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**March 08th 2012:Special Encore Presentation: The Next  
Phase of Global Growth: Empowering Women  
Entrepreneurs**

What will spark the next phase of economic growth? As businesses seek an answer, some are betting on emerging economies. Others say entrepreneurs will be the drivers. Still others think women will be the dominant source of expansion. My guests agree - it's all three: the key to sustainable global economic expansion and social progress is empowering women entrepreneurs in emerging economies. But they co-founded organizations that use very different models to make that happen. By providing micro-loans, healthcare and training to poor women, Lynne Patterson's Pro Mujer has helped launch over 200

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#### Ralph Schonenbach

Ralph is the CEO of Trestle Group (Switzerland) and on the Board of Trestle Group Foundation. He has held senior positions with the firms Andersen and Ernst & Young. Over the span of his career, he has established several successful consulting practices with a primary focus in the financial services industry and has advised high-level executives around the world on how to transform the way they manage and deliver services, as well as how to tackle the pressures brought about by resource constraints. Through Trestle Group Foundation, he is passionately involved with providing support to both women and emerging entrepreneurs in developing countries. Ralph frequently speaks at conferences and h

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#### Lynne Patterson

Based in New York City, Lynne serves as a Pro Mujer Ambassador throughout the US and UK and is a key member of the organization's Development and Communications team. In 1990, Lynne moved with her family to Bolivia where she met and partnered with Carmen Velasco to develop training programs for women receiving donated food. These programs, in business and child development, and health and family planning, would later become the foundation for Pro Mujer. From 1996 to 2005, Lynne led Pro Mujer's expansion efforts in Nicaragua, Peru, Mexico and Argentina. She also opened the organization's international headquarters in New York in 1997. Lynne was a finalist for The Guardian's 2010 "Internationa

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