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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.

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 or DOC format. Its coverage is from 2012 to present.

[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](#).

Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in Rwanda

Search tips

Most issues of the online gazette include only trademarks; an example of an issue including patent information is that of July 2012.