

Inventor Assistance Program in Kenya

Transforming your ideas
into patented assets



Are you an inventor with a great idea?

The Inventor Assistance Program (IAP) can help you transform it into a commercial asset. If selected, the IAP matches you with a volunteer patent professional to navigate the application process at no cost. As a beneficiary, you benefit from a global network of volunteers that provide patent drafting and prosecution services in your country and beyond.

The benefit of securing a patent

Great ideas need protection. A patent offers you control over the destiny of your invention. You decide who can make, use, or sell it. This asset makes it easier to work with others to realize an invention and can help attract investors and partners. A patent can also be sold or licensed to create income.

Eligibility criteria

- An individual whose turnover does not exceed 1 million Kenyan shillings or USD 10,000.
- A micro enterprise whose annual turnover does not exceed 1 million Kenyan shillings or USD 10,000, and which employs fewer than 10 people.
- A small enterprise whose annual turnover ranges between 1 million Kenyan shillings and 5 million Kenyan shillings, or USD 10,000 and USD 50,000, and which employs between 10 and 50 people.
- The invention must be, at face value, a patentable invention.
- The invention should not have subject matter excluded from patentability as provided for under sections 21(3) and 26 of the Industrial Property Act.

I am really grateful for the IAP. Were it not for the IAP, my hopes for a patent would have died a sudden death.

Ettienne Goutier
IAP beneficiary



How the Inventor Assistance Program works

The IAP levels the playing field for eligible inventors and small businesses to increase your chance of successfully securing a patent.

Apply if you are eligible by using the online form.



Get selected by the National Screening Board based on local criteria.



Get matched with a local volunteer to navigate the patent application process.

The IAP also provides support to secure patents in other countries.

The Program made me feel like I exist, like what I am doing has a significant impact. I am in the right place and that changes everything.

Álvaro Leal
IAP beneficiary



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Learn more about how to apply and how you could benefit from the IAP at iap.wipo.int

Would-be inventors should definitely look to the IAP to assist them when they cannot afford the legal costs associated with patenting

Virendra Ramlakan

IAP beneficiary



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