

Lina Canas

Short Biography

With a background in Astronomy and Geophysics, Lina Canas was in the last year of her PhD in science teaching and communication when, in 2015, she accepted a position as a science communicator for the International Astronomical Union (IAU) at the National Astronomical Observatory of Japan, based in Tokyo.

Lina Canas has been working in astronomy communication and outreach for over 17 years, focusing on multicultural volunteer network management and transnational project coordination. Bringing science to diverse and underrepresented audiences has always been the focus of her professional life.

Since 2019, as the Director of the IAU Office for Astronomy Outreach, Lina Canas coordinated IAU outreach programmes worldwide through a global network with representation in over 120 countries. In 2023, Lina Canas joined the IAU Secretariat as IAU Membership Coordinator, where she is in charge of facilitating internal and external communications for the IAU's membership of over 12 000 individual members in over 85 countries, maintaining data, managing IAU publications, coordinating internal elections and supporting the organization of annual meetings and General Assemblies.