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Most of Dr. Hueston's work focuses on One Health capacity-building, public policy and risk communication with the ultimate goal of creating integrated and harmonized systems for global food security. He has a long history of creating and delivering professional development programs for mid-career government, industry and academic professionals in collaboration with an international consortium of universities, government agencies, intergovernmental organizations and the private sector. Further, Dr. Hueston has extensive experience facilitating strategic public-private partnerships to address the complex challenges and exciting opportunities of global food system and public health issues.

While at University of Minnesota, Dr. Hueston worked with partners in the School of Public Health and the College of Veterinary Medicine to create a combined DVM/Master of Public Health (MPH) degree program, an Executive MPH program for working health professionals, and a two-year post-graduate residency program in public health for veterinarians. These programs are unique in their focus on experiential learning and their blending of on-line coursework with intensive public health institutes. Together, these educational programs constitute the largest veterinary public health educational program in the world today, with over 200 students enrolled at any given time. Graduates of these programs are now employed in North America, the Caribbean, Africa and Southeast Asia working with regional and national governments, non-governmental organizations, academia and the private sector.

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