

Dr Daniel Cunnama

Astrophysicist | Science Communicator | MC & Public Speaker

Daniel Cunnama is a dynamic astrophysicist and seasoned science communicator with over a decade of experience translating complex scientific ideas into engaging stories for diverse audiences. Based at the South African Astronomical Observatory, Daniel has led national and international public engagement initiatives, hosted high-level events involving royalty and ministers, and spearheaded innovative astronomy education programmes across Africa.

As co-host of the popular podcast *The Cosmic Savannah*, Daniel interviews top astronomers from around the continent and beyond, showcasing cutting-edge research with clarity and charm. His warm and insightful speaking style has made him a sought-after MC and keynote speaker at science festivals, conferences, public events, and media broadcasts.

Daniel's rare ability to bridge science and storytelling allows him to connect deeply with audiences—from children and tourists to scientists and policymakers. Whether facilitating panel discussions, moderating press briefings, or presenting to live audiences under starry skies, he brings energy, intellect, and a touch of humour to every stage.

Topics & Formats:

- Astronomy and the African sky
- The Universe in plain English
- Science policy, innovation & impact
- AI and the future of science
- Engaging youth through science
- MC & moderation for conferences, launches, and science events

Categories:

- **Science & Technology** – Covers astronomy, AI, innovation, and scientific discovery.
- **Education & Public Engagement** – Reflects your strong work in outreach, schools, and science communication.
- **Moderation & MC** – You've hosted high-profile events, panel discussions, and conferences.
- **Leadership & Strategy** – Highlights your institutional role and ability to speak on science policy, national projects, and impact.
- **Podcasting & Media** – As co-host of *The Cosmic Savannah*, you bring storytelling and communication experience across platforms.