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2019 Activity Report

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It is not possible to talk about last year keeping quiet about the situation the planet has been going through for a few months. This situation reminded everyone the fragility of the environment balances and of the essential role of human beings in their preservation.

Through their resilience and their lifestyles that are respectful of their environments, Indigenous Peoples show the way forward for the entire world population.

It is with great pride but also great humility that Docip stands by their side to support the recognition of their rights and the respect of their ways of life.

During 2020, the Docip Foundation will carry out a strategic projection exercise, in which the indigenous representatives will be associated.

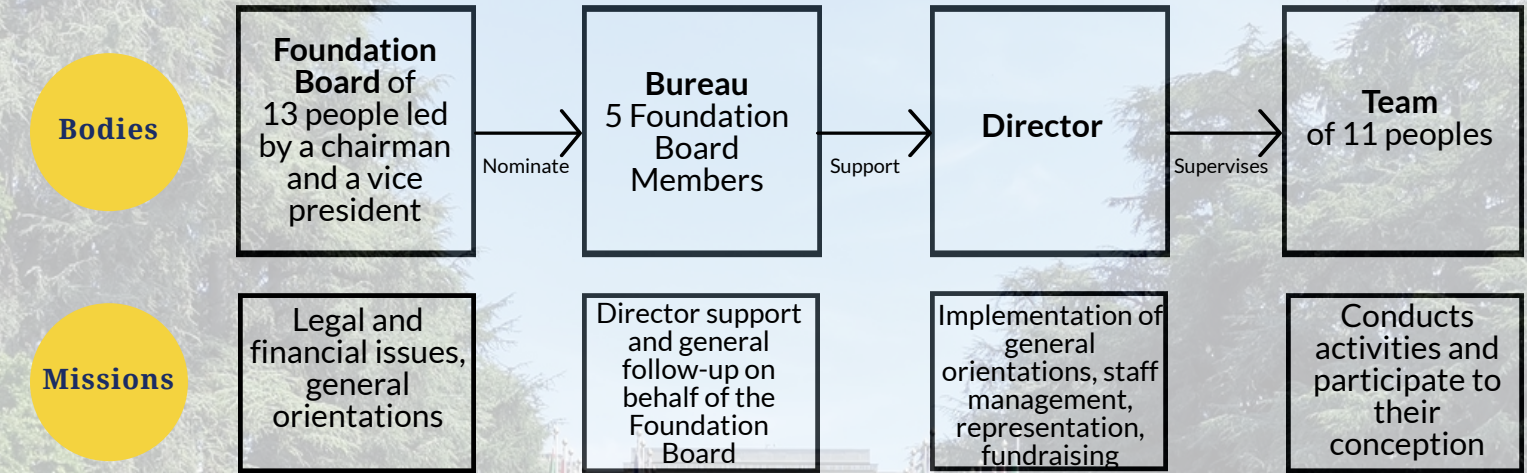
In 2019, the Foundation could once again count on the constant and crucial support of many volunteers. Their commitment is a source of motivation and inspiration for all of us.



Rémi Orsier
Docip Director

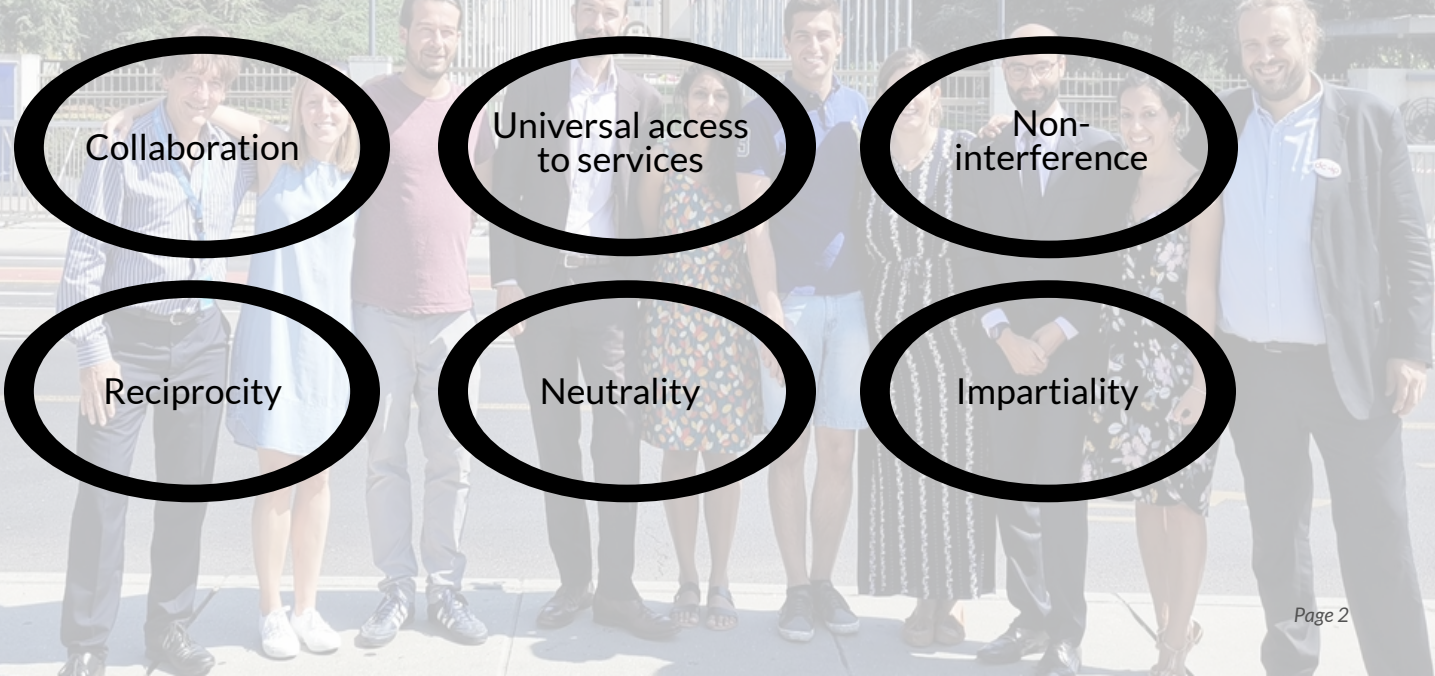
Governance

In 2019, the way Docip's governance works was reviewed in order to clarify the roles of each of its components and thus make its functioning more efficient.



More information: <https://www.docip.org/en/docip/organisation/>

Clearly-established operating principles



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.



Geneva Based



Recognised
for its
public utility



Satellite Office in Brussels



Team of 11 people
(8.5 FTE)



More than 200
volunteers in 2019

Areas of activity

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Technical Secretariat
during UN conferences:
UNPFII, EMRIP,
IGC (WIPO),
HRC, FBHR*
Translation and
interpretation



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Publications
Publications
on news
relevant to
Indigenous
Peoples'
rights

Documentation
of statements
made during
conferences on
Indigenous
Peoples' rights

**"Just-in-time"
information**
on the theme
of Indigenous
Peoples' rights
(newsletter &
social networks)

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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



Legal advice to
indigenous
representatives on UN
conferences and
various mechanisms
(UPR, treaty bodies)

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**Support in
connection
with European
institutions** for
indigenous
representatives

Technical Support in 2019

Technical Secretariat

Services provided for 6 conferences and 5 preparatory meetings

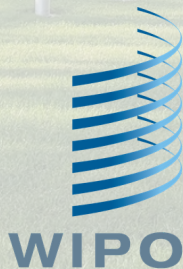
364 pages translated

701 hours of interpretation

more than 1'000 people served

Factsheets made available

174 volunteers



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)

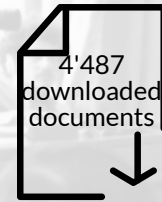
En 2019, its services were offered during the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York, 2 IGC sessions at the World Intellectual Property Organization, the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the September session of the Human Rights Council, and the Forum on Business and Human Rights.

In coordination with the Indigenous representatives, Docip facilitates the setting of preparatory meetings for conferences (caucuses).

Docip has acquired mobile interpretation equipment in order to be able to increase its range of services during parallel sessions of conferences.

Information in 2019

Documentation



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.

On request, specific research are made in the archives kept by Docip.

Publications



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 focus in 2019 on the International year of Indigenous languages and on how to improve Indigenous Peoples' participation to the UN.

"Just-in-time" information



80 emails sent



883 Facebook posts



188 tweets



101'108 website visits

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.

Answers are provided to Indigenous Peoples delegates to facilitate their administrative procedures to participate to events.

Capacity Building in 2019

Training



7 activists trained as trainers on the international system and documentation of human rights violations

610 personnes people trained in the field in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands



Follow-up activities in Bangladesh

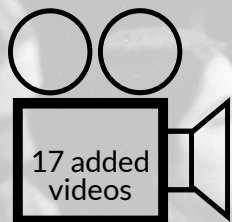
Docip organised a two-week training of trainers for these participants from indigenous rights organisations. This training was carried out in collaboration with other actors present in Geneva: HURIDOCS, the UN Indigenous Peoples and Minorities Section, CAGI (Geneva International Welcome Centre).

Fellows came from Indigenous Peoples organizations defending their rights in the Pacific region and were specifically trained on International human rights issues, the documentation of Human Rights violations and Climate Change issues.

Participants already participated to law reforms in their countries.

Follow-up activities in Bangladesh allowed Docip to assess all the progress since the 2016 training and to train more persons in-country.

Memory and Oral History



Interviews in 13 languages



Docip's Memory and Oral History Project includes the capacity building effort of Indigenous Peoples; this goal is implemented by increasing international and community archives on the history of their international activism 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 2019 was dedicated to follow-up of the workshop carried out so far.

A specific effort was made on fundraising resulting in the implementation of a new workshop in Asia in the coming months.

Legal Support in 2019

Legal Support at the UN



52 delegates from
5 regions of the world
supported at
UN conferences



8 organisations
supported before
UN institutions



Advocacy campaign with
Indigenous Peoples
representatives from the
DR Congo

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.

In 2019, thanks to an additional funding, an extra support was provided to Indigenous delegates from the DR Congo, related to their country's UPR: advocacy with diplomatic missions, side-event at the UN and a documentary <https://youtu.be/qt1Auv3Puew>).

Legal Support before European institutions



59 briefings



77 meetings
with public
workers or
institutions of
the European
Union



19 Indigenous
representatives
welcomed and
accompanied in
their efforts



Support to 11
Indigenous
delegates
requering
protection

Docip's Brussels satellite facilitates relations between the EU and indigenous delegates who wish to inform the EU (Parliament, Commission and Council though EEAS) about local issues affecting their community.

In 2019, **59 briefings** were made to Indigenous organizations from **5 regions** of the world (Africa, Asia, North America, South & Central America & the Caribbean, Europe) and **20 countries**. These organizations were informed on the EU institutions structure, on ongoing processes and on their ways of action.

77 information meetings were organized between Docip EU public workers or institutions.

19 Indigenous representatives were welcomed at Docip's Brussels office and supported to advocate their case before EU institutions.

11 Human Rights Defenders were supported to obtain protection measures.

In 2020...

The year 2020 has started in an unusual way. To keep supporting Indigenous Peoples, who are strongly impacted by the global health situation, the Docip Foundation is adapting to the situation by providing services (remote interpretation and translation for instance) despite the constraints linked to the impossibility to travel and the cancellation of in-person conferences.

In 2020 a new memory and oral history workshop in Asia should take place, depending of the evolution of the situation.

Finally, after having worked on its governance in 2019, the Foundation will redefine the priorities for the coming years, referring to the requests of Indigenous Peoples themselves, shaping a new strategic framework.

Lexicon

(in order of appearance)

UNPFII	UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (New York)
EMRIP	Expert Mechanism on Indigenous Issues (Geneva)
ICG	Intergovernmental Conference (Geneva)
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organisation
HCR	Human Rights Council (Geneva)
FBHR	Forum on Business and Human Rights (Geneva)
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
EU	European Union
EEAS	European External Action Service

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