In 2018, Docip celebrated its 40th anniversary, 40 years spent alongside indigenous representatives while striving to contribute to making their voices heard as much as possible.

Eager to continue to be worthy of the confidence that has been placed in it, and which is regularly renewed by Indigenous Peoples, Docip remains attentive to their needs with a view to adapting its services accordingly.

In 2018, Docip’s various teams not only succeeded in strengthening the services offered to indigenous organisations and representatives, but also reinforced the support of its financial partners: the European Union (European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights), the Canton of Geneva, the City of Geneva and the Saami Parliament of Norway (Sámediggi).

Finally, the Foundation would like to thank its employees, as well as those without whom nothing would be possible: the dozens of volunteers who support the implementation of its many activities.

Rémi Orsier, Director of Docip

**Governance**

Foundation Board of 12 people led by a chairman and a vice president

Committee of 7 people organised in subcommittees by theme: activities, finances and human resources

Director

Team of 11 people

Legal and financial issues

Decisions on activities, HR and finances

Implementation of decisions

Link to team

Conducts activities

**Clearly-established operating principles**

Collaboration

Universal access to services

Non-interference

Reciprocity

Neutrality

Impartiality
What is Docip?

Docip is a Documentation, Research and Information Centre established in 1978 on the initiative of indigenous delegations participating in the first International Conference on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples at the United Nations in Geneva in 1977.

Docip is a Swiss non-profit foundation whose primary objective is to support Indigenous Peoples in defending their rights, mainly with UN and European institutions. To meet the linguistic needs of various regions around the world, Docip produces its documents and organises its services in 4 languages (French, English, Spanish and Russian).

In 2017, the Foundation's collection of statements made by indigenous representatives at the United Nations was granted Memory of the World status by UNESCO.

Areas of activity

- **Technical Secretariat** during UN conferences: UNPFII, EMRIP, IGC (WIPO), HRC, EHRF, UNFCCC
- Translation and interpretation
- **Training** for indigenous representatives on international law and documentation of human rights violations
- **Memory and Oral History** for training indigenous youth to document the history of struggles and promote cultural transmission
- **Documentation** of statements made during conferences on Indigenous Peoples' rights
- **Information** page 5: "Just-in-time" information on the theme of Indigenous Peoples' rights (newsletter & social networks)
- **Publications** on news relevant to Indigenous Peoples' rights
- **Support in connection with European institutions** for indigenous representatives
- **Legal advice** to indigenous representatives on UN conferences and various mechanisms (UPR, treaty bodies)
- **Capacity building** page 6
The Technical Secretariat provides indigenous representatives with:

- a work space
- interpretation services in 4 languages (English, Spanish, French and Russian)
- translation services
- information on UN conferences related to the rights of Indigenous Peoples (Fact Sheets)

In 2018, Technical Secretariat services were offered during: the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York, 4 sessions at the World Intellectual Property Organization, the intersessional conference of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the September session of the Human Rights Council, and the Forum on Business and Human Rights.
The documentation service collects, archives and makes available monographs and indigenous statements/interventions made at conferences related to the rights of Indigenous Peoples.

It also produces thematic bibliographical sheets in Docip’s 4 working languages in advance of the major conferences.

Docip publishes 3 publications annually:
- a summary note on the activities of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (April, New York)
- a summary note on the activities of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (July, Geneva)
- the Update, its annual publication on the rights of Indigenous Peoples, with a particular focus in 2018 on the criminalisation of human rights defenders.

The information service sends messages about the UN (conferences, mechanisms, processes), and about other international organisations and the European Union. These messages are sent to 3,652 email addresses.

A schedule of conference dates and related information is updated daily.
Capacity building in 2018

Trainings

- 7 activists trained as trainers on the international system and documentation of human rights violations
- 490 people trained in the field in Venezuela and Colombia
- 71 people trained during UNPFII

Docip organised a three-week training of trainers for these participants from indigenous rights organisations. This training was carried out in collaboration with other actors present in Geneva: HURIDOCS, the office of the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders, the office of the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the UN Indigenous Peoples and Minorities Section, CAGI (Geneva International Welcome Centre).

Two training sessions were held during the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on the subject of optimising representatives' participation in this conference, as well as on the use of treaty bodies to promote indigenous rights.

Memory and Oral History

Docip's Memory and Oral History Project includes the capacity building effort of Indigenous Peoples; this is aided by augmenting international and community archives on the history of their international process at the United Nations. It is also intended to safeguard and promote their oral cultures, traditional knowledge and cultural transmission. This project consists of conducting workshops in the field for indigenous youth on various maintenance and archiving techniques to safeguard their community memory and generational transmission. 3 workshops were held in 3 different regions of the world (North America in 2015 (South Dakota), South America in 2016 (Argentina), and Africa in 2017 (Kenya)).

The year 2018 was dedicated to follow-up of the workshop carried out in Kenya at the end of 2017, including the uploading of the videos.

61 online videos
Interviews in 13 languages
20 peoples involved
Strategic Support in 2018

Legal counsel at the UN

Docip provides a support service to indigenous representatives during specific conferences (UNPFII and EMRIP), as well as outside of these conferences, including: as part of the Universal Periodic Review of their country or with treaty bodies (CESCR, CAT, CEDAW, CERD), or with any other request (establishing contacts, follow-up on recommendations, etc.). The service operates on a case-by-case basis, adapting to particular indigenous requests.

Support before European institutions

Docip’s Brussels satellite facilitates relations between the EU and indigenous delegates who wish to inform the EU about local issues affecting their community.

In 2018, the Brussels team provided 45 actions of support to indigenous organisations from 19 countries across 6 regions of the world (Africa, Asia, North America, Central and South America and the Caribbean, Europe, and the Pacific). Indigenous organisations were informed about the EU’s structure and institutions, as well as ongoing processes and opportunities for action.

19 indigenous representatives were welcomed to the Brussels offices and provided with support.

30 instances of technical assistance with geographical and thematic information (at the Directorate-General for Development Cooperation, the Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers, the European Parliament, etc.).
2019...

In 2019, the Foundation will continue its efforts to support the voice of Indigenous Peoples at the international level.

2019 will be a year for renewing strategic partnerships, with financial partners as well as with operational partners.

A new strategic process will allow for redefining priorities for the coming years, with a focus on respecting the demands of Indigenous Peoples themselves.

This process will go hand in hand with streamlining the internal operations of the Foundation to improve services to indigenous organisations and representatives.

Glossary
(in order of appearance)

UNPFII UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (New York)
EMRIP Expert Mechanism on Indigenous Issues (Geneva)
CIG Intergovernmental Conference (Geneva)
WIPO World Intellectual Property Organisation
HCR Human Rights Council (Geneva)
FBHR Forum on Business and Human Rights (Geneva)
UNFCCC UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (multiple locations)
UPR Universal Periodic Review (Geneva)
CESCR Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
CAT Committee Against Torture
CEDAW Committee for the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
CERD Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

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- Pro Victimis
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