a personal campaign, liberalism, coalition management, intercultural communication, social media management, debate and campaigning. Please click [here](#) for more



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VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS



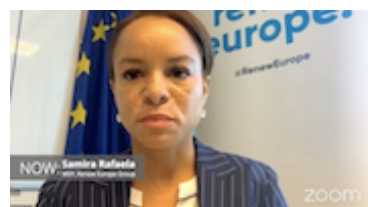
IFLRY Webinar: Youth Perspectives on Climate Refugees & Migrants.

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ELF: Liberties in Lockdown – Back to what future: Work and COVID-19

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Women and the COVID-19 crisis - Online Webinar by Renew Europe

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Lymec Online Assembly - Registration is still open until Friday 5 June.

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DA leader speaks on webinar: *The Role of Opposition and Alternative Policy for South Africa's Economic Recovery*

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FNF Presents: China new digital currency webinar on Tuesday 9 June

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HOW OUR MEMBERS ARE FIGHTING COVID

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Joint statement by the RLA & FNF calling for the release of the Honorable Soumaila Cissé

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MENA on the map - session with
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TWEET OF THE WEEK



This month, we celebrate pride month. Let us not forget to defend equal rights for all.

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Make sure you follow Liberal International on social media.



DID YOU CATCH OUR PAST COMMUNICATIONS?

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.

World Health Organization (WHO)

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International Committee of the Red Cross

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Doctors Without Borders

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- [Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe \(ALDE Party\)](#)
- [Arab Liberal Federation \(ALF\)](#)
- [Council of Asian Liberals & Democrats \(CALD\)](#)
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