Country Report Madagascar

OMAPI Automation Status

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Outline
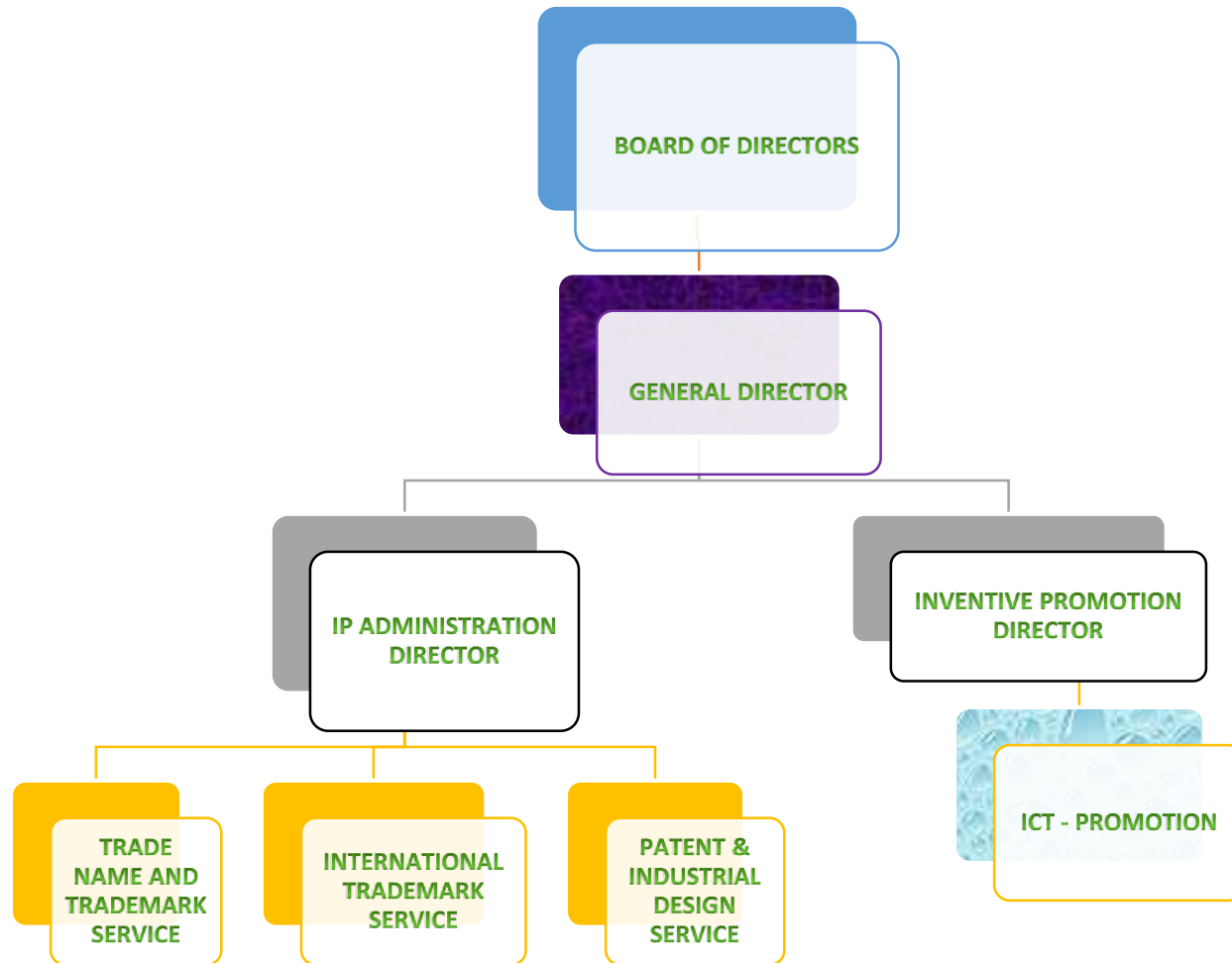
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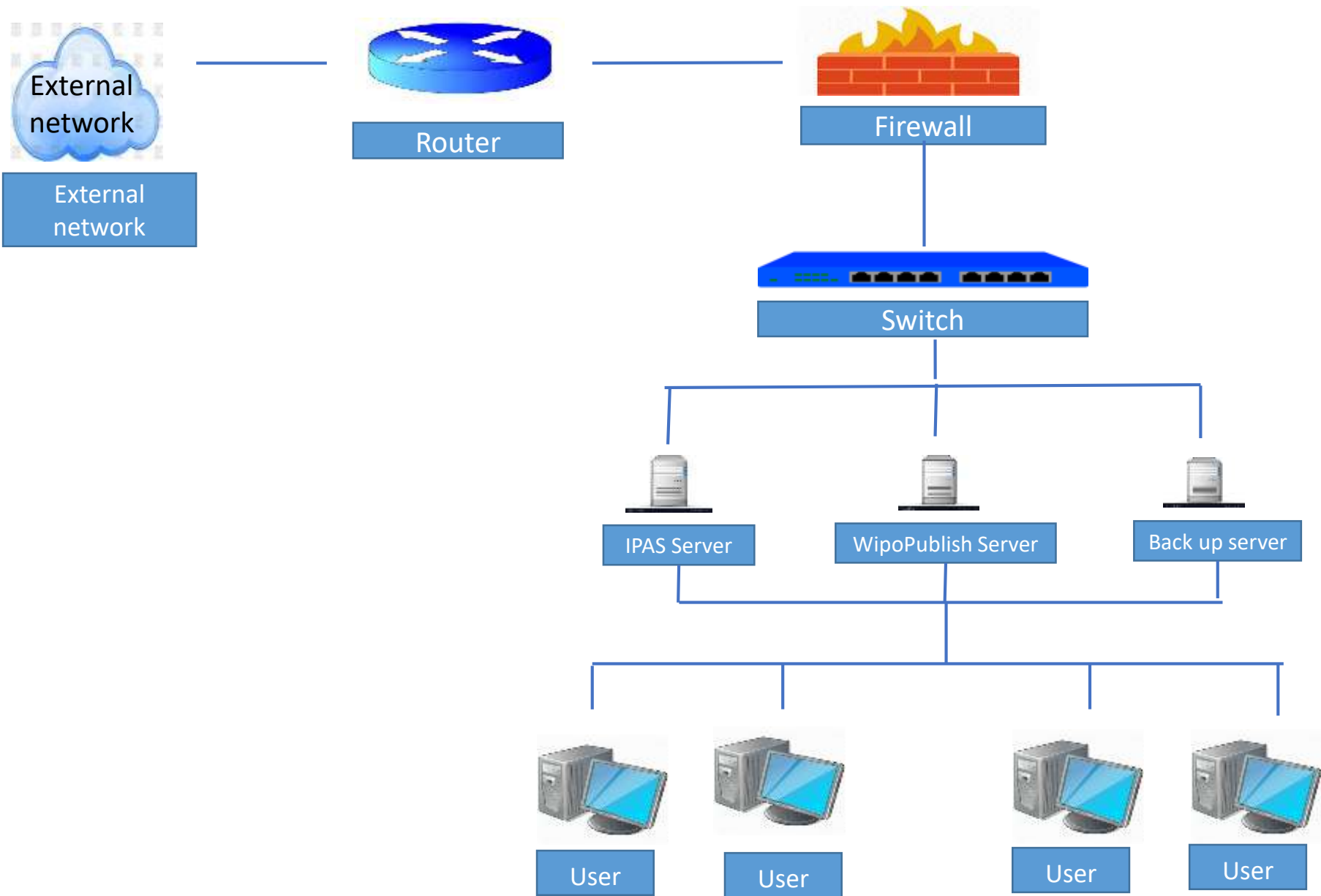
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I- Infrastructure, Office organization

1- IP Office Overview

- Structure
    - The Malagasy office of industrial property (OMAPI) is a public establishment with financial and administrative autonomy. The office is under the responsibility of the Ministry of industry Trade and Crafts.
- total staff : 29
- total number of IP Staff : 11
- total number of ICT Staff : 3

Organizational Chart

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

GENERAL DIRECTOR

IP ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR

INVENTIVE PROMOTION DIRECTOR

TRADE NAME AND TRADEMARK SERVICE

INTERNATIONAL TRADEMARK SERVICE

PATENT & INDUSTRIAL DESIGN SERVICE

ICT - PROMOTION

External network

Router

Firewall

External network

Switch

IPAS Server

WipoPublish Server

Back up server

User

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STATISTICS

(1994-2018)

	Application	Registration
Inventions	**1 086**	**723**
Designs	**5 777**	**5 085**
Brands	**31 676**	**29 052**
Trade name	**1 118**	**1 064**
TOTAL	**39 657**	**35 924**

1- IP Office Overview cont.

- <u>National IP legislation</u>;
  - The office is created by the decree n°92-994 of 2 December 1992. As it is in charge of industrial property administration and the promotion of inventive activity in Madagascar, the ordinance n° 89-019 of 31 July 1989 which is about the industrial property protection.
  - Madagascar had also signed the following treaty :
    - 21/121963 : Paris convention of 1883 for the protection of industrial property
    - 24/01/1978: Patent Corporation Treaty
    - 28/04/2008: the Protocol relating to the Madrid Agreement concerning the international registration of trademark

Historical of IPAS implementation

- 2008 : first use of IPAS : Patent, trademark, Industrial design, trade name, Madrid Module

- 2014 : EDMS exploitation for digitalization of paper document

- 2017 : implementation of WIPO Publish for trademark (internal use) and document repository

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II- <u>IP administration systems and level of automation</u>

- Patent, trademark, Industrial design, trade name : all of IP are covered by IPAS

Use of IPAS as data resource, example :
- for data collection during IP awareness (sensitization per region)
-   We use also IPAS for statistics, business prevision and realization,

III- <u>Electronic Registry</u>

- From the reception, the examination , passing by certificate issuance to the publication, we use IPAS

- Publication : we publish about 14 gazettes per year with IPAS

IV-Document Management – Paper or/and electronic

Since 2014, we use EDMS to store electronic document, all new application are stored in EDMS.

It accelerates IP procedure by supporting all the process.

2019 : we foresee the digitization of 50% paper document

Paper archive : we use another application

V- Online Services delivered by the IPO

We have not a online services except our web site which provide explanation about IP procedure.

2019 : with WIPO Publish, we plan to make IP data online

Challenges

- -Our Office is in the Capital, but there are 22 regions in Madagascar

- IPAS update

- Some data issue (Madrid)

- Law update

Opportunity

- We use IPAS since 10 years

- We already use EDMS and WIPO Publish

- We have invested in servers and LAN security

- We have stable ICT team

Thank you!