

DOCIP TRAINING - Friday 16 May 2014
TALKING NOTES OF TRACEY WHARE, AOTEAROA INDIGENOUS RIGHTS TRUST

Practical experience at the September session of the Human Rights Council

Background

- September session of the HRC is held in Geneva for three weeks;
- Formal activities and informal activities;
- Formal activities include three reports that are tabled during this session which are directly related to Indigenous Peoples' rights – annual report of the High Commission for Human Rights, annual report of the EMRIP and the annual report of the SR and, two annual resolutions which are drafted and adopted;
- Format is a half day discussion on a thematic issue and half day for report presentations and interactive dialogue;
- Informal consultations are also held in relation to the drafting of the two resolutions;
- Informal activities include all those other meetings and activities that can be carried out during your time in Geneva.

Purpose

- Be present when the reports of the EMRIP and the SR are tabled. Take note of the comments and questions made by states and indigenous peoples;
- Monitor and contribute to the drafting of the two annual resolutions on the EMRIP and the SRIP;
- Network with NGO's, funders and governments;
- Lobby for other processes e.g. UPR, treaty monitoring;
- Hold a side event; and
- Make an intervention.

Strategy

- Work with the indigenous caucus;
- Draft language for the draft resolution(s);
- Prepare and release a press statement;
- Arrange meetings with NGO's, funders and governments;
- Prepare a written intervention;
- Prepare and submit a video intervention (if not able to be in Geneva).

Logistics

- Must attend with an ECOSOC accredited NGO;
- Organize meetings *before* arriving in Geneva;
- Get on the speakers list, must be done online;
- Flexibility with time required in Geneva as order of work can change at short notice.