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Centre de documentation, de recherche et d'information des peuples autochtones
Indigenous peoples' centre for documentation, research and information
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2016 Results and activities

www.docip.org

Our goals and principles

The goal of Docip is to support Indigenous Peoples as they defend their rights at various UN and European institutions

1. We carry out all of our activities in consultation with indigenous representatives from around the world.

2. All of our activities are carried out according to our principles of neutrality, collegiality, and impartiality. We are prohibited from any and all interference with the definition of the goals, activities, and courses of action of Indigenous Peoples.

3. Docip is governed through our Committee, which is its advisory, decision-making, and operational body with respect to issues involving human resources, finances, and organization. In addition, our Foundation Board is Docip's highest decision-making body and deals with issues related to financial resources and legal matters.

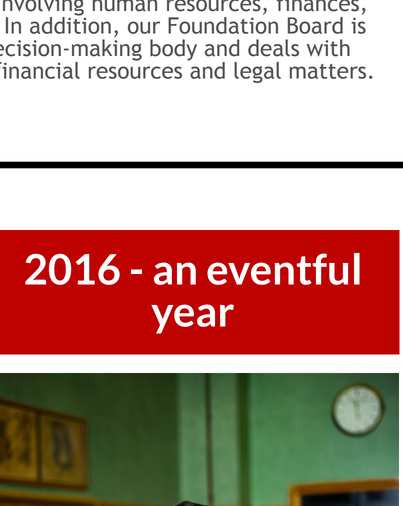
2016 - an eventful year

In 2016, Docip's various activities began to undergo major developments as a result of the implementation of our new program for 2016-2018. This program is based on the consultations that we have been having since 2014 with indigenous delegates at the international conferences in New York and Geneva.

Docip's team has been enriched through this process, which will become evident throughout this report in its descriptions of the activities undertaken by each member of the team.

Our activities are made possible thanks to the support of our financial partners – the European Union (European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights), the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (DDC), the Canton of Geneva, the City of Geneva, and the Sámi Parliament of Norway (Sámediggi) – as well as the considerable support of 146 volunteers, who have contributed over 2,860 hours of their time.

David Matthey-Doret, director of Docip


David Matthey-Doret - Director

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Results of our 2016 actions

Pascal Angst - Information Coordinator

INFORMATION

Through our network, which disseminates information on international procedures and the relevant logistical details, indigenous delegates have been able to participate in many events on matters of concern to them.

4,300 indigenous organizations have received 496 messages summarizing information related to the UN, to international organizations, and to the European Union.

New in 2016: This information has been disseminated through social media. In all, we have created 310 posts and received 466 new "likes" on Facebook; we have also sent 227 tweets on Twitter and acquired 100 new followers.

New in 2016: We created a new website (www.docip.org), which to date has logged 82,273 visits!

TECHNICAL SECRETARIATS

Docip set up its technical secretariat service during the main UN meetings on indigenous issues held in New York and Geneva.

Over 1,000 indigenous delegates had access to working space, translation services (200 total pages were translated), and interpretation services (totaling 631 hours).

New in 2016: We set up a mobile secretariat service during COP22 (Marrakesh) and during the 2 days of meetings in Geneva on the new mandate from the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP).

In this process we collaborated with over 278 professionals and volunteers.

Karen Pfefferli - Coordinator of Technical Secretariats

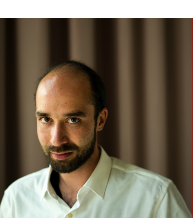
Amalia Rodriguez Fajardo - Representative at the EU

BRUSSELS OFFICE

Our office in Brussels allowed indigenous organizations to develop liaisons with the European Union and its representatives.

On June 13-16, we had our first conference with European institutions. In total, 15 indigenous delegates participated over the 4 days of meetings in Brussels. 32 cases from various regions were handled by the Brussels team.

Our team participated in over 75 meetings. We provided information and case files on work in Brazil, Botswana, Central Africa, Mexico, and Chile.


Mathias Wuidar - Representative at the EU

John Miller - Documentation manager

DOCUMENTATION

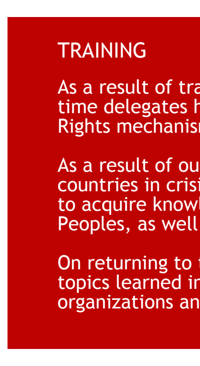
We have committed to providing our documentation services during conferences. Consequently, the interventions presented by the indigenous representatives and other participants that were present have been archived and made available on our website.

Over 2,000 documents have been collected, classified, and archived in our online database.

We have also responded to over 50 inquiries involving access to this documentation.

New in 2016: We have prepared thematic bibliographic records covering topics addressed during the main conferences. These are accessible on our website.

Results of our 2016 actions (continuation)


Josée Daris - Monitoring and Evaluation Manager

STRATEGIC SUPPORT

New in 2016: We have implemented a new strategic support service for indigenous representatives. We follow up with indigenous delegates in order to make sure that legislation, policies and procedures are developed in accordance with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

20 indigenous delegates have received support for documentation or legal research, as well as for sending communications to the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Also, 7 indigenous organizations have been able to access the Universal Periodic Review and various UN treaty bodies as mechanisms for the promotion and defense of their rights.

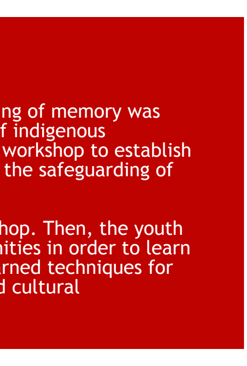
Andrés Del Castillo - Project Leader

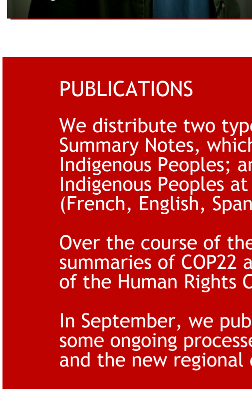
TRAINING

As a result of training sessions held during the main conferences, 250 indigenous first-time delegates have been able to access guidance on the United Nations' Human Rights mechanisms, which has facilitated their participation in these mechanisms.

As a result of our capacities transfer program for indigenous representatives from countries in crisis, 4 participants from Bangladesh and 4 from Russia have been able to acquire knowledge on the UN international system and on the rights of Indigenous Peoples, as well as on documentation.

On returning to their respective countries, they must organize local trainings on the topics learned in order to transfer their acquired knowledge within their organizations and communities.


Ellen Walker - Training and Internship Coordinator


Fabrice Perrin - Oral History Program Coordinator

MEMORY AND ORAL HISTORY

A workshop on the transmission of oral history and the safeguarding of memory was held in Buenos Aires (Argentina) in September. Representatives of indigenous communities from Central and South America participated in the workshop to establish techniques in order to assure the transmission of oral history and the safeguarding of memory within the indigenous communities.

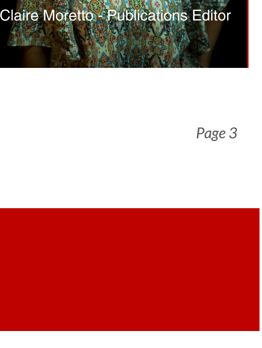
In all, 11 indigenous youth and 6 elders participated in the workshop. Then, the youth conducted interviews with elders within their respective communities in order to learn about their life stories. During the workshop, the participants learned techniques for collecting, safeguarding, archiving, and recording oral history and cultural transmission.

PUBLICATIONS

We distribute two types of publications, which are drafted and edited by Docip: the Summary Notes, which are summaries of the UN conferences on the rights of Indigenous Peoples; and the Update, which is a newsletter on issues raised by Indigenous Peoples at the international level. They are published in 4 languages (French, English, Spanish and Russian).

Over the course of the year, 3 Summary Notes were circulated; they included summaries of COP22 and the Forum on Business and Human Rights, the 33rd Session of the Human Rights Council, and the 9th Session of the Expert Mechanism.

In September, we published an Update covering the Sustainable Development Goals, some ongoing processes, and the revision of the mandate of the Expert Mechanism and the new regional designations.


Claire Moretto - Publications Editor

2017 and beyond...

New in 2016: our Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) program. This new activity has been established as a result of our process of reflection and consultation on our activities that took place in 2014. Through our M&E, we make sure to follow our objectives as an organization, as well as the recommendations issued by indigenous delegates in 2014. This activity allows us to follow the news of Indigenous Peoples at the international level and to identify how Docip can respond to their needs/requests for their international work, and also to connect at the national and local levels.

Increase our impact

Our aim is to identify how the international activities of Indigenous Peoples are bringing changes in their situations on the ground, at the national or local level.

With a systematic and practical approach, Docip will know how to best invest its resources to produce concrete changes on the ground.

Facilitating new partnerships

We are in a unique position that allows us to create connections between Indigenous Peoples and public or private Western institutions.

We are going to use this position to facilitate the dialogue between these various stakeholders and to make sure that the indigenous perspective is systematically taken into account.

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