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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

It is my utmost pleasure to welcome the global liberal family not only to my home country but also my home town - Fès Morocco - for Liberal International's 203rd Executive Committee meeting convened under the theme "Peace and Prosperity Through open Markets – Placing Fair Trade and Strategic Investment at the Core of a Sustainable Future".

In many ways, our liberal values have never been more under threat than they are today. Populist and nationalist movements are a threat in several corners of the world, and it is not only in our interest to counter these movements by empowering liberals and strengthening liberal values – it is our duty.

I am delighted that this Executive Committee will focus on nothing less than fair trade. Free trade has always been one of the fundamental values of liberalism, and the rule-based exchange of goods and services and the free movement of people across national borders has been a boon for prosperity raising global living standards and combatting devastating poverty.

However, the benefits of trade have in some cases been uneven and this has resulted in a political backlash across various polities – not least in the United States which now wages a protectionist trade war against China and actively undermines the global rules-based trade regime.

To successfully counter this backlash, Liberals will need to fight to ensure the provision of equitable access to markets, property, capital, infrastructure, health and education for everyone. This is only achievable, if we as liberals, ensure that free trade is also fair trade.

Liberal friends, I could not be happier about spending this time with you all as we discuss, debate and seek out detailed solutions to the complex challenges being faced by individuals the world over.

Welcome once again to my home town – welcome to Fès!

Best regards,

Hakima el Haité President

MOT DE BIENVENUE DE LA PRÉSIDENTE

Je suis très heureux d'accueillir la famille libérale mondiale, non seulement dans mon pays d'origine mais aussi dans ma ville d'origine - Fès Maroc - à la 203ème réunion du Comité Exécutif de l'Internationale Libérale sur le thème « Paix et prospérité par grâce aux marchés ouverts - Placer un commerce équitable et l'investissement stratégique au cœur d'un avenir durable ».

À bien des égards, nos valeurs libérales n'ont jamais été aussi menacées qu'aujourd'hui. Les mouvements populistes et nationalistes constituent une menace dans plusieurs régions du monde, et il n'est pas seulement dans notre intérêt de contrer ces mouvements en responsabilisant les libéraux et en renforçant les valeurs libérales - c'est notre devoir.

Je suis ravi que ce Comité Exécutif se concentre sur le commerce équitable. Le libre-échange a toujours été l'une des valeurs fondamentales du libéralisme, et l'échange de biens et de services fondé sur des règles et la libre circulation des personnes à travers les frontières nationales ont été un avantage pour la prospérité, pour l'amélioration du niveau de vie mondial et la lutte contre la pauvreté dévastatrice.

Toutefois, les avantages du commerce ont parfois été inégaux, ce qui a provoqué une réaction politique défavorable - notamment aux États-Unis, qui mènent maintenant une guerre commerciale protectionniste contre la Chine et minent activement le régime commercial mondial fondé sur des règles.

Pour réussir à contrer cette réaction brutale, les libéraux devront se battre pour garantir à tous un accès équitable aux marchés, à la propriété, aux capitaux, aux infrastructures, à la santé et à l'éducation. Cela n'est réalisable que si nous, libéraux, veillons à ce que le libre-échange soit aussi un commerce équitable.

Mes amis libéraux, je ne pouvais pas être plus heureux de passer ce temps avec vous tous pendant que nous discutons, débattons et cherchons des solutions détaillées aux défis complexes auxquels sont confrontés les individus du monde entier.

Bienvenue encore une fois dans ma ville natale - bienvenue à Fès!

Sincères salutations,

Hakima el Haité Présidente

SECRETARY-GENERAL'S WELCOME

On behalf of the Liberal International Secretariat, I am thrilled to welcome you to the 203rd Executive Committee in one of Morocco's most beautiful cities – Fès.

Working with the Bureau and based on the feedback from our membership we have put together a two-day programme, which will focus on one of the very cornerstones of liberalism – fair, sustainable and free trade. We are very happy to have the opportunity to highlight this important topic from different liberal perspectives with the fantastic expertise that our experienced speakers will give us.

I am particularly pleased that we will be able to share with you some of the great work that we have been doing on behalf of the membership, such as the Women in Political Parties - WIPP Index, the Democratic Training Academy, the Liberal Parliaments Network (Lib MP) and the Citizens' Climate Pact.

The team is, as always, delighted to work with you and ensure that you have the best Executive Committee experience possible.

You are all more than welcome to Fès!

Warm regards.

Gordon Mackay Secretary-General

BIENVENUE DU SECRÉTAIRE GÉNÉRAL

Au nom du Secrétariat l'International Libéral, je suis ravi de vous accueillir au 203ème Comité Exécutif dans l'une des plus belles villes du Maroc, Fès.

En collaboration avec le Bureau et sur la base des réactions de nos membres, nous avons élaboré un programme de deux jours, qui se concentrera sur l'une des pierres angulaires du libéralisme: le commerce équitable, durable et libre. Nous sommes très heureux d'avoir l'occasion de mettre en valeur ce sujet important sous différents angles libéraux et de bénéficier de l'excellente expertise que nos conférenciers expérimentés nous apporteront.

Je suis particulièrement heureux que nous puissions partager avec vous certains des excellents travaux que nous avons réalisés pour le compte de nos membres, tels que Femmes dans les Partis Politiques - Index WIPP, l'Académie de Formation Démocratique, le Réseau des Parlementaires Libéraux (Lib MP) et le Pacte des Citoyens pour le Climat.

Comme toujours, l'équipe est ravie de travailler avec vous et de veiller à ce que vous aurez tous la meilleure expérience possible lors de ce Comité Exécutif. Vous êtes tous plus que les bienvenus à Fès!

Sincères salutations,

Gordon Mackay Secrétaire Général



CONCEPT NOTE

Theme: Peace and Prosperity Through Open Markets - Placing Fair Trade and Strategic Investment at the Core of a Sustainable Future

With a few notable exceptions, there is increasing realisation that our economic growth models, our ways of living and working, are rooted in excessive short-termism, and are simply not sustainable. Faced with the already tangible effects of climate change, dwindling global competitiveness, and the pressures of the 'fourth industrial revolution', one of the main goals of the Liberal International is to accelerate the modernisation of our global economic system, making it more sustainable, low-carbon, energy and resource-efficient, in a socially fair manner.

However, the scale of investment required to enable a sustainable transition, or emergence, of markets is so great that it can only be achieved with the broad backing of public and private actors at all levels. This is still far from materialising at the necessary scale. Short-term profits continue to prevail over longer-term interests, placing future jobs, competitiveness and well-being at risk. In line with the ambitious international commitments made by our members at UN level, Liberal International has a responsibility to contribute to a fundamental remodelling of the financial system and supporting members in the creation of real incentives at national and regional level to encourage a large-scale shift in investments and a recalibration of business models towards a more future friendly capital allocation.

Changing the Rules of The Game

Enabling for sustainable development or transition of markets by substantially refocusing economic and financial systems is a must in order to ensure the competitiveness of our industries and drive job creation over the longer term, while continuing to offer a fair, healthy and good-quality living environment. Although investors and bankers have started to steer away from the most carbon intensive assets, they still fail to sufficiently integrate wider sustainability factors into investment and financing decisions. Lack of long-term vision and common definitions and standards mean capital markets remain under-utilised to redistribute funds from unsustainable investments towards future friendly ones.

In a free market system, changing the rules of the game means changing incentives of industries and consumers by offering alternative means of production that are in line with our aspirations for a fair and ever growing market place while also respecting principles of sustainability and human rights.

Liberals Must Get In On The Ground Floor

Reshaping our economic systems to be sustainable is not an endeavour that demands sacrifice from industry leaders; instead, it is an opportunity for growth and an answer to unemployment in both developed and emerging economies. By actively participating in the re-examination of our entire value chain systems, policy makers and industry leaders can lay the foundations for their societies and companies to remain agile in a constantly shifting environment.

Lack of predictability has always negatively affected steady growth, but so does inflexibility. While public finance will play a key role in mobilising and guiding capital, the scale of investment needs is so large that it will inevitably also have to rely on large-scale private sector engagement. Capital markets will have to be mobilised to ensure a substantial re-focusing of investments from high to lower-carbon technologies and to projects that generate higher social impact. Liberals must get in on the ground floor and lead the progressive change of market systems; there is no question of the necessity for change, therefore it is imperative that that change is modelled by liberal values.

Accelerating the Global Response

The dominant systems of production and consumption are showing their cracks, while niche innovations, both technological and social, are disrupting old economic paradigms, diverting jobs away from traditional sectors. All the while, an energy and climate crisis unfolds, the impacts of which are increasingly wide-ranging and observable on ecosystems, the economy and society. Our planet cannot continue to sustain our current lifestyle without major repercussions.

We are aware today of the risks that lie in store for us tomorrow, and we can prevent them. It is a question of political will and of action. We must and we can hand over to future generations a world that is more stable, a healthier planet, fairer societies and more prosperous economies. We must recognise the urgency of shifting towards new, sustainable growth models that combine economic, social and environmental considerations in a holistic way, that respect planetary boundaries and reduce the negative impacts of global warming, while at the same time, making existing infrastructures more resilient and maintaining growth.

The Aim of the 203rd ExCom

The 203rd gathering of global liberals will therefore be focused on discussing the importance of trade in not only securing peace and prosperity but delivering on sustainable future which neither sacrifices prosperity nor human rights protections.

The Programme of the 203rd ExCom

Political Sessions

The political sessions, using a variety of formats, will focus on the following areas and thematics:

- 1. Panel discussion on Free trade, Direct Investment and Integrated Markets in Africa
- 2. Round table interactive capacitation session on Implementing the Paris Agreement
- 3. Panel discussion on Human Rights in Free Trade Agreements: Important Tool or Legal Inflation?

Constitutional Reform Session

Global liberals will also meet to finalise our organisations renewal by finalising our discussions on LI's constitutional amendments.

Member Services

Alongside our political sessions LI will launch a number of its new member services including:

- The Women In Political Parties Index (#WIPPindex) & Handbook aimed at assisting political parties in diversifying their leadership;
- The Liberal International Democrat Training Academy (#LIDTA), in partnership with VVD
- The LI's Citizens Climate Pact a response by liberals in support of the global citizens movement for climate justice.
- The Global Communications Initiative (#GCI), to combat fake news and defend the democratic space, in partnership with FNF;

With a very full programme politically and administratively – we look forward to welcoming you to the next 203rd ExCom hosted by the world's most active and dedicated political international – Liberal International!

NOTE CONCEPTUELLE

Thème: Paix et prospérité grâce à des marchés ouverts - Placer le commerce équitable et les investissements stratégiques au cœur d'un avenir durable

Sauf quelques exceptions notables, nous réalisons de plus en plus que nos modèles de croissance économique, nos modes de vie et de travail sont enracinés dans une myopie excessive et ne sont tout simplement pas durables. Face aux effets déjà tangibles du changement climatique, à la baisse de la compétitivité mondiale et aux pressions de la "quatrième révolution industrielle", l'un des principaux objectifs de l'Internationale Libérale est d'accélérer la modernisation de notre système économique mondial, en le rendant plus durable, faible en émissions carbone, économe en énergie et en ressources, tout en assurant que ce soit réalisé d'une manière socialement équitable.

Toutefois, l'ampleur des investissements requis pour permettre une transition ou une émergence durable des marchés est telle qu'elle ne peut être atteinte qu'avec le soutien des acteurs publics et privés à tous les niveaux. Ceci est encore loin de se concrétiser à l'échelle nécessaire. Les bénéfices à court terme continuent de prévaloir sur les intérêts à long terme, mettant en péril les emplois, la compétitivité et le bien-être futurs. Conformément aux engagements internationaux ambitieux pris par nos membres au niveau des Nations Unies, l'Internationale libérale a la responsabilité de contribuer à un remodelage fondamental du système financier et d'aider nos membres à créer de véritables incitations aux niveaux national et régional afin d'encourager une stratégie à grande échelle qui réoriente les investissements et nos modèles commerciaux vers une allocation de capital favorisant un avenir durable.

Changer les règles du jeu

Permettre le développement durable ou la transition des marchés en recentrant concrètement les systèmes économiques et financiers est indispensable pour assurer la compétitivité de nos industries et stimuler la création d'emplois à long terme, tout en continuant à offrir un cadre de vie équitable, sain et de qualité. Bien que les investisseurs et les banquiers aient commencé à s'éloigner des projets les plus lourds en carbone, ils ne parviennent toujours pas à intégrer suffisamment les facteurs de durabilité plus larges dans les décisions d'investissement et de financement. L'absence de vision à long terme, de définitions et de normes communes signifie que les marchés des capitaux restent sous-utilisés pour la redistribution des fonds provenant d'investissements non durables vers l'environnement.

Dans un système de marché libre, changer les règles du jeu signifie changer les incitations des industries et des consommateurs en proposant des moyens de production alternatifs qui répondent à nos aspirations d'un marché en croissance juste et constante, tout en respectant les principes de durabilité et de respect des droits de l'homme.

Une opportunité pour les libéraux

Remodeler nos systèmes économiques pour qu'ils soient durables n'est pas un effort qui exige des sacrifices des patrons de l'industrie; c'est au contraire une opportunité de croissance et une réponse au chômage dans les économies développées et émergentes. En participant activement au réexamen de l'ensemble de nos systèmes de chaîne de valeur, les législateurs et les chefs de l'industrie peuvent former les bases permettant à leurs sociétés et à leurs entreprises de rester agiles dans un environnement en constante évolution.

Le manque de prévisibilité a toujours affecté négativement la croissance régulière, mais également trop de rigidité. Alors que les finances publiques joueront un rôle clé dans la mobilisation et l'orientation des capitaux, l'ampleur des besoins en investissements est telle qu'elle devra inévitablement aussi compter sur un engagement important du secteur privé. Les marchés des capitaux devront être mobilisés pour permettre une réorientation substantielle des investissements allant des technologies à haute teneur en carbone vers ceux à faibles émissions de carbone et à des projets générant un impact social plus important. Les libéraux ont l'occasion de diriger le changement progressif des systèmes de marché; il n'est plus question de la nécessité d'un changement, il est donc impératif que ce changement soit modelé par les valeurs libérales.

Accélérer la réponse globale

Les systèmes de production et de consommation dominants montrent leurs faiblesses, tandis que les innovations de niche, à la fois technologiques et sociales, bouleversent les vieux paradigmes économiques et détournent les emplois des secteurs traditionnels. Pendant ce temps, une crise énergétique et climatique se développe, dont les impacts sont de plus en plus vastes et observables sur les écosystèmes, l'économie et la société. Notre planète ne peut continuer à maintenir notre mode de vie actuel sans répercussions majeures.

Nous sommes conscients aujourd'hui des risques qui nous attendent demain et nous pouvons les prévenir; c'est une question de volonté politique et d'action. Nous devons et pouvons donner aux générations futures un monde plus stable, une planète plus saine, des sociétés plus justes et des économies plus prospères. Nous devons reconnaître l'urgence de passer à de nouveaux modèles de croissance durable combinant des considérations économiques, sociales et environnementales de manière globale, qui respectent les frontières planétaires et réduisent les impacts négatifs du réchauffement planétaire, tout en renforçant la résilience des infrastructures existantes et en maintenant la croissance.

Le but du 203ème Comité exécutif

La 203ème assemblée des libéraux mondiaux se concentrera sur l'importance du commerce non seulement pour assurer la paix et la prospérité, mais également pour un avenir durable qui ne sacrifie ni la prospérité ni la protection des droits de l'homme.

Le programme du 203ème Comité exécutif

Sessions politiques

Les sessions politiques, utilisant une variété de formats, se concentreront sur les domaines et les thématiques suivants:

- 1. Table ronde sur le libre-échange, les investissements directs et les marchés intégrés en Afrique
- 2. Table ronde interactive de renforcement des capacités sur la mise en œuvre de l'accord de Paris
- 3. Table ronde sur les droits de l'homme dans les accords de libre-échange: outil important ou inflation légale?

Séance de réforme constitutionnelle

Les libéraux mondiaux se réuniront également pour finaliser le renouvellement de nos organisations en finalisant nos discussions sur les amendements constitutionnels de LI.

Services aux membres

Parallèlement à nos sessions politiques, LI lancera un certain nombre de ses nouveaux services aux membres, notamment:

- L'index des femmes dans les partis politiques (#WIPPindex) & Handbook vise à aider les partis politiques à diversifier leurs dirigeants;
- L'Académie de formation des démocrates (#LIDTA), en partenariat avec le VVD
- Le pacte des citoyens pour le climat de LI une réponse des libéraux pour soutenir le mouvement mondial des citoyens pour la justice climatique.
- L'Initiative de Communications Global (#GCI), pour lutter contre les fausses informations et défendre l'espace démocratique, en partenariat avec FNF;

Avec un programme très complet sur les plans politique et administratif, nous sommes impatients de vous accueillir à la prochaine 203e Réunion du Comité exécutif organisée par l'internationale politique la plus active et la plus dévouée au monde, l'Internationale Libérale!

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PROGRAMME

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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

All events will take place at the Hôtel Palais Medina & SPA Fès unless otherwise stated

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Thursday, 21 November 2019

TIME	SESSION	VENUE
All Day	Delegates Arrive	
11:00 – 12:00	Press Conference	Mederssa Room
13:00 – 17:00	Bureau Meeting (by invitation only)	Amber Room
17:00 – 19:00	Registration	Foyer at Hotel
19:00 – 21:00	Welcome Reception Welcome Remarks: - Dr Hakima el Haité, President, Liberal International	Mederssa Room
	Dinner at own Initiative	

Friday, 22 November 2019

Master of Ceremonies:

- **Mr Mohammed Rherras**, Director of Human Resources, Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports (Morocco)

TIME	SESSION	VENUE
7:00 – 9:00	Registration	Foyer at Hotel
9:00 – 12:00	Party Capacitation & Training Session (in partnership with VVD) "How to Win Elections" Trainers: - Ms Claire Martens – Local council member for Amsterdam & Global Head of HR for Felyx - Mr Barry Hoogezand – Local council member for	Amber Room
	Dronten & Policy Advisor for the Dutch Ministry of Finance	

TIME	SESSION	VENUE
9:00 – 10:00	Declaration & Resolution Session (PLEASE NOTE: Delegates only - no guests will be admitted to this session.) Chair: - Mr Robert Woodthorpe Browne, LI Vice President, Liberal International Rapporteur: - Mr William Townsend, Head of Communications & Political Outreach, Liberal International Speaker: - Prof. Karl-Heinz Paqué, Deputy President, Liberal International	Mederssa Room
10:00 – 12:00	Constitutional Amendments Session (PLEASE NOTE: Delegates only - no guests will be admitted to this session.) Chair: - Mr Robert Woodthorpe Browne, LI Vice President, Liberal International Rapporteur: - Mr William Townsend, Head of Communications & Political Outreach, Liberal International	Mederssa Room
12:10 – 13:00	Welcome Remarks: - Dr Hakima el Haité, President, Liberal International Speakers: - Mr Mohand Laenser, Secretary-General, Mouvement Populaire - Mr Mohammed Sajid, Secretary-General, L'Union Constitutionnelle - Dr Hassan Abbyaba, President, Arab Liberal Federation	Mederssa Room

13:10 – 14:25 **Lunch**

TIME	SESSION	VENUE
14:30 – 16:00	Political Party Capacitation Session 1 (in partnership with FNF) "Combatting Fake News: Co-ordinating a liberal response" Trainers: - Mr Josef Lentsch, Political Entrepreneur and Author - Mr Anders Mertzlufft, FNF Communications Director	Amber Room
14:30 – 16:00	Strengthening the Political Participation of Women: Introducing the WIPP Inclusivity Handbook Chair: - Ms Astrid Thors, LI Vice President, Chairperson of the LI HRC, Liberal International Rapporteur: - Ms Mikaela Hellman, Human Rights Programme Officer, Liberal International - Ms Tamara Dancheva, Consultant for Liberal International International BETA Testing Feedback: - Mr Darren Bergman, Shadow minister foreign affairs, Democratic Alliance, South Africa - Ms Martine van Schoor, International Officer, D66,	Mederssa Room

TIME	SESSION	VENUE
16:15 – 19:30 [18:00 Break]	Executive Committee Administrative Session 1 Chair: - Dr Hakima el Haité, President, Liberal International Rapporteur: - Mr Gordon Mackay, Secretary General, Liberal International Contributors: - Mr Robert Woodthorpe Browne, LI Vice President, Liberal International Apologies for absence - Adoption of Agenda - Minutes of the 202nd Executive Committee Meeting - President's Report - Secretariat Report - Policy Discussions	Mederssa Room
16:45 – 19:30	Climate Justice Committee Administrative Meeting (by invitation only)	Lilas Room
19:30 – 20:00	Transport to Riad Arabesque	
19:30 – 21:00	FNF Dinner (LI Launch of Trade Working Group & announcement of LI partnership with EU-US Chamber of Commerce) Welcome Remarks: - Dr Hakima el Haité, President, Liberal International - Prof. Karl-Heinz Paqué, Deputy President, Liberal International Keynote Speaker: - Mr James Shikwati, Founder & Director of Inter Region Economic Network (IREN)	Riad Arabesque

Saturday 23 November 2019

Master of Ceremonies:

- Mr Hatim Beggar, Professor at Law, Mohammed V University at Souissi, Morocco

TIME	SESSION	VENUE
08:00 – 9:00	Registration	Foyer
08:00 – 11:00	Human Rights Committee Administrative Meeting (by invitation only)	Lilas Room
09:30 – 11:00	Political Session 1: Free Trade, Direct Investment & Integrated Markets in Africa Moderator: - Prof. Karl-Heinz Paqué, Deputy President, Liberal International Panel Speakers: - Mrs Sahar Mechri Kharrat, Professor at IHEC Carthage and Executive Director of the magazine "le Manager" - Ms Sandra Weeser, Member of the German Bundestag for the FDP - Mr Stanislas Zézé, CEO & Chairman of Bloomfield Investment Corporation - Mrs Touria Benlafqih, Founder and CEO of EMPEOPLE	Mederssa Room
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee Break	
11:15– 12:45	Political Session 2: Paris Agreement Capacitation Workshop: How to Drive Impact at the Local Level Speakers: - Mr Mohammed Nbou, Special Advisor to the Secretary General of UCLG Africa Africa Climate Task Force - Mr Josef Lentsch, Political Entrepreneur and Author	Mederssa Room
12:45 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:15 – 18:00	CJC Departs for Excursion (By invitation only)	

TIME	SESSION	VENUE
14:00 – 15:30	Political Session 3: Human Rights in Free Trade Agreements: Important Tool or Legal Inflation? Chair: - Ms Astrid Thors, LI Vice President, Chairperson of the LI HRC, Liberal International Panel Speakers: - Mr Niccolò Rinaldi, EU official & former MEP, Fondazione Einaudi - Ms Urša Pondelek, Senior Political Adviser to Renew Europe on Trade - Prof. Dr. Youseff Tibesse, Professor in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University in Fès	Mederssa Room
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee Break	
15:45 – 17:00	Executive Administrative Session 2 Prize for Freedom Speakers: - Dr Hakima el Haité, President, Liberal International - Ms Astrid Thors, LI Vice President, Chairperson of the LI HRC, Liberal International Rapporteur: - Mr Gordon Mackay, Secretary General, Liberal International	Mederssa Room

TIME **SESSION VENUE Executive Administrative Session 3** (PLEASE NOTE: Delegates only - no guests will be admitted to this session.) Chair: - Dr Hakima el Haité, President, Liberal International Rapporteur: - Mr Gordon Mackay, Secretary General, Liberal International **Contributors:** - Ms Astrid Thors, LI Vice President, Chairperson of the LI HRC, Liberal International - Mr Cellou Dalein Diallo, LI Vice President, Liberal International - Mr Ilhan Kyuchyuk MEP, Vice President of ALDE 17:00 - 19:45 Mederssa Room - Ms Judith Pallarés, LI Treasurer, Liberal International - Mr Kimmo Tiilikainen, LI Climate Justice Chairperson, Liberal International - Mr Kevin Charbel, Climate Justice Programme Officer, Liberal International - Ms Mikaela Hellman, Human Rights Programme Officer, Liberal International **Treasurers Report** Membership Policy Discussions - Voting **Human Rights Report** Climate Justice Report Partnership Announcements a) LI Training Academy [VVD + LI] b) Digitisation & Human Rights [FNF Africa] c) GSMA Political Party Leaders' address Announcement of 63rd Congress of LI

Official Closing & Dinner

Hosted by Mouvement Populaire

20:30 - 22:30

Speakers:

- **Ms Hakima el Haité**, President, Liberal International

 Mr Mohand Laenser, Secretary-General, Mouvement Populaire

Sunday 24 November 2019

TIME	SESSION	VENUE
09:30 - 13:00	HRC Excursion (By invitation only)	Amber Room
All Day	Delegates Depart	

PROGRAMMATIC AGENDAS

CJC Administrative Session Agenda

(By invitation only)

Friday, 22 November 2019

16:45 - 19:30

Lilas Room

- 1. Opening & Introductory Remarks By CJC Chairman
- 2. Review & approval of Standing Orders
- 3. Climate Justice Liberal Principles
- Campaigns: New York Declaration, LI Members' Carbon Footprint, Climate Champions and Criminals, Protecting Environmental Journalists
- 5. CJC public statements proposals
- 6. Discussion of high-level UN Climate Summit meeting results
- 7. COP25
- 8. Legitimising and Growing CJC profile
- 9. AOB

HRC Administrative Meeting Agenda

(By invitation only)

Saturday, 23 November 2019

08:00 - 11:00

Lilas Room

- 1. Introductory Remarks by LI HRC Chair
- 2. Adoption of the Minutes
- 3. Report on LI HRC Activities and Projects
 - 3.1 Report on WIPP Index and Handbook
 - 3.2 Report from Working Group on Closing Democratic Space
 - 3.3 Report on the 141st IPU Assembly
 - 3.4 2020 Geneva Summit for Human Rights and Democracy, 18 February in Geneva
 - 3.5 Conference on digitalisation and human rights with FNF Africa, 7-8 December in Johannesburg
- 4. Discussion on LI HRC Priority Working Areas
 - 4.1 Women's Political Empowerment
 - 4.2 Digital Space and Human Rights
 - 4.3 Defence of Civil and Political Rights/Countering the Shrinking Democratic Space around the World
- 5. Discussion and Approval of Annual Plan of Work
- 6. Discussion on Creating a Digital Platform for the Human Rights Committee
- 7. Regional Reports
- 8. Any other business
 - 8.1. Report on the Ahmadiyya
- 9. Date and place of next meeting

SPEAKERS' PROFILES

MASTER OF CEREMONIES



Mohammed Rherras, Director of Human Resources, Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports (Morocco)

Mohammed Rherras is currently serving as the Secretary of State to the Minister of National Education, Vocational Training, Higher Education and Scientific Research.

Mr. Rherras is furthermore the Director of Human Resources at the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports in Morocco. Mohammed has previously worked as the Programme Coordinator at the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs in Morocco and as the Head of Social Affairs Department in Rabat, Morocco. Mr. Rherras is also the President of the Achbal Al Atlas Association (a Moroccan sustainable development NGO).

Mr. Mohammed Rherras has also spent several years in South Korea, where he has pursued intensive graduate studies. During his time in South Korea, Mr. Rherras did also work as a part-time Programme Coordinator at a Korean International Cooperation Agency.



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Hatim Beggar, Professor at Law, Mohammed V University at Souissi, Morocco

Hatim Beggar is the Professor at Law at the Faculty of Law, Economics and Social Sciences at the Mohammed V University at Souissi.

The Mohammed V University is a nonprofit public institution of higher education and scientific research, located in Rabat, Morocco. With seven training institutions and three research institutes, the University Mohammed V at Souissi covers various areas of education.

Mr. Hatim Beggar is also a member of Mouvement Populaire, one of Liberal International's full member parties in Morocco. Hatim has represented Mouvement Populaire internationally several times. He has, among other things, represented Mouvement Populaire in 2018 in Groningen and Utrecht in the Netherlands, where Liberal International's Human Rights Committee (LI HRC) and Democrats 66 (D66, LI full-member) hosted debates on reconciling religious and non-religious beliefs in multicultural societies.



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PARTY CAPACITATION & TRAINING WORKSHOPS

"How to Win Elections" in partnership with VVD International



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Ms Martens has been a council member on behalf of the Amsterdam VVD and spokesperson for Economic Affairs, Work & Income and Integration since the municipal elections of 2018. She was allowed to participate in the election program for the period 2018-2022 and is also a member of the campaign committee for the party in Amsterdam.

In addition to her work as a council member, she is also responsible for the international HR team of felyx as Global Head of HR, a rapidly growing scale-up in electric partial transport.





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the VVD agriculture committee.



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The last few campaigns he has been a campaign leader and coach for campaigners, the VVD won most of these elections. As trainer he has experiences in Slovenia and Morocco about different aspects of building your local campaign

Mr Hoogezand is member of the city council of Dronten (40.000 inhabitants) and

Barry Hoogezand Local council member for Dronten & Policy Advisor for the Dutch Ministry of Finance



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DECLARATION & RESOLUTION SESSION



Robert Woodthorpe Browne LI Vice President Liberal International

Robert Woodthorpe Browne has a long standing and notable background in the United Kingdom's Liberal Democrats, currently serving as chairman of the party's Federal International Relations Committee. He was re-elected vice-president at LI's 62nd congress in Dakark in 2018.

Mr Woodthorpe Browne has been politically active since 1960, when he joined Liberal Party and he has stood in both national and international elections. His engagement in the field of international liberal cooperation has been extensive: as the former Chairman, now Deputy Chairman and Vice-President, of the British Group of Liberal International as well as Council Member of ELDR (now ALDE

Robert Woodthorpe Browne speaks English, French, Spanish and German, was invested with the UK state honour MBE in 2013. He is a former council member of the Royal Institute for International Affairs (Chatham House) and is master world trader of The Worshipful Company of World Traders.



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@robertwoodthorpebrowne



William Townsend **Head of Communications** Liberal International

William Townsend is head of communication and political outreach for Liberal International (LI), for whom he has worked for five years.

Prior to joining LI, Mr Townsend managed political campaigns for the Liberal Democrats (UK), helping to secure some of the party's best election results at local, national and international levels.

William subsequently worked on other international campaigns, including crossparty initiative ahead of the 2011 presidential election in the Democratic Republic of Congo, before working for the Royal African Society in London.



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Prof. Karl-Heinz Paqué **Deputy President** Liberal International

Professor Karl-Heinz Paqué is the chairman of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom (FNF) and a German academic specialising in economics. He was elected vice-president at LI's 70th-anniversary congress in Andorra in 2017.

Professor Paqué is a member of the German Liberal Party, FDP's, federal executive committee (Bundesvorstand) and in 2014 he was elected vice chairman of the executive board of the German Liberal foundation, FNF. He has served as the Minister of Finance of the state of Saxony-Anhalt (2002-2006) and as the Chairman of the Liberal fraction in the Saxony-Anhalt parliament (2006-2008).

Karl-Heinz Paqué studied economics at the Universities of Saarbrücken, Kiel and British Columbia (Vancouver, Canada). On completing his Ph. D. at the University of Kiel he worked as professor, research director, and department head at the Kiel Institute for the World Economy from 1991 to 1996. Today, he is the Chair of International Economics at the Otto-von-Guericke-University of Magdeburg and Dean of the faculty of economics and management.



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICIAL OPENING



Hakima el Haité President of Liberal International Liberal International

Hakima el Haité, is a Moroccan politician and climate scientist who served as Minister delegate in charge of the environment. As Morocco's Minister of Environment in 2016, Ms El Haité was the host of the United Nations Climate Change Summit, COP22. She was elected president at LI's 62nd congress in Dakar

Holding two PhD's related to the environment and environmental engineering, Dr El Haité was responsible for the enshrining of public environmental policies in Morocco's constitution, ensuring that every public policy has to include a component on sustainable development. In 2016, Hakima el Haité received France's highest order of merit, the Légion d'Honneur, for her national and international commitment to ecological causes.



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Mohand Laenser Secretary-General **Mouvement Populaire**

Mohand Laenser is an experienced Moroccan politician and Minister. Mr. Laenser has previously served as the Minister of Youth and Sports and as the Secretary-General for Mouvement Populaire, one of Liberal International's full member parties in Morocco.

Mohand Laenser has previously served as the Minister of Telecommunications (1981-1992), the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development (2002-2007), the Minister of State (2009-2011), the Minister of the Interior (2012-2013), and as the Minister of Urban and National Planning (2013-2015). Mr. Laenser has furthermore served as a member of the National Council of Mouvement Populaire, as a member of the Political Bureau, and as the President of the Fes-Boulmane region.

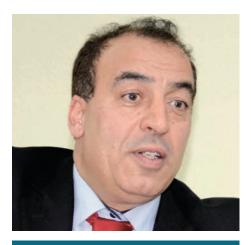
A part from this, Mohand has also represented Morocco at various international congresses and conferences in different fields.



Mohammed Sajid Secretary-General L'Union Constitutionnelle

Mohammed Sajid is a Moroccan politician and the Secretary-General of L'Union Constitutionnelle, one of Liberal International's full member parties in Morocco. Mr. Sajid has served as the Secretary-General since 2015 and is currently serving as the Moroccan Minister of Tourism, Air Transport, Crafts and Social Economy.

Mohammed Sajid has been active in politics since 1993. He has served as the Mayor of Casablanca from 2003 to 2009. He was re-elected as Mayor in 2009 and served until 2015.



Hassan Abbyaba President Arab Liberal Federation

Dr. Hassan Abbyaba is a Moroccan politician who is currently serving as the President of the Arab Liberal Federation (ALF). Dr. Abbyaba was elected as the new President of ALF in 2018, taking over from the former ALF President Dr. Mahmoud al-Alayli.

Hassan Abyaba, has recently also inherited a heavy minister portfolio, bringing together the Department of Youth and Sports as well as that of Culture. As a member of the Political Bureau of the party of L'Union Constitutionnelle (the Constitutional Union), which he is also spokesperson for, he is known in Morocco for his activism and his outspokenness.

Dr. Abyaba is furthermore a teacher at the Faculty of Letters of Ben M'sik in Casablanca. He holds a PhD in geopolitical studies and a national doctorate in human resources, which he won in 2010 at Mohammed V University in Rabat.

PARTY CAPACITATION & TRAINING WORKSHOPS

"Combatting Fake News: Co-ordinating a liberal response" in partnership with FNF





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Anders Mertzlufft
Communications Director
FNF

Anders Mertzlufft is based in Berlin, where he is working as the Head of Communications at the Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung für die Freiheit (FNF).

Mr. Mertzlufft has been the Head of Communications at FNF since June 2018. Before working at FNF, Anders has been the Head of Office and Spokesperson for MP Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger (FDP) at the German Bundestag (2004-2009). He has also worked as the Head of Division, Press and Public Relations Office at the German Federal Ministry of Justice (2009-2013), as a freelance consultant (2014-2016) and as the Director at Hill+Knowlton Strategies (2016-2018).



Josef Lentsch
Political Entrepreneur and Author

Josef Lentsch is Managing Partner of the Innovation in Politics Institute Germany. He has 20 years of experience in political and administrative innovation.

In 2012, he became a co-founder and founding board member of NEOS, Austria's most successful political start-up since WWII. In 2014, he became Founding Director of NEOS Lab, the party's think and do tank.

Previously, he worked as Director International at the Royal Society of Arts in London, and as co-founder and Managing Partner of UNIPORT, Austria's largest careers service for students and graduates.

In 2018, Springer published his book "Political Entrepreneurship". Josef is passionate about designing and prototyping new policies, formats and organisations that can be scaled up to make a real difference for politicians and citizens alike. He holds an MSc in Psychology from the University of Vienna, and an MPA in Public Administration from Harvard University.



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STRENGTHENING THE POLITICAL PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN

Introducing the WIPP Inclusivity Handbook



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Astrid Thors
Chairperson of the LI HRC
Liberal International

Astrid Thors is a lawyer, a Finnish politician and the former Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) High Commissioner on National Minorities (2013-2016). She was elected vice-president at LI's 70th-anniversary congress in Andorra in 2017.

Ms Thors has extensive experience in international politics and human rights. She served parliamentary terms in the European Parliament (1996-20004) and in the Finnish Parliament (2004-2013), where she was the Finnish Minister of Migration and European Affairs (2007-11).

Astrid Thors was vice chair of the Swedish People's Party of Finland (SFP) between 1992 and 2000, and the chair of the youth branch of the party 1981-83. She was also elected vice-president of ELDR (now ALDE) 2011-13.

A lawyer by education, Ms Thors has held numerous high-level positions related to justice and human rights – including the chair of the National Committee of Unicef Finland 2000-05 and the advisor to ministers of justice, defence and European affairs. She has also chaired the Advisory Board on Human Rights of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland and the Refugee Advisory Council.



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Mikaela Hellman Head of the Human Rights Programme Liberal International In her role as the human rights programme officer, Mikaela is working to deliver the priorities of LI's human rights committee. She is driving human rights-related campaigns and coordinating with committee members to achieve LI members' priorities within the field.

For the past two years, Mikaela has been working for the international office of the Swedish Centre Party (Centerpartiet), coordinating the party's international work and its involvement in the ALDE-party and LI as well as its policy development in foreign- and security policy. She is a former intern with the Liberal Democrat International Office and with the Swedish Representation to the Council of Europe.



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Tamara Dancheva Consultant for Liberal International

As International Relations Manager at GSMA (Global System for Mobile Communications Association), Ms Dancheva is responsible for driving efforts to bridge the digital gender gap on behalf of the global mobile industry by promoting & advancing GSMA's engagement with key stakeholders & influencers on an international level.

As a consultant for Liberal International, she has led the development and implementation of the first of its kind political party gender-based inclusivity barometer: a self-assessment tool, which allows political parties to identify challenges and barriers to diversity and inclusivity inside their structures.

Previously, she served as Head of the Human Rights Programme of Liberal International (LI) for 8 years. As the organisation's main human rights expert, she was responsible for driving policy proposals among liberal parties, human rights parliamentary caucuses and relevant international stakeholders in the area of Women's Rights, LGBTI Rights, Responsibility to Protect and Freedom of Belief.

Ms. Dancheva is originally from Sofia, Bulgaria and holds a Master's Degree in Politics and Government in the European Union from the London School of Economics and a Bachelor's Degree in International Business from Rockhurst University, Kansas City, Missouri, USA.



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Darren Bergman **Shadow Minister of Foreign Affairs Democratic Alliance**

Darren Bergman, member of the LI Human Rights Committee, has been in politics since 1999, when he was the youth leader for a region of the Democratic Party in South Africa.

He served in Council since 2000 before going to Parliament in 2014. He currently serves as the Shadow Minister of Foreign Affairs. He previously served as Treasurer for Africa Liberal Network.

Darren Bergman was the Managing Director of Youth Against Crime and has been a policeman, basic life paramedic and a consultant before entering politics.



@darrenbergman



Martine van Schoor **International Officer D66**

Martine van Schoor is the Head of the International Office at D66 (LI full member party). Ms. van Schoor has lived in England, Belgium, the Philippines and Southern Africa, and focused her work on political trainings and campaigns.

In her work at D66, Martine is in charge of co-ordinating international affairs and the International Democratic Initiative Foundation (Stichting IDI). Martine acts as the first point of contact for the association's international contacts with both foreign sister parties and umbrella organisations, such as Liberal International, ALDE, and the European Liberal Forum. Martine has previously worked with marketing, sales and copywriting.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION 1



Gordon Mackay Secretary General Liberal International

Gordon Mackay, the Liberal International Secretary-General is a former Shadow Minister (Energy) and member of South Africa Parliament on behalf of the Democratic Alliance. As of 1 January 2018, Gordon took over as the Secretary General of Liberal International – the global federation of liberal political parties.

Before standing for Parliament, Gordon worked for the United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) in New York in the Office of Emergency Programmes – with a specific focus on peace-building and recovery in post conflict settings.

Prior to working at the United Nations – Gordon was a management consultant for EY focused on complex legislative and regulatory reform World Bank funded technical assistance projects aimed at improving the efficiency, transparency & effectiveness of financial regulation of developing & transitional economies.

Gordon holds a Masters degree in International Studies from the University of London, an Honours degree in Development Economics (cum laude) from the University of Johannesburg, a post-graduate Diploma in Humanitarian Studies (cum laude) from the School of Tropical Medicine, University of Liverpool and professional qualifications in energy economics from the Barcelona Graduate School of Economics.



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Friday, 22 November 2019

19:30 - 21:00

FNF DINNER



James Shikwati
Founder & Director
Inter Region Economic Network (IREN)

James Shikwati is the Founder and Director of Inter Region Economic Network (IREN), a think tank that focuses on and develops ideas and strategies to enhance quality of life for people in Africa. He is also the founder of The African Executive, a leading online business opinion magazine that focuses on African issues. He is the Country Director of Enactus Kenya, a program present in 33 Kenyan universities (Public and Private). Mr Shikwati also runs a series of enterprises and is currently working on establishing an IREN East AfricaTech and Innovation Centre. As a passionate and experienced self-taught Kenyan economist, his main area of focus is development economics in Africa, and he is driven by a firm belief that A Free Human Mind is the Ultimate Capital.

Mr. Shikwati is a fellow at the Robert Bosch Academy, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Aid by Trade Foundation based in Hamburg, and chairs a subcommittee of Kenyan think tanks tasked to evolve innovative policies for the government. He serves on a Pan Africa Select Committee that network African Think Tanks, Research Institutes and Scholars keen to evaluate Africa's engagement with China and other emerging economies. He has authored several books and hundreds of commentaries on public policy, economic development, environment, trade and agriculture. Mr. Shikwati co-edited a book with Prof. Jurgen Runge on "Geological Resources and Good Governance in Sub Saharan Africa" and edited a book on "China-Africa Partnership: The quest for a Win – Win Relationship".

Mr. Shikwati received the Jack Shewmaker Leadership Award in 2015 for his commitment to introducing African youth to entrepreneurial mindset from Enactus U.S.A. He also received the Walter Scheel Prize in 2015 for commitment to International Development Cooperation from Germany. In 2008, he was recognised as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum and in 2007, he was named as one of the 100 most influential Kenyans by the Standard Group Newspaper.



@ShikwatiJames



POLITICAL SESSION 1

Free Trade, Direct Investment & Integrated Markets in Africa



Sahar Mechri Kharrat holds a PhD in Economics from Paris 1 Sorbonne University. She teaches microeconomics of uncertainty and macroeconomics at IHEC Carthage.

She is interested in the issues of international trade and the role that governance can play in developing countries. In addition, Sahar Mechri Kharrat is the executive director of the magazine "Le Manager", a monthly business manager of the leading media group "Promedia". She runs an annual survey on employability of Tunisian universities. She is mainly committed to the issue of women's empowerment and leads the annual Women Entrepreneur Award.

Sahar Mechri Kharrat
Professor at IHEC Carthage & Executive
Director of the magazine "le Manager"



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Sandra Weeser is Member of the German Bundestag for the Free Democrats since 2017 and represents the Federal State of Rhineland-Palatinate.

As a permanent member of the Committee on Economic Affairs and Energy and spokesperson of the Committee, she covers in particular the topics of international trade, multilateral trade agreements and energy networks. In this function, Sandra Weeser has travelled to many countries engaged in trade negotiations with the European Union and Germany, from the US to China, Angola and Botswana, and promotes a rule-based free trade policy within the German Parliament.

Sandra Weeser Member of the German Bundestag for the FDP



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Stanislas Zézé is CEO and Chairman of Bloomfield Investment Corporation, a pan-African rating agency based in Cote d'Ivoire and a branch in Cameroon. He first studied business law in France and then political science and economics in Eastern Michigan, where he graduated with a Master of Public Administration. In the course of his professional career, Stanislas Zézé was Director of Credit Risk at the National Bank of Detroit, then Senior Control and Operations Risk Analyst at the World Bank in Washington.

After he returned to Africa, Zézé worked as Country Risk Officer at the African Development Bank. In 2004, he became Regional Credit Director Shell Oil Africa, responsible for West and Central Africa. Zézé founded Bloomfield Investment Corporation in 2007 and became CEO & Chairman in 2008. Bloomfield Investment Corporation is one of the four rating agencies in Africa. ACLAP magazine recently named Stanislas Zézé one of the top 100 influencers in Cote d'Ivoire.

Stanislas Zézé CEO & Chairman Bloomfield Investment Corporation



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Mrs Touria Benlafgih is founder and CEO of EMPEOPLE since 2016. In this regard, she has lead several projects and consultations in Africa, including in the Office of the First Lady of Liberia in 2018 to launch the Clar Hope Foundation and the "Gender Is My Agenda Campaign" as communications Manager of the Women Africa Solidarity – Senegal.

Prior to that, she was programs' director of Enactus Morocco (a social entrepreneurship organisation for university students) from 2013 to 2016 and member of several civil society organisations in Morocco.

Touria Benlafgih Founder & CEO **EMPEOPLE**



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Saturday, 23 November 2019

11:15-12:45

POLITICAL SESSION 2

Paris Agreement Capacitation Workshop: How to Drive Impact at the Local Level



Special Advisor to the Secretary General of UCLG Africa Africa Climate Task Force. Former Director of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Green Economy at the Ministry of Environment in Morocco.

Through his long career in environments combining the public and private sectors, at the regional, national and international levels, he has developed a detailed knowledge of public policies, strategies and the dynamics of non-state actors. As such, he sits on many international bodies of the United Nations system for climate, sustainable development and capacity building. Since 2016, he has co-chaired the Paris Committee for Capacity Building (PCCB) set up by the Paris Agreement.

He has taken an active role in the Moroccan delegation to the Vice-Presidency of COP21 and the Presidency of COP22

Mohammed Nbou Special Advisor to the Secretary General of UCLG Africa Africa Climate



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POLITICAL SESSION 3

Human Rights in Free Trade Agreements: Important Tool or Legal Inflation?



Niccolò Rinaldi EU official & former MEP Fondazione Einaudi

Mr Niccolò Rinaldi is Head of Unit for Asia, Australia and New Zealand in the European Parliament. He has been working on external affairs, human rights, trade and development issues in the European Parliament in different capacities, from advisory and senior management role to being an elected parliamentarian.

Having served as Vice-President of the ALDE Group and Member of the International Trade Committee at the crucial junction when the Lisbon Treaty vested the European Parliament with the role of co-legislator, he initiated the mechanism of parliamentary scrutiny of trade negotiations, assured the role of rapporteur for several major trade negotiations, and negotiated some crucial pieces of the EU trade legislation. He has always insisted to include binding human rights clauses and sustainable development chapters in trade agreements, as well as to ensure transparency in the EU trade negotiations.

In his earlier experience in the Parliament he has developed a well-rounded profile as advisor in external policies, and later gathered experience in leadership and management, namely ten years at the helm of ELDR/ALDE group as Deputy Secretary-General, where he initiated and set up liberal networks between the European Liberal MEPs and Africa/Caribbean/Pacific MPs (ALDEPAC) and between European and Asian Liberals (ALDECALD).

From 1989 to 1991 he served in the United Nations in Afghanistan, acting as a junior yet the sole UN Information Officer on the ground, in a very sensitive political and security situation.



@NiccoloRinaldi



Urša Pondelek Senior Political Adviser to Renew Europe on Trade

Ms Urša Pondelek has been working in the European Parliament since 2003, first as press advisor, then as policy advisor for the Legal Affairs Committee, and since June 2009 as policy advisor for the International Trade Committee (INTA) and multilateral parliamentary assemblies and delegations. In INTA she mainly follows trade relations and negotiations with third countries, adoption of the EU trade legislation and the role of the EU in multilateral fora. She is seconded to the Renew Europe group.

Before joining the European Parliament Urša Pondelek did a traineeship in the Cabinet of the Finnish Judge at Court of Justice of the European Union in Luxembourg (2003). As a student, she worked at the Slovenian National Television, Foreign Policy Desk, as foreign correspondents' assistant and junior journalist (1999 - 2002).



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Prof. Dr. Youseff Tibesse Professor in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University

Dr. Youseff Tibesse is a Professor at the Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University in Fès. Dr. Tibesse has a PhD in Epistemology and History of Sciences. Youseff is an expert in the human rights field and has been rewarded with several diplomas and certificates, such as a Diploma from the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, a Diploma of T.O.T from the Arab Institute for Human Rights, a Certificate of International Service of Human Rights from Geneva, Switzerland, and a Diploma of Queen Zein Al Sharaf Institute for Development from Amman, Jordan.

Prof. Dr. Youseff Tibesse is also an experienced trainer on human rights, democracy and trade. He has delivered several trainings for the International Academy for Leadership in Gummersbach, Germany, and has a renowned reputation in the Arab world.

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION 3



Cellou Dalein Diallo LI Vice President Liberal International

Cellou Dalein Diallo is the leader & president of UFDG, the official opposition party in Guinea. As a former Prime Minister (2004-06), he has held multiple ministerial positions in which he has successfully implemented political and development programmes in line with liberal values. Mr Diallo is an economist who was first elected vice-president at LI's 70th-anniversary congress in Andorra in 2017.

As a political leader, Diallo passionately believes in human rights, freedom, accountability and social justice. His ethos is built on a platform based on national unity, sustainable development and the promotion of democratic culture in Guinea. Diallo's experience and commitment to liberal values coupled with his political determination will help him reach his goals to make Guinea a country respectful of liberal principles and ideas.

His party, UFDG, was founded in 1991 and became a full member of Liberal International in 2014.



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Ilhan Kyuchyuk MEP Vice President of ALDE Party **MRF**

Ilhan Kyuchyuk is a Bulgarian politician and Member of the Renew Europe Group in the European Parliament. Mr. Kyuchyuk was first elected to the European Parliament in May 2014, as a Member of the European Parliament from the Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE), and re-elected in the European elections in May 2019, as a Member of the Renew Europe Group. He is a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET) and a substitute member of the Committee on Transport and Tourism (TRAN).

In November 2015, Ilhan was elected as the Vice President of the ALDE party and in December 2017 he was re-elected with the highest score among all candidates. He has also served as a member of the Liberal International Human Rights Committee, as a political adviser to the Headquarter of the Movement for Rights and Freedom, as a member of the board of the National Youth Forum. Ilhan has also been the President of MRF's youth organisation, Youth Movement for Rights and Freedoms.



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Judith Pallarés LI Treasurer Liberal International

Judith Pallarés is a member of Liberals d'Andorra and Minister of public function and administrative reform. Her strong commitment to liberalism was first shown in 2003 as a young mother when she was elected to her hometown's Council which paved the foundation for her party's return to the Andorran Parliament in 2015.

Ms Pallarés has a political science degree and extensive training and expertise in project management. This was clearly displayed at the 2017 LI Congress in Andorra, where she was the on-site organiser who led the team of members & volunteers that drove success in the event. Today she is the Minister of Public Services and Administrative Reform in Andorra's coalition government. She was elected as LI Treasurer at the 62nd congress in Dakar in 2018.



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Kimmo Tiilikainen is an experienced Finnish politician. He is currently working as the Secretary of State for the Center Party's Ministerial Group. He has previously been a member of the Finnish Parliament (3302-2019) and served as the Minister of the Environment, Energy and Housing (2017-2019), the Minister of Agriculture and the Environment (2015-2017), the chairperson of the Centre Party's Parliament Group (2011-2015) and the Minister of Environment (2007-2008).

Mr. Tiilikainen is also an organic farmer and forester and has a long-standing personal interest in finding solutions to the challenges of the global climate change.

Kimmo Tiilikainen LI Climate Justice Chairperson Liberal International



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In his role as the climate justice programme, Kevin has been working to deliver the priorities of LI's climate justice committee. He is driving climate justice related campaigns and coordinating with committee members to set out LI members' priorities within the field.

Before joining the LI Secretariat, Kevin has been working in the humanitarian sector in the MENA region, dealing mainly with migration, education and child protection issues. He is a former intern with the ALDE Group human rights committee and with the International Criminal Tribunal for former-Yugoslavia. He was the founder and 1st president of the DCU European Law Students' Association (ELSA) and served as Internal Director for the ELSA Irish National Board.

Kevin Charbel Climate Justice Programme Officer Liberal International



@KevinCharbel



@kevcharbel



Ida-Maria Skytte is the staff intern for the LI Human Rights Programme, sponsored by Svenska Bildningsförbundet (SBF/SFP, Finland). Ida-Maria has been with LI since 2 September 2019, and will finish her 5-month internship on 31 January 2020.

Ida-Maria is the youngest council and board member in her home municipality Korsholm in Finland, where she is representing the Swedish People's Party of Finland. Ida-Maria is an active member of the Swedish People's Party's youth organisation, and has also been active in the European Liberal Youth (LYMEC), and represented LYMEC at the ALDE Party's congress. Ida-Maria is also a Master's student in Psychology, with a mayor in Crisis Psychology.

Ida-Maria Skytte Staff Intern Liberal International



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THE WOMEN IN POLITICAL PARTIES INDEX

DELIVERING GENDER EQUALITY IN POLITICS



One of the Human Rights Committee's priority areas is women's political empowerment. As a part of the work done within this field, LI has created a first of its kind barometer and an associated inclusivity handbook.

The barometer will give all LI member parties the opportunity to measure their parties WIPP Index, i.e. the level of diversity and inclusivity within their party. The parties will then, with the help of the Inclusivity Handbook, have a chance to boost the inclusivity and diversity within their party structures.

The WIPP Index is at the time of writing being tested by six LI member parties. The parties testing the index are from Europe, Asia, and Africa.

After completing the test and receiving their WIPP Index - which will be visible to the concerned party only - these parties will provide feedback on their WIPP Index experience to the LI Secretariat. This feedback, along with more information about the Index and a first presentation of the Inclusivity Handbook, will be shared with the membership at the 203rd Executive Committee meeting in Morocco.

WIPP INDEX - ONLINE SURVEY



THE LI DEMOCRATIC TRAINING ACADEMY

DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF GLOBAL LIBERAL LEADERS



The Democratic Training Academy is Liberal International's dedicated academy for training politically oriented, high potential and talented youth. The Academy is in partnership with LI full member party VVD.

The Academy was launched at LI's 202nd Executive Committee in London. The Democratic Training Academy is divided into four different events spread over fall 2019 till early summer 2020. The first event is taking place during the weekend of 15-17 November. The other three events of the First Liberal Leadership Academy will take place during weekends in January, March and ends early summer 2020.

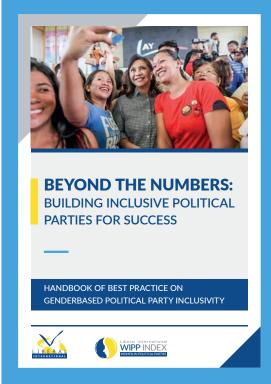
In the first year, the academy will be offering one course broken down into multiple modules, across multiple weekends, wherein a carefully selected group of highly qualified individuals will be trained on different personal and political skills that prepare participants for successful political careers in the 21st century. The Academy's curriculum offers teachings on the most modern and effective political strategies to date, as well as equipping participants with the tools to build on their leadership skills. Internationally recognised expert trainers follow students throughout the process, ensuring the highest quality supervision and development support.

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This reflects the "most up to date list" at the time of printing on 13 November 2019. Delegates & Guests that booked after this date and deadline for printing will not appear on this list. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

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4	Mr.	James Shikwati	Shikuku	Africa	Kenya	Inter Region Economic Network	
-	Ms.	Touria	Benlfquih	Africa	Morocco	EMPEOPLE & Femmes Africa Solidarité	
-	Ms.	Chaimae	Bourjij	Africa	Morocco	FNF	
-	Mr.	El Hadj Omar	Youm	Africa	Senegal	APR / LI Treasurer	
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9	Mr.	Jason	Frazer	Africa	South Africa	Liberal International	
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14	Mr.	Freddy	NEYTS	Europe	Belgium	Open VLD	
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31	Ms.	Sandra	Weeser	Europe	Germany	FDP	
32	Mr.	Olaf	Kellerhoff	Europe	Germany	FNF	
33	Mr.	Sven	Gerst	Europe	Germany	IFLRY	
34	Mr.	Anders	Mertzlufft	Europe	Germany	FNF	
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Information about Fès

Fès is a city in the North of Morocco, and is with its 1.4 million citizens the second largest city in Morocco after Casablanca. Fès was founded already during the 8th – 9th century, and is the home of the oldest continuously functioning university of the world, the University of Al Quaraouiyine, which was founded already in 859. Fès is also the home of a World Heritage Site – the Medina of Fès – which is well worth a visit.

Transport in Fès

The Palais Medina & Spa Hotel does have a shuttle service from the airport to the hotel. We do, however, recommend that you take a taxi instead, since the shuttle service is more expensive than a taxi. The taxi ride from the airport to the hotel takes about 30 minutes, and should cost you about 75 MAD ($7 \le 10^{-2}$).

Within the city, you do normally pass by foot or by taxi. There are two types of taxis in Fès; the red petit taxi and the white grand taxi. The petit taxis all have meters, but a ride can only carry 3 people by law. Petit Taxis can be ordered by calling the following number; +212 61 781 7528.

The grand taxis are often hired for day trips, so they are more difficult to come by, but you may be able to arrange one through the hotel if you desire a day trip out of Fès.

The central train station in Fès is in the Ville Nouvelle, and there are daily trains to all the main destinations in Morocco. The trains are very comfortable, but if you require a train ticket, we recommend that you buy one in advance as especially first class seats often are sold out. You may also reserve tickets on the train station's website or purchase them in person at the local station.

The main bus station is situated outside of Bab el-Mahrouk, and it has services to several destinations in Morocco with daily departures.

Information about Rabat

Rabat is the capital city and the seventh largest city of Morocco. The Moroccan capital has been ranked as one of the top travel destinations of the world, and is one of the fours Imperial cities of Morocco.

Transport from Rabat to Fès

The most convenient way to get to Fès from Rabat is by train. The train ride takes about 3 hours and costs about 140 MAD (£11/13 \in). It is also possible to go from Rabat to Fès by taxi. The taxi ride will be about an hour faster than the train ride, but will cost about 1.400 MAD (£110/128 \in).

If you arrive at the Rabat-Salé Airport and want to take the train to Fès, you will first need to go to Rabat Ville (the train station). The most convenient way to get from the airport to the train station is by taxi.

General Information

Vaccinations

Make sure you are up date with your regular vaccinations which include: measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine, varicella (chickenpox) vaccine, polio vaccine, and your yearly flu shot.

Vaccination against Hepatitis A is recommended for most travellers. Some travellers may also be required to have vaccinations against Hepatitis B and Rabies.

Visa

Citizens of the European Union, as well as the United States, Australia, and several other countries can enter and remain in Morocco visa-free for up to 90 days. To avoid any complications please check if your nationality allows visa-free travel to attend the conference.

Your passport will be checked when you arrive at a Moroccan port or airport to make sure you're allowed to come into the country. It is important that your passport is valid for the whole of your stay.

Weather

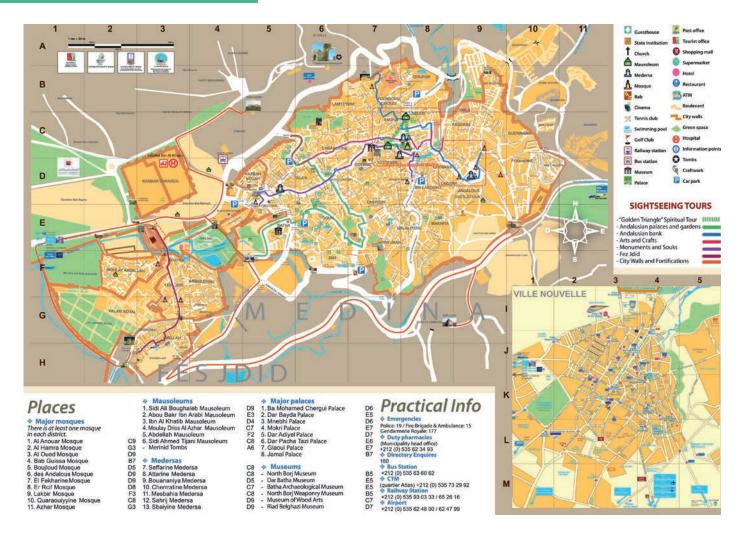
The weather in Morocco in November is usually around 10–20°C (50–68°F). The weather is usually sunny with a gentle breeze, but light rain showers may occur.

Communications

Please check with your service provider about your roaming rates in Morocco.

If your roaming costs are high, we recommend you acquire a Pay-As-You-Go SIM from one of the local providers. Some of the mobile operators include: EE, Orange and T-mobile. The Moroccan country code is +212.

Map of Fès



Gratuity and Tipping

Restaurants and bars: It is customary to leave 10-15% of the bill as tip when eating out. Some restaurants may, however, add on a service charge automatically.

Taxi drivers: It is customary to round up to the nearest 5 dirhams, e.g. if the taxi meter says 17, you should pay 20. It is, however, good to keep in mind that some taxi meters might not work, and it is therefore good to always ask the price or check the meter before the start of your journey.

Tipping hotel staff: In most hotels, a bellboy will offer to carry your bags to your room, and expect a 10 dirham tip for doing so. The hotel maids are often quite poorly paid, so if you are satisfied with the cleanliness of your room, you should leave a decent tip, e.g. would a 100 dirhams tip for a week's stay be highly appreciated by any maid.

Electricity

For Morocco there are two associated power plug and socket types, types C and E. If you need an adapter, you can purchase one at the airport or in a shop in Morocco.

Electricity supplies worldwide can vary from anything between 100V and 240V. As voltage can differ from country to country, you may need to use a voltage converter or transformer whilst in Morocco. You can determine whether you'll need to use a converter or transformer, by looking at the appliance rating plate. A dual voltage rated appliance will display for example 'INPUT: 110-240V' on the body of the appliance or its power supply. This means that you will not need a converter or transformer but just a travel adaptor, because Morocco operates on a 220V supply voltage, which is within the 110-240V range that the dual voltage appliance operates on.





Emergencies

In case of sickness or accident during the conference, the participant should immediately notify a member of the Secretariat of Liberal International. Participants are advised to ensure that they have adequate insurance coverage, either at their own expense or at the expense of their nominating organisation for sickness, accident and third-party risk covering the entire duration of the stay in London. Neither Liberal International, nor the host, accepts responsibility or liability for such contingencies.

If you need to visit a pharmacy in Fès, you can find one at Boulevard Moulay Youssef, which is staffed by both a doctor and a pharmacist, and is open 24/7. You will also find other venues across town. If you should need to visit a hospital, you might want to visit Hôpital Ghassani, which is one of the city's biggest hospitals with doctors that speak several foreign languages.

Emergency Contact Information

Emergency number: 150

Etiquette

We encourage you to respect Morocco's local norms and customs. In practice, this translates into dressing modestly, and avoiding public consumption of alcohol and public inebriation.

