

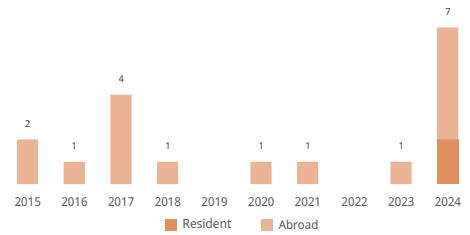
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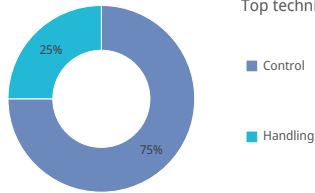
Statistics for applicants residing in this country

Patent applications; global rank	7	↑600%	135 th
Resident applications	2		
Abroad applications; global rank	5	↑400%	125 th
Regional rank and share	Africa - 27 th		0.1%
	West Africa - 7 th		4%
Resident applications per million inhabitants; global rank			0.4
Resident applications per 100 billion USD GDP; global rank			110 th
Utility model applications; global rank			
PCT international applications; global rank	1	→0%	106 th
PCT applications per million inhabitants; global rank			0.2
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	3	↑200%	103 rd
Share of abroad applications using the PCT System			60%
PCT top applicants (2022-2024)			

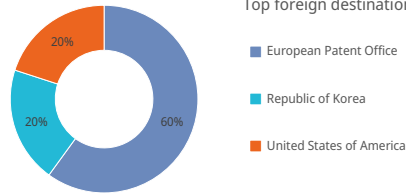
Patent applications



Top technical fields; share



Top foreign destinations; share



Statistics for the IP office

Total applications; global rank	2	↓98.7%	133 rd
Resident; share	2		100%
Non-resident; share			
Patent Grants	73	↓62.9%	
Patents in force; global rank			
National IP office - applications per examiner			0.5
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

Country of origin of non-resident applications; share

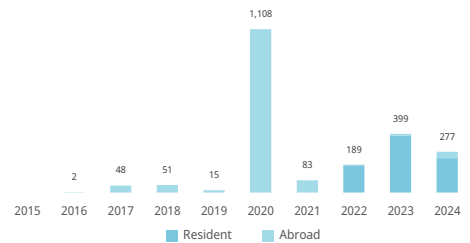
Country	Count	Share
United States of America	258	33.3%
United Kingdom	52	6.7%
South Africa	41	5.3%
India	39	5%
Finland	37	4.8%

Trademark

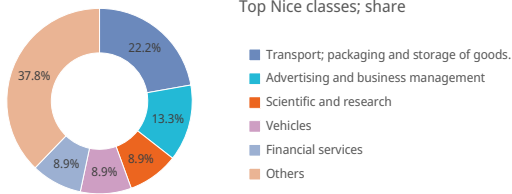
Statistics for applicants residing in this country [1]

Trademark filings; global rank	277	↓30.6%	145 th
Resident filings	233	↓39.6%	
Abroad filings; global rank	44	↑238.5%	153 rd
Regional rank and share	Africa - 29 th		0.2%
	West Africa - 9 th		4.6%
Resident filings per million inhabitants; global rank			41.5
Resident filings per 100 billion USD GDP; global rank			111 th
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)			

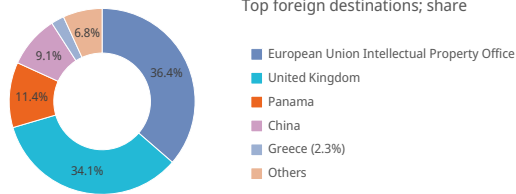
Trademark class count in applications



Top Nice classes; share



Top foreign destinations; share



Statistics for the IP office [1]

Total filings; global rank	1,842	↓18.1%	127 th
Resident; share	233	↓39.6%	12.6%
Non-resident; share	1,609	↓13.6%	87.4%
Number of Classes Specified in Trademark Registrations	2,086	↓5.6%	
Trademarks in force; global rank			
National IP office - applications per examiner			460.5
National IP office - registration delay in days			
Filings via regional office - resident	African Regional Intellectual Property Organization		0
Filings via regional office - non-resident	African Regional Intellectual Property Organization		1,311

Country of origin of non-resident filings; share

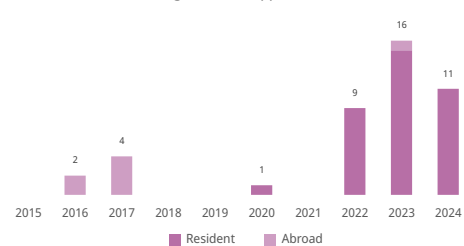
Country	Count	Share
China	550	19.8%
Zimbabwe	361	13%
Switzerland	247	8.9%
United States of America	200	7.2%
South Africa	183	6.6%

Industrial design

Statistics for applicants residing in this country [2]

Designs in applications; global rank	11	↓31.3%	129 th
Resident filings	11	↓26.7%	
Abroad filings; global rank	0	↓100%	141 st
Regional rank and share			Africa – 25 th 0.1%
			West Africa – 7 th 1.6%
Resident filings per million inhabitants; global rank			2.0
Resident filings per 100 billion USD GDP; global rank			99 th
Hague international filings; global rank			
Abroad filings via the Hague System			
Share of abroad filings using the Hague System			
Hague top applicants (2022-2024)			

Design count in applications



Top Locarno classes; share

Top foreign destinations; share

Statistics for the IP office [2]

Total filings; global rank	18	↓77.5%	124 th
Resident; share	11	↓26.7%	61.1%
Non-resident; share	7	↓89.2%	38.9%
Number of Designs in Industrial Design Registrations	18	↓77.5%	
Industrial designs in force; global rank			
National IP office - applications per examiner			4.5
National IP office - registration delay in days			
Filings via regional office - resident	African Regional Intellectual Property Organization		0
Filings via regional office - non-resident	African Regional Intellectual Property Organization		138

Country of origin of non-resident filings; share

China	24	17.4%
South Africa	24	17.4%
Germany	15	10.9%
Zimbabwe	8	5.8%
India	8	5.8%

Geographical indications

Geographical Indications in force by product category

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Geographical Indications in force by legal means

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Plant variety

Plant variety applications filed by applicants residing in this country

Resident	
Abroad	
Regional	

Plant variety in force

National	
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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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