

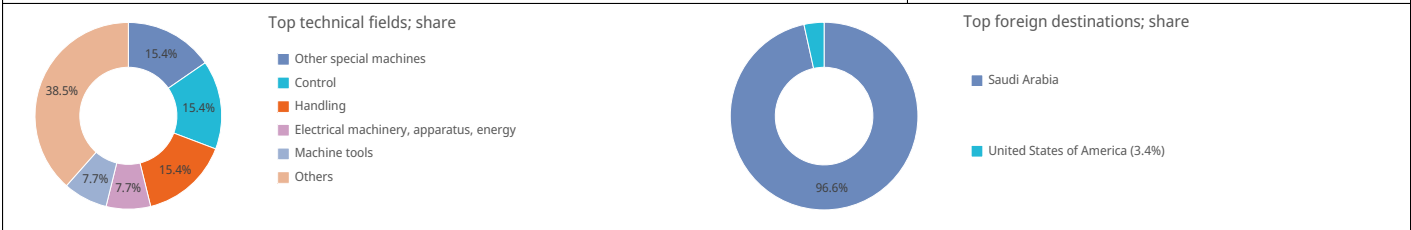
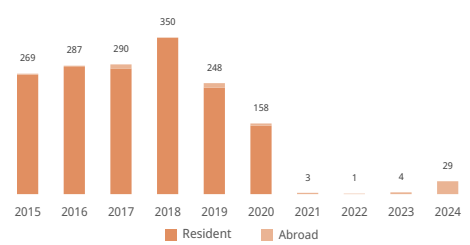
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Patent

Statistics for applicants residing in this country

Patent applications; global rank *	29	↑625%	111 th
Resident applications *			
Abroad applications; global rank	29	↑625%	92 nd
Regional rank and share			
			Africa - 14 th 0.6%
			North Africa - 5 th 1.1%
Resident applications per million inhabitants; global rank			
Resident applications per 100 billion USD GDP; global rank			
Utility model applications; global rank			
PCT international applications; global rank			
PCT applications per million inhabitants; global rank			
PCT publications relating to renewable energy (2022-2024)			
Share of university applications (2022-2024)			
Share of women inventors (2022-2024)			
PCT national phase entries; global rank	1	↓66.7%	121 st
Share of abroad applications using the PCT System		3.4%	
PCT top applicants (2022-2024)			

Patent applications *



Statistics for the IP office

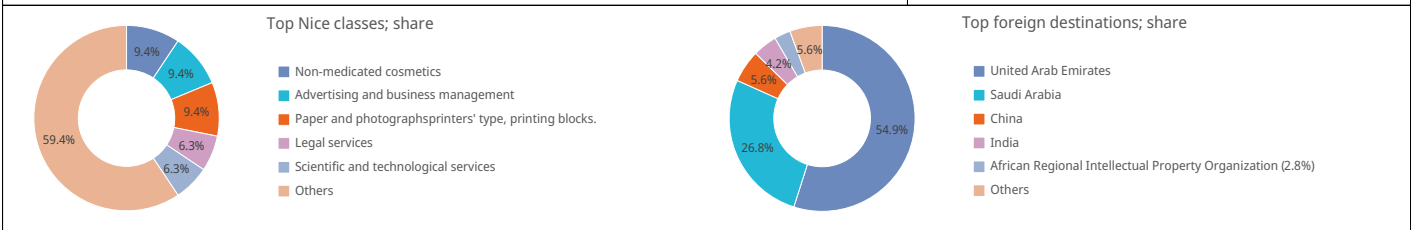
Total applications; global rank *		Country of origin of non-resident applications; share	
Resident; share		United States of America	258 33.3%
Non-resident; share		United Kingdom	52 6.7%
Patent Grants		South Africa	41 5.3%
Patents in force; global rank		India	39 5%
National IP office - applications per examiner		Finland	37 4.8%
National IP office - grant delay in months			
Filings via regional office - resident	African Regional Intellectual Property Organization		0
Filings via regional office - non-resident	African Regional Intellectual Property Organization		775

Trademark

Statistics for applicants residing in this country [1]

Trademark filings; global rank *	71	↓57.5%	168 th
Resident filings *			
Abroad filings; global rank	71	↓57.5%	148 th
Regional rank and share			
			Africa - 39 th 0.1%
			North Africa - 6 th 0.1%
Resident filings per million inhabitants; global rank			
Resident filings per 100 billion USD GDP; global rank			
Madrid international applications; global rank			
Madrid applications per million inhabitants; global rank			
Abroad filings via the Madrid System			
Share of abroad filings using the Madrid System			
Madrid top applicants (2022-2024)	Alrayah Abdalbagi Mohammed Alrayah		3

Trademark class count in applications *



Statistics for the IP office [1]

Total filings; global rank *		Country of origin of non-resident filings; share	
Resident; share		Zimbabwe	361 27.6%
Non-resident; share		South Africa	183 14%
Number of Classes Specified in Trademark Registrations		China	141 10.8%
Trademarks in force; global rank		United States of America	81 6.2%
National IP office - applications per examiner		Zambia	77 5.9%
National IP office - registration delay in days			
Filings via regional office - resident	African Regional Intellectual Property Organization		2
Filings via regional office - non-resident	African Regional Intellectual Property Organization		1,309

Industrial design

Statistics for applicants residing in this country [2]

Designs in applications; global rank * Resident filings * Abroad filings; global rank 0 ↓100% 141 st Regional rank and share	<table border="1"> <caption>Design count in applications *</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Resident</th> <th>Abroad</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>2015</td><td>230</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>2016</td><td>348</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>2017</td><td>488</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>2018</td><td>114</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>2019</td><td>232</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>2020</td><td>244</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>2021</td><td>1</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>2022</td><td>2</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>2023</td><td>3</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>2024</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Year	Resident	Abroad	2015	230	0	2016	348	0	2017	488	0	2018	114	0	2019	232	0	2020	244	0	2021	1	0	2022	2	0	2023	3	0	2024	0	0
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Geographical indications

Geographical Indications in force by product category	Geographical Indications in force by legal means

Plant variety

Plant variety applications filed by applicants residing in this country	Plant variety in force
Resident	National
Abroad	
Regional	

Note

- (1) For trademarks, filings refer to the number of classes specified in applications.
- (2) For industrial designs, filings refer to number of designs contained in applications.
- (3) Statistics are produced regardless of whether the home office of the applicants supplied statistics or not. An asterisk symbol indicates that the home IP office did not supply statistics.
- (4) Statistics relating to "technical fields" are extracted from the Patstat database and are based on the publication date.
- (5) The indicator "resident applications per million population" is available for countries with a population greater than one million. The "indicator per GDP" is available for countries whose total GDP exceeds 10 billion US Dollar.
- (6) Percentage with a plus or minus symbol indicates the percentage change from the previous year.
- (7) Both national and regional data are used to establish the list of countries relating to non-resident filings.

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