

Defending Liberal Democracy: A Strategic Guide to the Future

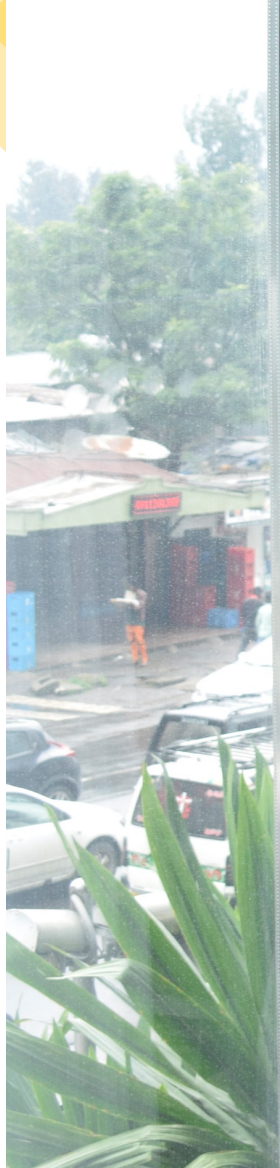


BRIEFING:

Share Africa's thoughts on how liberal democracy can be defended in light of new challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Should Liberals and Democrats in Africa, rethink their priorities and change their strategies in the post-COVID 19 world?

The session is a platform to share guideposts for the future from Africa and the rest of the world



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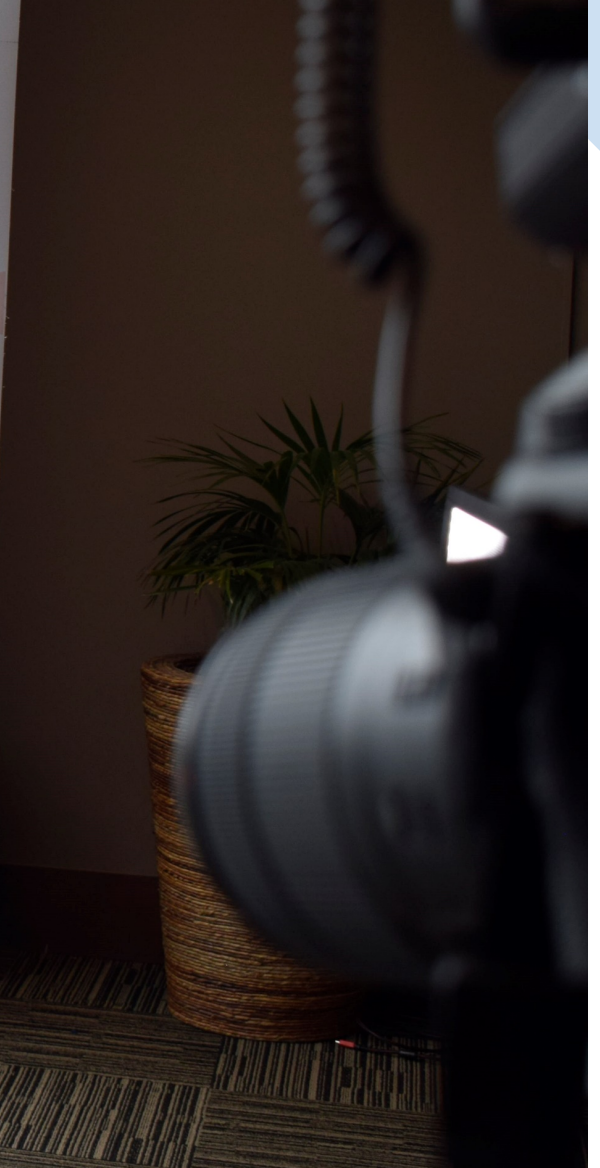
**LIBERAL SOLUTIONS TO
AFRICAN CHALLENGES**

**CAPACITY BUILDING
AND ELECTION SUPPORT**

**REGIONAL NETWORKING
AND BEST PRACTICE SHARING**

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Africa's thoughts on how liberal democracy can be defended in light of new challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic:

The Africa Liberal Network, together with all its 47 member parties, operating in 30 countries on the African continent, exists to protect and uphold:

1. The rule of law,
2. Democratic government, based on free and fair elections with peaceful transition,
3. Human Rights and gender equality,
4. Corrupt free governance and leadership,
5. The establishment of free market economies.

All the above is enshrined in our Africa Liberal Manifesto and our Constitution as a network.

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THE AFRICA LIBERAL NETWORK IS COMMITTED TO EMPOWERING
MEMBER PARTIES WITH THE NECESSARY SUPPORT TO WIN ELECTIONS
AND THEREAFTER GOVERN IN A FAIR AND JUST MANNER.

FRIDAY 19 JUNE 2020

09:30 – 12:30 GMT
11:30 – 14:30 South Africa
11:30 – 14:30 Netherlands

As such, the network supports the defence of liberal democracy through:

1, consolidating the mass mobilisation of like-minded political parties, civil society organisations, advocates of human rights and individuals who are ambassadors of democracy.



Webinar

Women, Power & the Pandemic:

A Liberal Roundtable

4 June 2020
9am (UK TIME)



Claudine Kishkek
IFLRY, Jordan



Emily Lau
CALD, Hong Kong



Emma Murphy
ALDE Party, Ireland



Nereah Amondi Oketch
ALN, Kenya



Hakima el Haite
LI, Morocco - Opening remarks



Jayanthi Balaguru
INLW, Malaysia - Moderator



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2. Capacitating and training member parties, like we have achieved with our strategic partners like VVD, D66, the Liberal Democrats and the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for freedom.





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3. Together, with liberal regional organisations like the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE), the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD), the International Federation of Liberal Youth (IFLRY) and our global federation, Liberal International (LI), the Africa Liberal Network (ALN) jointly coordinated the Liberal Roundtable themed: Women, Power and the Pandemic.

Our efforts culminated to the launch of the Women in Political Parties index and report, compiled by Liberal International and the National Democratic Institute (NDI).

We aim to expand on this milestone, with the support of LI president Dr Hakima el Haite as she has generously committed to supporting Africa, as the lead Ambassador of our Africa Liberal Women Empowerment Programme.



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4. With experts from Africa, our strategic partners and the global liberal family, we are strengthening our constitution and our manifesto, looking at exactly the lessons we have learnt during the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak – top of the agenda being the safeguarding of human rights, access to reliable medical health care and access to credible information and knowledge, through the internet.

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5, Freedom of association, freedom of expression and freedom of the independent media are critical in the defence of liberal democracy. We certainly observed the relevance of these principles in Côte d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Tanzania, Nigeria, Mali and Ethiopia in the most recent few months

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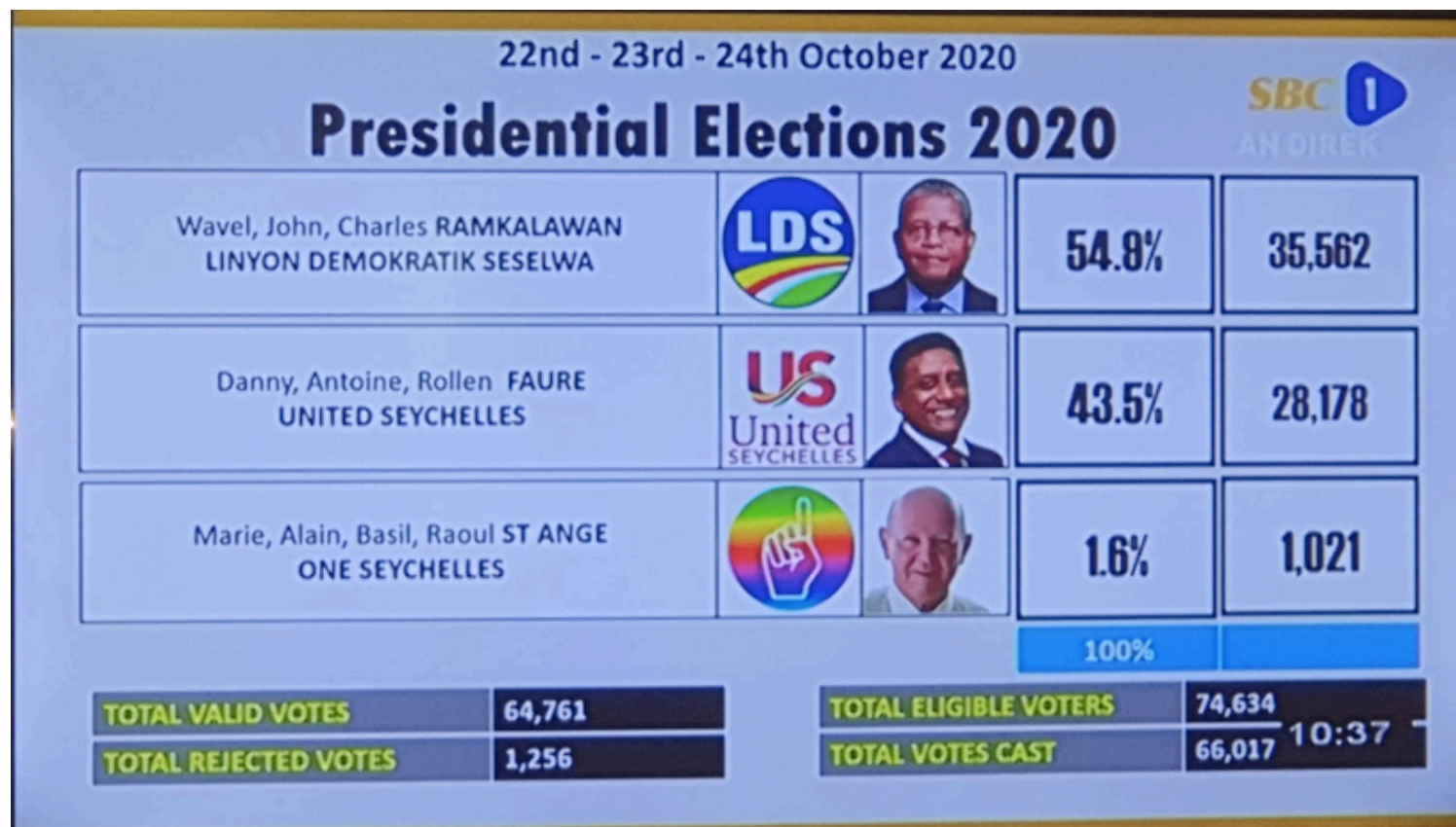


Francis Pangilinan
CALD President



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- Liberals are innovative and progressive. We are the leaders with objective foresight.
- We are clear and on the right path in terms of priorities which are aimed at developing the lives of our citizens and those of our nations.
- We ought to refine our strategies pertaining to totalitarianism, dictatorship, and brutal regimes.
- We ought to consolidate our allies. As such, together with VVD, D66 and the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for freedom, the Africa Liberal Network is preparing to document a handbook, themed: Initiating, Monitoring & Managing Coalition Partners.



We're extremely proud of the most recent victory of our member party and friends from The Seychelles, whom after 6 consecutive campaigns in elections, have secured the governance of the state (with the support of coalition partners) under the capable leadership of President Wavel Ramkalawan

Thank you to platforms like these, arranged by our peers the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD), we are confident of the future of this world, as we collaborate to strengthen democracy with like-minded innovative progressives.

Congratulations to the former CALD president **Hsiao Bi-khim** and to the incumbent president, my dear colleague and peer **Francis “Kiko” Pangilinan** for leading with your Executive Committee and Secretariat, such an exemplary and exuberant network as the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD)



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