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Shawna O'Hearn's career has spanned a range of development, global health, policy and children's rights positions in Canada and around the world, including Nunavut, India, The Gambia, Commonwealth of Dominica and Uganda with organizations including Save the Children, Aga Khan Foundation Canada, Government of Nunavut and the Nova Scotia Gambia Association. Shawna holds a Masters in International Development from Saint Mary's University and a Masters in Occupational Therapy from McMaster University.

She has served on the board of the Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research (CCGHR) and currently chairs a Governance Committee for the Board of Health Promotion Clearinghouse as well as co-chairs the annual Canadian Conference for Global Health. She is part of research teams exploring the competencies required for global health education as well as the integration of social responsibility into higher education international strategic plans. As the Director of Global Health at Dalhousie University, Shawna has led the office to expand the global health framework to local partnerships focusing on social accountability, diversity and equity.