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Jurisdiction - General Information

Rwanda has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property since March 1, 1984. It has also been a Contracting Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since August 31, 2011. In addition, it is a party to the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure.

Rwanda is a member of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization ([ARIPO](#)).

More legal information about intellectual property-related laws and regulations of Rwanda can be found on [WIPO Lex](#).

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

Rwanda does not have an **Online Register**. It has an [Online Gazette](#).

For further enquiries, please contact the relevant authority as indicated in the [WIPO Directory](#).

Features and search functionalities

The Online Gazette (Industrial Property Journal) is published monthly in English. It can be downloaded in PDF format. Its coverage is from 2016 to present. However, most issues of the online gazette include only trademarks.

Gazettes of Rwanda are also available through the ARIPO website at this [link](#).

ARIPO provides an [online information platform](#) for searching ARIPO and member states' national patents (which are currently being loaded) with an interface in English. For more information about ARIPO, consult the [detailed jurisdiction file](#).

There is currently a second patent database including patents of ARIPO and of ARIPO's members built on the WIPO Publish platform available at this [link](#), allowing a selection through a slider button between a search limited to the most frequently used fields and a broader one enlarged to a wide number of search fields, some of which however could be left empty.

Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in Rwanda

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