

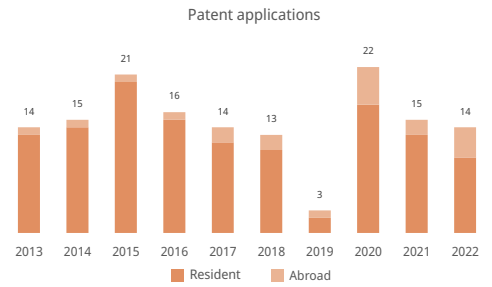
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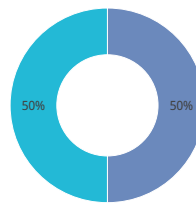
Patent

Statistics for applicants residing in this country

Patent applications; global rank	14	↓6.7%	136 th
Resident applications	10	↓23.1%	
Abroad applications; global rank	4	↑100%	138 th
Regional rank and share			
	Africa - 31 st		0.2%
	East Africa - 9 th		1.4%
Resident applications per million inhabitants; global rank	0.5		104 th
Resident applications per 100 billion USD GDP; global rank	15.1		101 st
Utility model applications; global rank	3	↑50%	97 th
PCT international applications; global rank			
PCT applications per million inhabitants; global rank			
PCT publications relating to renewable energy (2020-2022)			
Share of university applications (2020-2022)			
Share of women inventors (2020-2022)			
PCT national phase entries; global rank	1		127 th
Share of abroad applications using the PCT System		25%	
PCT top applicants (2020-2022)			



Top technical fields; share



Top foreign destinations; share



Statistics for the IP office

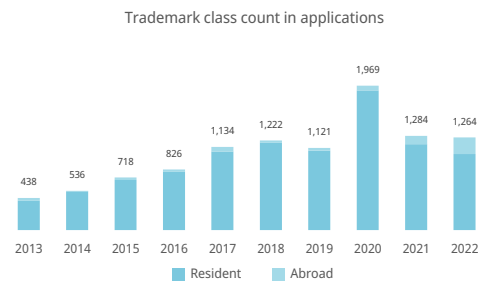
Total applications; global rank	19	↓26.9%	119 th
Resident; share	10	↓23.1%	52.6%
Non-resident; share	9	↓30.8%	47.4%
Patent Grants	12	↑20%	
Patents in force; global rank	8,537		60 th
National IP office - applications per examiner		9.5	
National IP office - grant delay in months			
Filings via regional office - resident	African Regional Intellectual Property Organization		0
Filings via regional office - non-resident	African Regional Intellectual Property Organization		873

Country	Count	Share
United States of America	295	33.8%
United Kingdom	71	8.1%
India	51	5.8%
Germany	41	4.7%
South Africa	41	4.7%

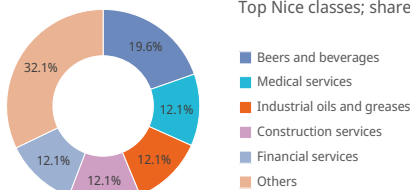
Trademark

Statistics for applicants residing in this country [1]

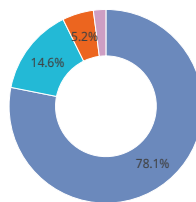
Trademark filings; global rank	1,264	↓1.6%	130 th
Resident filings	1,038	↓11.4%	
Abroad filings; global rank	226	↑100%	147 th
Regional rank and share			
	Africa - 22 nd		0.5%
	East Africa - 8 th		4.5%
Resident filings per million inhabitants; global rank	51.9		101 st
Resident filings per 100 billion USD GDP; global rank	1,572		94 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 (2020-2022)			
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Top Nice classes; share



Top foreign destinations; share



Statistics for the IP office [1]

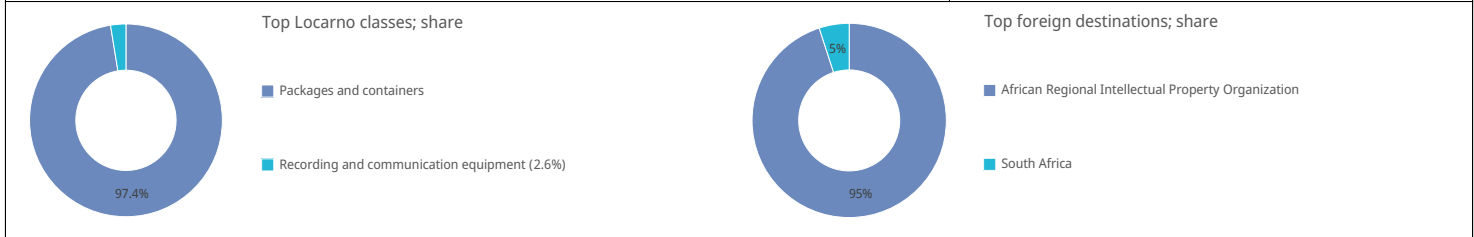
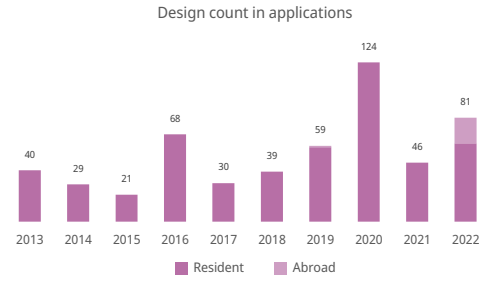
Total filings; global rank	5,151	↓13.2%	103 rd
Resident; share	1,038	↓11.4%	20.2%
Non-resident; share	4,113	↓13.6%	79.8%
Number of Classes Specified in Trademark Registrations	5,775	↑45.8%	
Trademarks in force; global rank	39,529		81 st
National IP office - applications per examiner		1,030.2	
National IP office - registration delay in days			
Filings via regional office - resident	African Regional Intellectual Property Organization		75
Filings via regional office - non-resident	African Regional Intellectual Property Organization		1,110

Country	Count	Share
United States of America	575	13.2%
China	510	11.7%
United Kingdom	496	11.4%
Bulgaria	431	9.9%
Zimbabwe	323	7.4%

Industrial design

Statistics for applicants residing in this country [2]

Designs in applications; global rank	81	↑76.1%	107 th
Resident filings	61	↑32.6%	
Abroad filings; global rank	20		105 th
Regional rank and share		Africa - 19 th	0.4%
		East Africa - 5 th	3.7%
Resident filings per million inhabitants; global rank	3.0		89 th
Resident filings per 100 billion USD GDP; global rank	92.4		64 th
Hague international filings; global rank			
Abroad filings via the Hague System			
Share of abroad filings using the Hague System			
Hague top applicants (2020-2022)			



Statistics for the IP office [2]

Total filings; global rank	42	↓8.7%	113 th	Country of origin of non-resident filings; share
Resident; share	42	↓8.7%	100%	
Non-resident; share				
Number of Designs in Industrial Design Registrations	21	↓68.7%		
Industrial designs in force; global rank	744		74 th	
National IP office - applications per examiner				
National IP office - registration delay in days				
Filings via regional office - resident	African Regional Intellectual Property Organization		19	
Filings via regional office - non-resident	African Regional Intellectual Property Organization		108	

China	18	16.7%
Ghana	12	11.1%
Zimbabwe	10	9.3%
India	10	9.3%
South Africa	9	8.3%

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) Shares of the top foreign destinations are based on absolute count of applications, that is, one application filed at a regional office is counted as one application only.
- (7) One application filed at the Eurasian Patent Organization, the African Intellectual Property Organization, the Benelux Office for Intellectual Property, the European Union Intellectual Property Office or the Patent Office of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf is multiplied by the corresponding number of member states. One application filed at the European Patent Office or the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization is counted as one application abroad if the applicant does not reside in a respective member state, or as one resident application and one application abroad if the applicant resides in a respective member state.
- (8) Percentage with a plus or minus symbol indicates the percentage change from the previous year.
- (9) Both national and regional data are used to establish the list of countries relating to non-resident filings.

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