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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

> “As we emerge from the global pandemic, we must take this take this opportunity to ask ourselves what sort of world we want to rebuild, as liberals.”

READ LETTER

Dr Hakima el Haité
President of Liberal International

IWD: How your participation leads to a better world

For International Women's Day, LI President **Dr Hakima el Haité** urged for global involvement, in which participation is crucial for building, strengthening, and realising a harmonious world.

Dr. Hakima el Haité

READ IWD 2021 LETTER

Curbing populism with lessons from Liberalism

Discussing why liberalism is the best solution to stop populism in its tracks, LI President **Dr Hakima Elhaité** participated virtually with the **l'Institut Prospective et Sécurité de L'Europe** (IPSE) & **Le Nouveau Centre** to share her views and ideas on how the francophone world can use liberalism to fight back populism, which has plagued the political spectrum.

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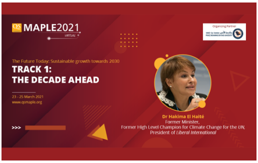
"Education is the beating heart of a nation", LI President at prestigious Maple Forum

Quality education, embracing transformation and innovative technology was the focus of LI President Dr **Hakima el Haité's** intervention when she addressed the esteemed QS MAPLE 2021 virtual conference and exhibition on Tuesday, 23 March 2021.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Dr Hakima El Haité
Former Minister,
Former High Level Champion for Climate Change for the UN,
President of Liberal International

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"The world is borderless, and humanity is a community with a shared future." - says LI President to Scottish Lib Dems

President of LI **Dr Hakima el Haité** shared her message of encouragement and best wishes of success to the Scottish Liberal Democrats as they held their virtual spring conference, on 5-6 March, ahead of the Parliamentary Elections later this year.

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LI President to MRF, "has grown into a party that ... uplifts the whole of Bulgaria"

As Bulgarians head to the polls on 4 April, President of LI **Dr Hakima el Haité** shared her message of support and best wishes of success to the Movement for Rights and Freedoms (MRF).

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Dr Hakima el Haité
President of Liberal International
Скъпи приятели от Движението за права и свободи в България,

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The latest prohibition on freedom in Guinea at the hands of Alpha Condé

LI President, **Dr Hakima El Haité** condemned the violations of former Prime Minister for Guinea and LI Vice President **Cellou Dalein Diallo** liberty, as he was restricted from leaving Guinea to pay his respects for the late Prime Minister of Ivory Coast, **Hamed Bakayoko**.

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Triple win for Dutch liberals after elections

The Netherlands saw LI member parties **VVD** and **D66** progress in the 2021 General Election. The **Mark Rutte** led VVD gained an extra seat, securing first place, while **Sigrid Kaag**'s D66 came number two with winning 5 more seats in the parliament. On top of the liberal landslide election win, LI President of Honour and Alde Party President **Hans van Baalen** was appointed to the Advisory Council on International Affairs, where he will advise the Dutch government and parliament on EU integration, security, development and human rights.

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End violence in Myanmar - ASEAN must act

The bureau of Liberal International is horrified by the mass murder of civilians in Myanmar over the weekend (27 March 2021) at the hands of the country's military leadership and condemns the unpicking of modest democratic threads that have started to be sewn in recent years.

STATEMENT ON MYANMAR
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READ STATEMENT

RHDP wins majority in Ivory Coast's parliamentary elections

With numerous parties contesting Cote d'Ivoire's Parliamentary Elections, the global liberal family is pleased to announce a majority of seats for LI member party RHDP. LI President Dr **Hakima el Haité** congratulated Ivory Coast for organising a successful & peaceful election.

RHDP
LA FORCE D'UNE CÔTE D'IVOIRE RASSEMBLÉE
Félicitations
Côte d'Ivoire Parliamentary Elections 20

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

Passing of one of Ivory Coast's most prominent political leaders - In memoriam: Prime Minister Hamed Bakayoko

Prime Minister **Hamed Bakayoko**'s passing is a great loss to liberalism in Ivory Coast and Africa - the global liberal family share our condolences with his family & with the LI member RHDP and President **Alassane Ouattara**.

Hamed Bakayoko
Prime Minister of Côte d'Ivoire
1965 - 2021
RHDP LA FORCE D'UNE CÔTE D'IVOIRE RASSEMBLÉE

SHARE YOUR CONDOLENCES

Remembering Congo-Brazzaville's Liberal Leader Kolelas

Liberal International is deeply saddened to learn of the passing of **Guy-Brice Parfait Kolelas**, leader of LI member party, l'Union des Démocrates Humanistes-YUKI just one day after the presidential election in Congo, Brazzaville.

Guy Brice Parfait Kolelas
Président National de l'Union des Démocrates Humanistes-YUKI
1959 - 2021
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In Memoriam: Guy-Brice Parfait Kolelas

BUREAU IN ACTION

Commitment to dialogue now best chance to end Georgia's political deadlock

In the midst of the deepening political crisis in Georgia and on the same day that the Council of the European Union President **Charles Michel** appointed a mediator for the political deadlock, LI President of Honour and Alde Party President **Hans van Baalen** called for dialogue between parties and to release all political opposition prisoners.

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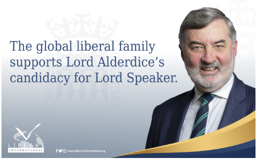
"An evolving & essential feature of the good governance of our country", Lord Alderdice


The global liberal family supports Lord Alderdice's candidacy for Lord Speaker.
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LI President of Honour **Lord John Alderdice** has been nominated by two members of the Cross Benches in the UK House of Lords, to stand in the upcoming election for the new Lord Speaker. Join the global liberal family in showing your support by retweeting and watching the hustings.

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Germany has to learn from Great Britain - Not just when vaccinating

"Turkey must remain a signatory if it truly wishes to build equal societies", says LI VP Thors

HUMAN RIGHTS
DEMOCRACY
A. THORS

LI Deputy President **Prof. Karl-Heinz Paqué**, not only commends Great Britain's vaccine strategy, which to date has resulted in having 50% of adults vaccinated, while Germany has only vaccinated 10% of all adults but also draws on lessons for Germany and Europe to learn from.

READ COLUMN

Turkey's withdrawal from the Istanbul Convention, which was established to protect women from violence, is a huge setback for women's rights in the country. LI Vice Turkey's women suffer from violence and the dec "We are devastated to learn that Turkey has left the Istanbul Convention.", said LI HRC chair **Astrid Thors**.

READ LI HRC REACTION

Nicaraguans battle against a pandemic and an oppressive dictatorship

Ciudadanos por la Libertad

LI Vice President and **Ciudadanos por la Libertad** President, **Kitty Monterrey,** appeared on **RELIAL Red**'s series, 'One year in a pandemic', raising the fact that Nicaraguans are facing two great battles, one against the pandemic and one against the oppressive Sandinista regime, which has resulted in the erosion of citizen's liberties.

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Abir Al-Sahlani, LI VP and MEP, shares what liberals can do to fight racism

Linked to the 2021 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, **LYMEC**'s (ALDE Youth) Working Group on Civil & Minority Rights invited LI Vice President and MEP, **Abir Al-Sahlani**, to elaborate on what measures and policies liberals have taken to tackle racism.

WATCH WEBINAR

LI VP Kiat Sittheeamorn: "No one wants to see a military coup in Myanmar"

Thai PBS
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In his interview with the Thai PBS channel in Thailand, LI Vice President **Kiat Sittheeamorn** explained the development of the ASEAN and the situation in Myanmar, mentioning that even Russia and China are pressing for a solution that the citizens of Myanmar can accept.

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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE MONTH

30 April
Deadline for Annual WIPP Index Survey

30 March - 31 May
LI Prize for Freedom Nomination window

April
Council of Liberal Presidents virtual meeting

2021
Liberal International's 63rd Congress

Deadline approaches: Complete Women in Politics Survey today

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WIPP INDEX
WOMEN IN POLITICAL PARTIES
2021 SURVEY - COMPLETE TODAY

Advocating for women in politics is a mission that Liberal International has undertaken over many years. On 16 Feb 2021, LI opened the 2nd year of the Women in Political Parties Index (WIPP Index) and with this, the global federation takes the next step: empowering member parties to deliver real change.

International Officer’s check your email for the survey link. **Deadline, 30 April 2021.**

COMPLETE TODAY

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

4 April 2021 (confirmed)
Bulgaria, Parliamentary Election

6 May 2021 (confirmed)
United Kingdom, Local Election

6 May 2021 (confirmed)
Wales & Scotland Parliamentary Elections

13 June 2021 (confirmed)
Finland, Local Election

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PRIZE FOR FREEDOM
2021
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations for LI's Freedom Prize now open

This year marks the 38th year that the LI Prize for Freedom will be awarded. Do you know of an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement and promotion of human rights and political freedoms? Submit before the deadline of 31 May 2021.

READ CRITERIA AND NOMINATION PROCESS

Social Media platform should not be used for spreading hate

In this edition of LI & Radikale Venstre's campaign, Liberal Principles of Digitalisation and Human Rights, **Kristian Hegaard MP** stresses the importance of maintaining our social media platforms for opinions and protests, not hate and abuse.

WATCH PRINCIPLE HERE

Calling for exports of democracy to

Cambodia in the EP

In the wake of the recent illiberal and biased mass trials of the opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party, FDP & Renew Europe **MEP Svenja Hahn** addressed the European Parliament plenary session and called the EP to target the HunSen regime and its accomplices, sanctioning their assets and ban them from travelling to the EU.

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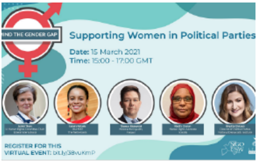
Liberals gather at UN CSW to define solutions for women empowerment


Supporting Women in Political Parties
Date: 15 March 2021
Time: 15:00 - 17:00 GMT
REGISTER FOR THIS VIRTUAL EVENT: bit.ly/38vuKmP

LI's NGO Commission on the Status of Women, gathered liberal experts from around the world, providing answers on how to empower women in political parties. Chaired by LI HRC Chair **Astrid Thors**, the event saw the participation of high-level politicians and human rights defenders.

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Equal access to water helps women to achieve their goals

Taking place on #WorldWaterDay, International Network of Liberal Women board member, LI CJC member & United Nations working group member on climate change, **Ruth Richardson**, raises the issue with access to water from a perspective of equality.

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VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS

Participación
Permanente

In the wake of rewriting the constitution of Chile, LI member party, Partido Liberal de Chile's candidate **Nicolas Freire Castello** believes that the citizens' participation should be permanent when making political decisions.

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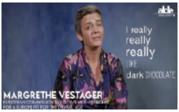
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On World Happiness Day, ALDE Party created a video that spread cheer and positivity on their social media platform with inputs from EU Commissioner's **Margrethe Vestager**, **Didier Reynders**, **Kadri Simson** and the European Commission Vice President **Věra Jourová**.

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President of the Republic of Taiwan, **Tsai Ing-wen**, held a press conference on committing to the values of democracy, freedom & human rights. President Ing-wen ensured Taiwan's cooperation with other countries that share their values for democracy.

VIEW VIDEO

POLITICAL UPDATES FROM THE REGIONS

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Latin America: Opportunities & Lessons Learned by Political Parties

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Grigory Yavlinsky's additions to 'No to Putinism and Populism'

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ALDE Party celebrates 45 years of liberal accomplishments

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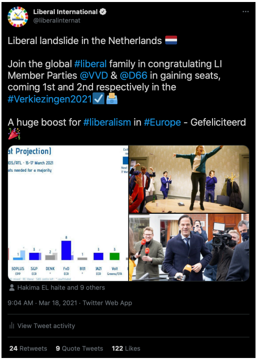

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Liberal landslide in the Netherlands 🇳🇱

Join the global #liberal family in congratulating LI Member Parties @VVD & @D66 in gaining seats, coming 1st and 2nd respectively in the #Verkiezingen2021☑️🗳️

A huge boost for #liberalism in #Europe - Gefeliciteerd 🎉

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Have you congratulated the Dutch liberals on their victory?

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Engage Liberal International on social media.

POLITICS ONLINE

In case you missed our social media activity for the month, get behind our political positions by sharing, liking and retweeting.

"Human Rights violations in China are more relevant than ever... we [European Parliament] need to act with more determination and forcefulness than we have done so far."

– María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos MEP
Renew Europe, Ciudadanos
Spain

#WhatLiberalsThink

China's sanctions against MEPs for defending #Uighur's #humanrights are draconian and global action must be taken to counter blacklisting by China.

FREEDOM
FIGHTS
FAKE

Fake vs Fact! Can you spot misleading news headlines?

Courageous and forcing respect! The leader of the opposition in Congo will continue his fight until the last minute.

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:

VIEW PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

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)

International Committee of the Red Cross

Doctors Without Borders (Médecins Sans Frontières)

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)
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