

Freedom thinkers

*An event series of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom*

**Helen Zille: South Africa's narrow path between liberal principles and leftist populism**

**Thursday, 6 November 2014**

**19.00–21.00**

Registration: 18:30h

Reception: 20:30–21:00h

Venue: Bibliothèque Solvay, Parc Léopold, Belliardstraat 137, 1040 Brussel

**About the event**

Helen Zille, Leader of the South African Democratic Alliance and Premier of Western Cape Province, has been an outspoken advocate for civil and political rights all her life. In her early days as a political correspondent for Rand Daily Mail, she exposed the cover-up of anti-apartheid activist Steve Biko's death. In her political career as former Mayor of the city of Cape Town and current leader of the Democratic Alliance and Deputy President of Liberal International, Zille continues to challenge the ruling government of President Zuma on a number of issues, from corruption and cronyism to backtracking on much needed economic liberalization reforms. The Democratic Alliance won 22% of votes in the general elections this past May.

In recognition of Zille's lifework in the name of freedom, the liberal politician was awarded the Friedrich Naumann Freedom Prize. Prior to the award ceremony in Frankfurt on 8. November, Zille will speak and answer questions in Brussels.

## *Invitation*

Welcome

**Hans H. Stein**

Director International Political Dialogue  
Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom

Opening Remarks

**Gwendolyn Rutten**

Leader of Open Vlaamse Liberalen en Democraten (Open VLD)

Keynote

**Helen Zille**

Premier of Western Cape Province, Leader of the South African Democratic Alliance, Deputy President of Liberal International

Discussion with

**Angelika Mlinar MEP**

Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

**Gwendolyn Rutten**

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Moderator

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