

ELMA AKOB

A VOICE TO BE RECKONED WITH

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HELLO! MY NAME IS **ELMA AKOB**

AWARD WINNING GLOBAL MC | KEY NOTE SPEAKER | PUBLIC SPEAKING COACH

Welcome to a place where excellence meets passion. It is true that an MC can make or break your event and so my pledge to you, is to not only meet but exceeded your expectations in brining your vision to life.

ABOUT ME

With just under a decade of experience in commanding stages, curating unforgettable events, and engaging diverse audiences, **Elma Akob** is not your average MC—she's a **master of the moment**.

Whether hosting corporate galas, moderating international summits, or dashing awards shows, Elma brings unmatched charisma, professionalism, and cultural fluency to every event. Being a **PhD candidate studying corporate sustainability** at 25 years old, Elma is a dynamic MC who knows how to read the room, when to uplift the energy, critically and intellectually unpack a point, and keep the flow seamless from start to finish.

Attuned to the African continent's diverse cultures, Elma effortlessly connects with audiences—be it through English, a touch of French and IsiZulu and West African Pidgin—ensuring that every guest feels seen, heard, and included.

Her unique edge? She's not just a voice on stage. Elma is an influential thought leader, a TEDx Speaker, voice-over artist, and an award-winning business owner. Her extensive background includes managing stages for the likes of governments, the United Nations, Banks and Corporates, African Union, University Institutions, MTV, radio and over 100 other clients.

As the founder of **Elevate Africa Academy**, Elma is also building the next generation of eloquent African speakers, and her own TEDx Talk has reached over **450 000 viewers worldwide**.

From black-tie banquets to youth festivals, Elma Akob brings more than just a mic—she brings **a presence, a plan, and a purpose**.





AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Top 10 Outstanding Young Persons in the World through Junior Chambers International 2022
- Top 100 employable graduates in South Africa by GradStar (2019 and 2020)
- Tshwane Women in Business Awards
- Women of Wonder Gauteng Awards
- Unsung Heroes Awards South Africa in the Entrepreneurship Category
- TEDx Speaker - Dangers of Western Feminism 370K views

SKILL & EXPERTISE



MC



PROGRAM DIRECTOR



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

PREVIOUS CLIENTS

Notable Events as MC:


- Transcultural Leadership Summit- Germany
- Prince George's County International Women's Day Event - United States
- Sentech Africa Tech Week
- Standard Bank Top Women Awards Panel Discussion
- The Amazon Leadership Initiative
- African Union Dialogues
- United Nations Dialogues
- Brand South Africa Panel Discussion
- Gauteng Municipality Dialogues
- The Presidency Voluntary National Review for the SDG Report
- Albert Luthuli Leadership Institute Relaunch
- South Africa SDG Hub Launch
- Global Impact Youth Dialogue
- CIPC Youth Awards
- University of Pretoria main MC
- ABSA, Momentum, MTV, BET

...AND SO MUCH MORE

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**LET'S WORK
TOGETHER AND
CREATE
SOMETHING
GREAT**

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