

WOMEN-IN-BUSINESS FORUM NYC



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“Bridging the Gaps – What is Key for Female Leadership”

Thursday, May 21, 2015

6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

**Austrian Consulate General New York
31 East 69th Street
New York, NY 10021**

At the second event of the new series “Women-in-Business Forum NYC”, initiated by the Austrian-, German- and Swiss-American Chambers of Commerce, the podium will be shared by 4 high-caliber female leaders and international policy makers to discuss career perspectives and key elements for female leadership. Do we need public policy and quota for women to stay in and make the game? Is it an equal mix of men and women that create a diverse, yet equal work environment?

The world around female leaders in numbers: Women are 50.8% of the U.S. population. They earn more than 44% of master’s degrees in business and management, including 37% of MBAs. Women are 47% of the U.S. labor force. However, American women still lag behind men in their representation in leadership positions: 14.6 % of executive officers, 8.1% of top earners, and 4.6% of Fortune 500 CEOs. Women hold just 16.9 percent of Fortune 500 board seats. (Source: Center for American Progress, Washington)

Please join us for an evening of inspiring discussions, story sharing and networking opportunities.

Admission

Members of the 3 chambers: free

Non-members: \$35

Please register via office@usaustrianchamber.org and buy your tickets via paypal:

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=X8BYEMRQXUWNY

Space is limited. RSVP is required. Please register online by Monday, May 18, 2015. If you have any further questions, please contact us at (212) 819 0117 or via Email.

Welcome

Waltraud Dennhardt-Herzog
Deputy Consul General
US Austrian Consulate General

Keynote

Kristin Hetle
Director of Strategic Partnerships Division
UN Women

Panel



Martina Hund-Mejean, *Chief Financial Officer*, Mastercard Worldwide

Martina Hund-Mejean is chief financial officer for MasterCard. She is responsible for Corporate and Business finance functions as well as, M&A, Risk Management and Supply Chain. She has been named one of the "100 Most Influential People in Finance" by Treasury & Risk Management magazine three times.



Ripa Rashid, *Author, Managing Director* at Hewlett Consulting Partners and *Senior Vice President* at the Center for Talent Innovation

Ripa Rashid is an internationally recognized expert on gender, global leadership and next generation talent strategies and the coauthor of "Winning the War for Talent in Emerging Markets: Why Women are the Solution" (Harvard Business Press, 2011).



Della Sabessar, *Director, Global Head of Experienced Talent Acquisition*, Credit Suisse

In this role Della Sabessar manages Experienced Recruiting, Internal Mobility, Contractor Services and Onboarding for the bank. Della manages a team of over almost 200 internal and outsourced staff who are focused on finding the best talent for the bank.



Moderator: **Hannelore Veit**

Hannelore Veit is the Washington bureau chief of the Austrian Broadcasting Corporation ORF, Austria's national public broadcaster. She covers political, economic and cultural news in the United States for TV and radio. As a journalist she has covered Central and Eastern Europe, Japan and, now, the United States and is particularly interested in women's issues

20-Minute Speed Workshop

"Get to know your story as a leader – Experience storytelling to help bridge the confidence gap"



Lindy Amos, *Account Director and Senior Coach*, The TAI Group

Lindy is an executive coach and communications consultant with fifteen years' experience advising senior-level executives across a wide range of business segments.

The event will be followed by a wine reception kindly sponsored by the Austrian Consulate General New York.

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