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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



“As I have said from the beginning of this crisis, in disaster there is always an opportunity to recover stronger and wiser than we were.”

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Dr Hakima el Haité
President of Liberal International



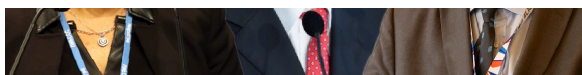
LI President joins voices with Renew Europe & ALDE Party President's in condemning Poland's withdrawal from EU treaty

LI president Dr. **Hakima el Haité** together with Renew Europe President **Dacian Cioloş** & ALDE Party president and LI President of Honour **Hans van Baalen** speak out against Poland's decision to withdraw from



the Istanbul Convention.

ALDE Party has launched a petition - click the button to add your name and show your support.



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'The human rights of millions are now threatened', El Haité tells UN high commissioner

LI president Dr. **Hakima el Haité** has written to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, HE. **Michelle Bachelet**, to call for urgent intervention regarding the enforcement of Philippines' President **Rodrigo Duterte's** so-called 'anti-terror' law.



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BUREAU IN ACTION

Climate & rule of law engrained elements for EU budget spending [LI-FNF global campaign research reveals interesting stats on disinformation](#)



LI President, Dr **Hakima el Haité** and LI President of Honour, **Hans van Baalen**, congratulate & EU Council President **Charles Michel** on delivering not just for Europe but for the international community with this EU budget. For the first time, climate objectives & respect for the rule of law are now engrained elements for budget spending of EU member states. [View our #WhatLiberalsThink series and share our tweet](#)

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Bill Gates, Chinese bio-weapons or 5G networks: disinformation surrounding the coronavirus permeates societies around the world, as a global study conducted by the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom shows. Dr **Hakima el Haité**, President of Liberal International, and Prof. **Karl-Heinz Paqué**, Deputy President of Liberal International, declare the following statement.

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Technological innovations & competitive business models - Southern Cone success in agriculture



'Tanzania: civic space must be respected', LI vice president Thors





LI Vice President **Robert Woodthorpe Browne** moderated a webinar hosted by the Paddy Ashdown Forum, European Liberal Forum, GPS & RELIAL on "Sustainability of Agricultural Systems in the Southern Cone Countries"

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LI vice president & LI Human Rights Committee Chair, **Astrid Thors**, has expressed concern over the crackdown on civic spaces in Tanzania. UN human rights experts have also called on the Tanzanian government to end the suppression on freedoms of expression, peaceful assembly and association.

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FIGHTING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND CLIMATE JUSTICE

"New normal" must not sacrifice democracy and human rights



As the spread of the coronavirus shows few signs of slowing down and people increasingly settle into what is becoming known as the "new normal", it is important to remain vigilant against the measures remaining in place or even being reinstated to control the virus spread.

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Climate justice principles should be central in climate finance



The 2015 Paris Agreement was an auspicious moment for climate finance - a pledge to mobilise US\$100 billion per year by 2020 in "new and additional" funds to help developing countries avoid, or at least adapt to, the worst effects of climate change.

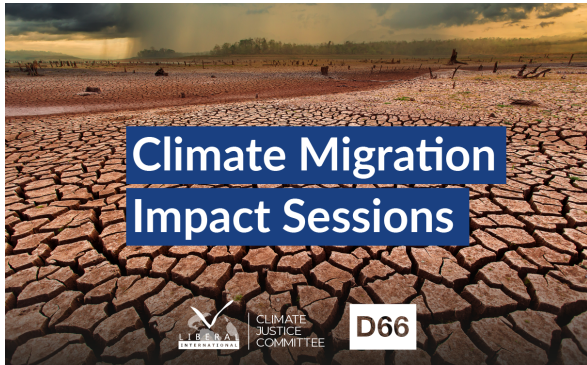
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LI HRC Report 2019

"Our response as liberals must be to working together around the world, across borders. What we do in one country has consequences in others." - LI HRC Chair **Astrid Thors**.

Read the report to find out more about the activities undertaken by the committee during 2019!



Climate Justice Impact Sessions - register now

Liberal International, in partnership with D66 (LI full member, the Netherlands), is pleased to invite you to nominate candidates for an upcoming series of expert webinars as part of our **Climate Justice Impact Sessions Project**.

Nominate your participants for this initiative.

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VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS



CALD: Is Hong Kong's Present Going to be Asia's Future?

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FNF Africa: Do you have an idea the world should know about? APPLY to present that idea today.

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IFLRY: Learning about Civic Spaces — Online?!

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POLITICAL UPDATES FROM THE REGIONS

AFRICA

PPP Ghana elects new Chairman, Nana Ofori Owusu

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AMERICAS

FNF Mexico holds webinar: Women in Civil Society

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ASIA

CALD Chairperson Pangilinan: end impunity campaign against CNRP

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EUROPE

Pro-EU coalition set to win parliamentary vote in North Macedonia

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Economic Priorities Post-Covid in Morocco

TWEET OF THE WEEK



Oxford Council approves motion to twin with a Taiwanese municipality.

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POLITICS ONLINE

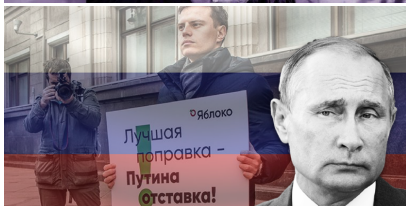
In case you missed our social media activity for the month, here are a few of our political positions you can get behind - share, like and retweet.



[Protect Press Freedom in Hungary](#)



[How do you ID & fight disinformation?](#)



[Liberals continue the fight for Democracy & Human Rights in Russia](#)

Amadou Gon Coulibaly
Prime Minister of Côte d'Ivoire



[Condolences on Ivorian Prime Minister Coulibaly's passing](#)



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[LI bureau condemns China's demolition of 'one-country-two systems' firewall](#)

DID YOU CATCH OUR PAST COMMUNICATIONS?

Since the pandemic hit LI, together with our members, has been outspoken about the issues related to COVID and offered new ideas and approaches.

You can find our previously published newsletters here:

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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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LI'S REGIONAL NETWORKS

- [Africa Liberal Network \(ALN\)](#)
- [Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe \(ALDE Party\)](#)
- [Arab Liberal Federation \(ALF\)](#)
- [Council of Asian Liberals & Democrats \(CALD\)](#)
- [Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom \(FNF\)](#)
- [Red Liberal de América Latina \(Relial\)](#)

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