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Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Rwanda:	Office of the Registrar General (Rwanda), African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) ¹ or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Rwanda is designated (or elected):	National protection: Office of the Registrar General (Rwanda) ARIPO protection: ¹ African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) (see National Phase)
May Rwanda be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility models ARIPO: ¹ Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to an ARIPO patent)
Provisions of the law of Rwanda concerning international-type search:	Article 33 (Law on the Protection of Intellectual Property)
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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Information of interest if Rwanda is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Rwanda is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

No
