Intellectual property statistical country profile 2024

Rwanda

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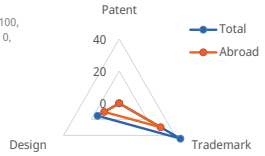
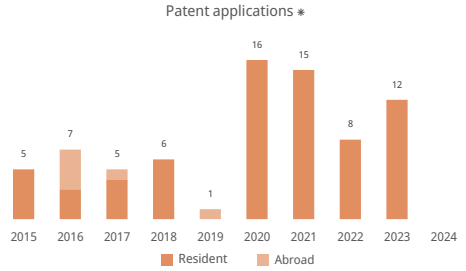
Rankings are delineated on a scale of 0 to 100, designating first place as 100, last place as 0, and 50 indicating the midpoint.



Patent

Statistics for applicants residing in this country			
Patent applications; global rank ✳			
Resident applications ✳			
Abroad applications; global rank	0		164th
Regional rank and share			
Resident applications per million inhabitants; global rank			
Resident applications per 100 billion USD GDP; global rank			
Utility model applications; global rank	26	↑225%	65th
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			
Share of abroad applications using the PCT System			
PCT top applicants (2022-2024)			



Top technical fields; share

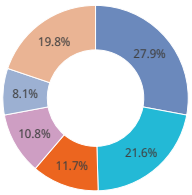
Top foreign destinations; share

Statistics for the IP office			
Total applications; global rank ✳			
Resident; share			
Non-resident; share			
Patent Grants			
Patents in force; global rank			
National IP office - applications per examiner			
National IP office - grant delay in months		12.0	
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		
United States of America	258	33.3%
United Kingdom	52	6.7%
South Africa	41	5.3%
India	39	5%
Finland	37	4.8%

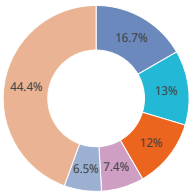
Trademark

Statistics for applicants residing in this country [1]			
Trademark filings; global rank	1,748	↑21.2%	111th
Resident filings	1,640	↑17.1%	
Abroad filings; global rank	108	↑157.1%	138th
Regional rank and share		Africa – 13th	1.5%
		East Africa – 7th	6%
Resident filings per million inhabitants; global rank		115	98th
Resident filings per 100 billion USD GDP; global rank		3,524	65th
Madrid international applications; global rank	2	↑100%	102nd
Madrid applications per million inhabitants; global rank		0.1	90th
Abroad filings via the Madrid System	44	↑4300%	95th
Share of abroad filings using the Madrid System		40.7%	
Madrid top applicants (2022-2024)			
		Zaria Group Limited	2
		Rwanda Small Holder Speciality Coffee Company Ltd (rwashoscco Ltd)	1
		Virunga Mountain Spirits Ltd	1



Top Nice classes; share

- Education
- Services for providing food and drink
- Financial services
- Scientific and research
- Advertising and business management
- Others



Top foreign destinations; share

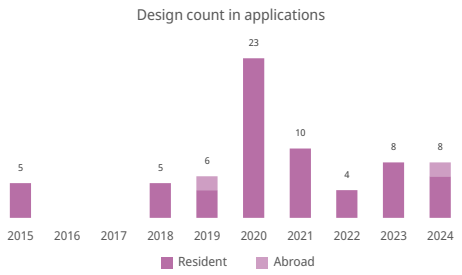
- European Union Intellectual Property Office
- United Kingdom
- Kenya
- Switzerland
- United States of America
- Others

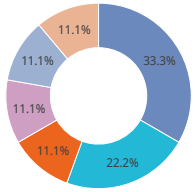
Statistics for the IP office [1]			
Total filings; global rank	4,081	↑4.5%	113th
Resident; share	1,640	↑17.1%	40.2%
Non-resident; share	2,441	↓2.6%	59.8%
Number of Classes Specified in Trademark Registrations	4,060	↑19.3%	
Trademarks in force; global rank			
National IP office - applications per examiner		2,040.5	
National IP office - registration delay in days		30.0	
Filings via regional office - resident	African Regional Intellectual Property Organization		6
Filings via regional office - non-resident	African Regional Intellectual Property Organization		1,305

Country of origin of non-resident filings; share		
China	543	18.6%
Zimbabwe	361	12.4%
United States of America	249	8.5%
Switzerland	211	7.2%
South Africa	183	6.3%

Industrial design

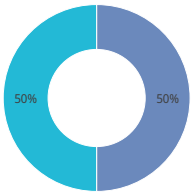
Statistics for applicants residing in this country [2]			
Designs in applications; global rank	8	→0%	133rd
Resident filings	6	↓25%	
Abroad filings; global rank	2		123rd
Regional rank and share		Africa – 27th	0.1%
		East Africa – 11th	0.7%
Resident filings per million inhabitants; global rank		0.4	115th
Resident filings per 100 billion USD GDP; global rank		12.9	105th
Hague international filings; global rank			
Abroad filings via the Hague System			
Share of abroad filings using the Hague System			
Hague top applicants (2022-2024)			





Top Locarno classes; share

- Graphic symbols and logos
- Packages and containers
- Clothing
- Articles of adornment
- Stationery and office equipment
- Building and construction elements



Top foreign destinations; share

- China
- South Africa

Statistics for the IP office [2]			
Total filings; global rank	215	↑141.6%	93rd
Resident; share	6	↓25%	2.8%
Non-resident; share	209	↑158%	97.2%
Number of Designs in Industrial Design Registrations	61	↓17.6%	
Industrial designs in force; global rank			
National IP office - applications per examiner		107.5	
National IP office - registration delay in days		180.0	
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		
Germany	71	20.5%
China	45	13%
Canada	26	7.5%
South Africa	24	6.9%
Italy	23	6.6%

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 polulation 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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