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2018 Activity Report

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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.

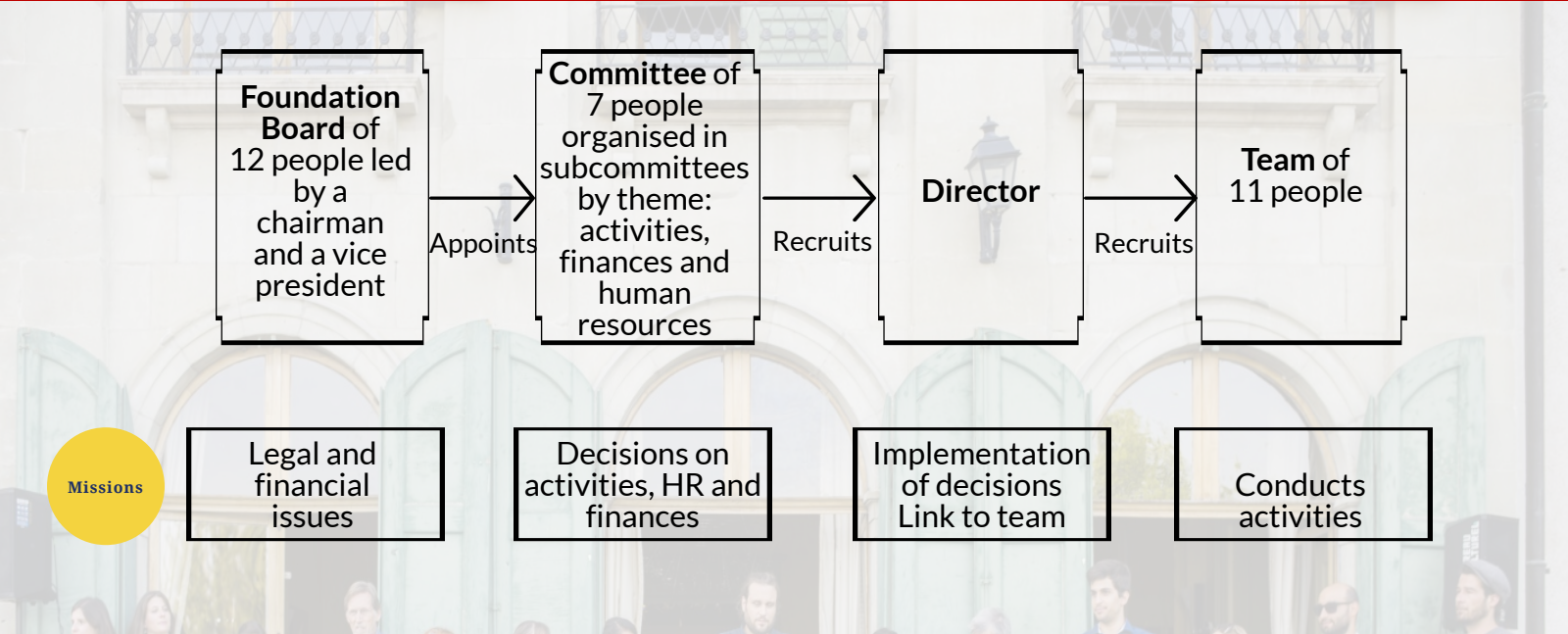
In 2018, Docip’s various teams not only succeeded in strengthening the services offered to indigenous organisations and representatives, but also reinforced the support of its financial partners: the European Union (European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights), the Canton of Geneva, the City of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

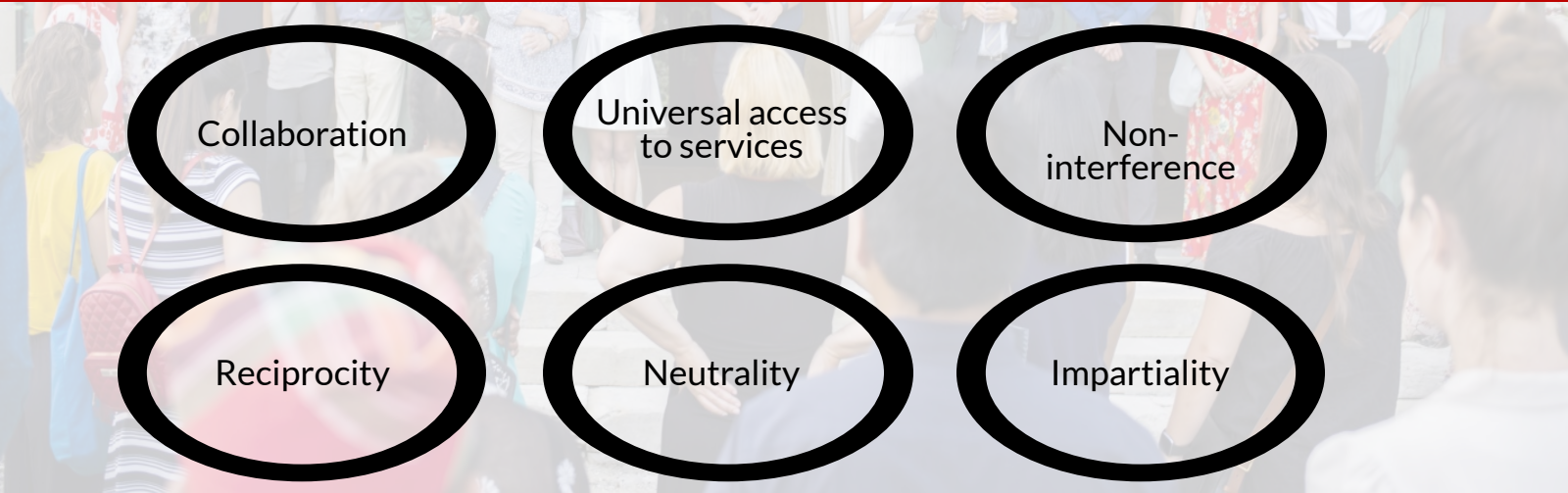


Rémi Orsier, Director of Docip

Governance



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.



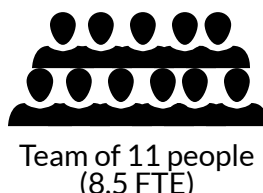
Based in Geneva



Recognised
for its
public utility



Satellite in Brussels



More than 220
volunteers in 2018

Areas of activity



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

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support
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Documentation
of statements
made during
conferences on
Indigenous
Peoples' rights



Publications
on news
relevant to
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

Capacity
building
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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

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Technical Support in 2018

Technical Secretariat

Services
provided for
9 conferences

276
pages
translated

904 hours of
interprétation

Fact sheets made
available

more than
1,000 people served



The Technical Secretariat provides indigenous representatives with:

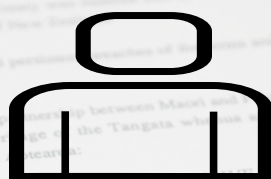
- a work space
- interpretation services in 4 languages (English, Spanish, French and Russian)
- translation services
- information on UN conferences related to the rights of Indigenous Peoples (Fact Sheets)

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.

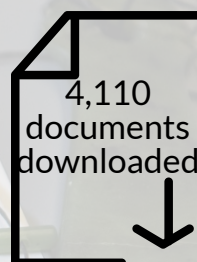
Information in 2018

Documentation

860
new
documents
archived



21,036 database
views



4,110
documents
downloaded

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.

Publications

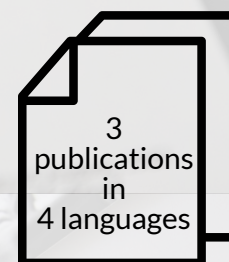


1,844

mailings



3,000
emails



3
publications
in
4 languages

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.

"Just-in-time" information



298 Bulletins



regular posts
on social
media



12,293
schedule
views

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



61 online videos



Interviews in 13 languages



20 peoples involved

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.

Strategic Support in 2018

Legal counsel at the UN



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



15 organisations
supported before
UN institutions

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



45
organisations
supported



30 cases of
assistance with
European
Union services



19 indigenous
representatives
welcomed and
accompanied in
their efforts

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

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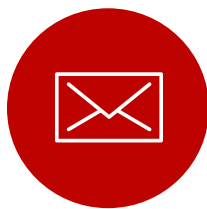
UNPFII	UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (New York)
EMRIP	Expert Mechanism on Indigenous Issues (Geneva)
CIG	Intergovernmental Conference (Geneva)
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organisation
HCR	Human Rights Council (Geneva)
FBHR	Forum on Business and Human Rights (Geneva)
UNFCCC	UN Framework 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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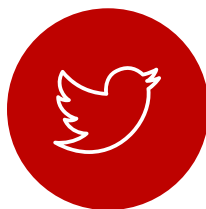
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