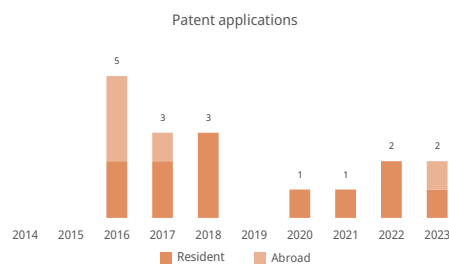


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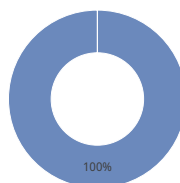
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Statistics for applicants residing in this country

Patent applications; <a href="#">global rank</a>	2	→0%	157 <sup>th</sup>
Resident applications	1	↓50%	
Abroad applications; <a href="#">global rank</a>	1		152 <sup>nd</sup>
<a href="#">Regional rank</a> and share		Africa - 35 <sup>th</sup>	0%
		West Africa - 11 <sup>th</sup>	1.1%
Resident applications per million inhabitants; <a href="#">global rank</a>			
Resident applications per 100 billion USD GDP; <a href="#">global rank</a>			
Utility model applications; <a href="#">global rank</a>			
PCT international applications; <a href="#">global rank</a>			
PCT applications per million inhabitants; <a href="#">global rank</a>			
PCT publications relating to renewable energy (2021-2023)			
Share of university applications (2021-2023)			
Share of women inventors (2021-2023)			
PCT national phase entries; <a href="#">global rank</a>			
Share of abroad applications using the PCT System			
PCT top applicants (2021-2023)			



Top technical fields; share



Top foreign destinations; share

South Africa

Statistics for the IP office

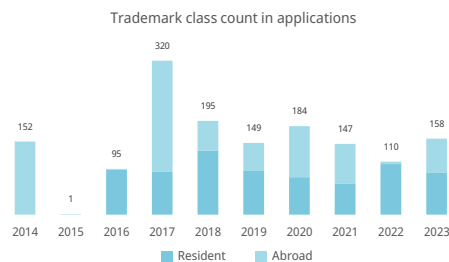
Total applications; <a href="#">global rank</a>	4	↑33.3%	133 <sup>rd</sup>
Resident; share	1	↓50%	25%
Non-resident; share	3	↑200%	75%
Patent Grants			
Patents in force; <a href="#">global rank</a>	2		120 <sup>th</sup>
National IP office - applications per examiner			4.0
National IP office - grant delay in months			
Filings via regional office - resident		African Regional Intellectual Property Organization	0
Filings via regional office - non-resident		African Regional Intellectual Property Organization	806

Country of origin of non-resident applications; share		
United States of America	257	31.9%
India	49	6.1%
United Kingdom	43	5.3%
South Africa	41	5.1%
Finland	38	4.7%

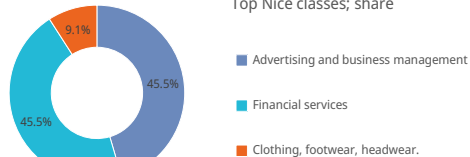
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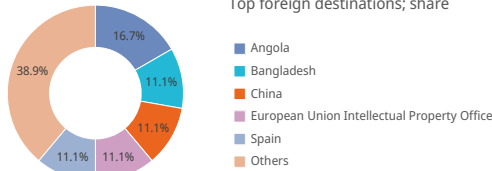
Trademark filings; <a href="#">global rank</a>	106	↓3.6%	159 <sup>th</sup>
Resident filings	88	↓16.2%	
Abroad filings; <a href="#">global rank</a>	18	↑260%	166 <sup>th</sup>
<a href="#">Regional rank</a> and share		Africa - 33 <sup>rd</sup>	0.1%
		West Africa - 13 <sup>th</sup>	2%
Resident filings per million inhabitants; <a href="#">global rank</a>			
Resident filings per 100 billion USD GDP; <a href="#">global rank</a>			
Madrid international applications; <a href="#">global rank</a>	1		103 <sup>rd</sup>
Madrid applications per million inhabitants; <a href="#">global rank</a>			
Abroad filings via the Madrid System	8		105 <sup>th</sup>
Share of abroad filings using the Madrid System			44.4%
Madrid top applicants (2021-2023)		Little Africa Maio, Sociedade Unipessoal, LDA	1



Top Nice classes; share



Top foreign destinations; share



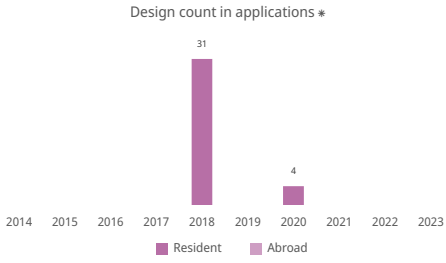
Statistics for the IP office [1]

Total filings; <a href="#">global rank</a>	1,462	↑76.4%	129 <sup>th</sup>
Resident; share	88	↓16.2%	6%
Non-resident; share	1,374	↑89.8%	94%
Number of Classes Specified in Trademark Registrations	1,560	↑124.8%	
Trademarks in force; <a href="#">global rank</a>	3,275		113 <sup>th</sup>
National IP office - applications per examiner			365.5
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	1,390

Country of origin of non-resident filings; share		
Zimbabwe	388	14.5%
China	382	14.3%
United States of America	377	14.1%
United Kingdom	181	6.8%
Germany	163	6.1%

## Industrial design

### Statistics for applicants residing in this country [2]

Designs in applications; <a href="#">global rank *</a> Resident filings * Abroad filings; <a href="#">global rank</a> 0 135 <sup>th</sup> <a href="#">Regional rank</a> and share Resident filings per million inhabitants; <a href="#">global rank</a> Resident filings per 100 billion USD GDP; <a href="#">global rank</a> Hague international filings; <a href="#">global rank</a> Abroad filings via the Hague System Share of abroad filings using the Hague System Hague top applicants (2021-2023)	Design count in applications *  <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>2014</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>2015</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>2016</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>2017</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>2018</td><td>31</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>2019</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>2020</td><td>0</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>2021</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>2022</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>2023</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Year	Resident	Abroad	2014	0	0	2015	0	0	2016	0	0	2017	0	0	2018	31	0	2019	0	0	2020	0	4	2021	0	0	2022	0	0	2023	0	0
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## Geographical indications

Geographical indications in force by product category	Geographical indications in force by legal means
Wines and spirits 2 100%	Sui generis 2 100%

## Plant variety

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

### 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.
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- (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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