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.

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### 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.

#### Bodies

- **Foundation Board** of 13 people led by a chairman and a vice president
  - Nominated

- **Bureau** of 5 Foundation Board Members
  - Support

- **Director**
  - Supervises

- **Team of 11 people**
  - Conducts activities and participate to their conception

#### Missions

- Legal and financial issues, general orientations
- Director support and general follow-up on behalf of the Foundation Board
- Implementation of general orientations, staff management, representation, fundraising


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### 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

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

Information page 5

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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)

Capacity Building page 6

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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 Support page 7

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

Support in connection with European institutions for indigenous representatives

* a lexicon is available on the back cover for the acronyms used.
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.
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.

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.

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.
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.

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.
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).

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.

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- AVEC LE SOUTIEN DE LA VILLE DE GENÈVE
- roots to rise
- innovage