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# Arianna Huffington at the Biennial: Women will lead the revolution



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Some of the most powerful women on the planet offered their views on women and economic prosperity at a Biennial of the Americas breakfast in Denver Thursday.

[Marisa Drew](#), London-based co-head Global Market Solutions for Swiss bank [Credit Suisse](#); [Kathleen Sebelius](#), U.S. secretary of Health and Human Services; and [Arianna Huffington](#), president and editor-in-chief of The Huffington Post Media Group, discussed everything from big-picture changes in the global economy to having the ability to take naps during the work day.

The event, sponsored by the Biennial of the Americas and The Women's



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Foundation of Colorado, was aimed at drawing attention to the changing role of women in a global economy.

Their general message: Guys, you need our help to get things back on track.

Louise Atkinson, president and CEO of The Women's Foundation, kicked off the event with a discussion of organization's "The Status of Girls and Women in Colorado" report.

The report, released in June, provides baseline data to help communities across the state more effectively address the needs and realities of girls and women here.

Drew started the panel discussion citing several sobering mega-trends in the global economy, and how much of the population growth and middle-class growth in emerging markets will drive demand in food, water and energy that isn't sustainable.

"These mega-trends will affect us deeply as we go forward in society," Drew said. "The advanced economies are slow; we're all struggling to grow GDP. As you shift to emerging markets, you see significant increases in consumption."

Sebelius highlighted how getting more women in government leadership positions is shifting the focus on where money is invested in women's and girls' health.

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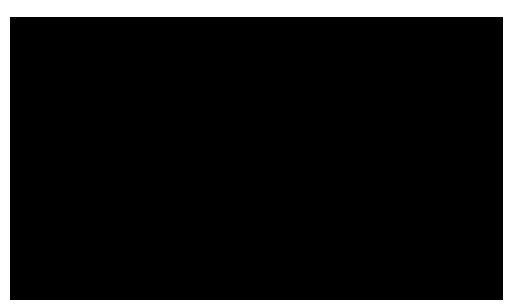
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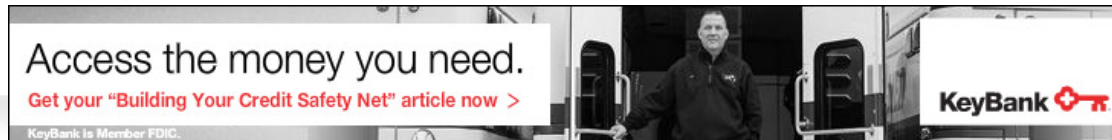
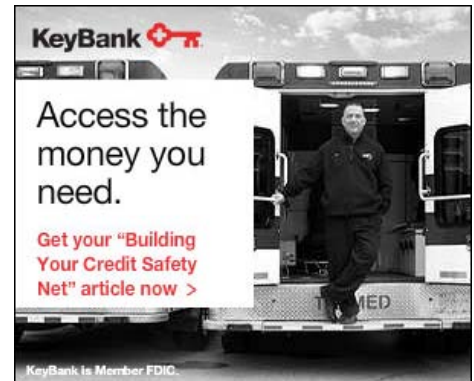
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