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From patent data to information tool: Assessing India as an innovation collaboration partner

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Why do we speak about innovation collaboration?

- Synergy effects
- Balancing skill shortages
- But how to select the right partner?
- What benefits can I expect from such collaboration?





A framework for assessing innovation collaboration partner: the concepts

- **1. Inventive performance:** What is the inventive mass and dynamics of a country's inventive performance?
- 2. Technological specialization patterns: What technology does a country specialize in? Are its technological capacities complementary?
- **3. Openness to international collaboration:** Do a country's researches have a record of collaboration with their foreign counterparts?
- **4. Economic potential of technology:** Are a country's inventions developed primarily in the domestic or international market?





A framework for assessing innovation collaboration partner: the indicators

1. Inventive performance:

Fractional counting of patents by inventors from a country

- Technological specialization patterns: Shares of each technology field in the total number of patented inventions
- 3. Openness to international collaboration: Share of international co-inventions in the total number of a country's patent applications
- 4. Economic potential of technology:

Share of patent applications filed to international patent offices in the total number of a country's patent applications





Now, let's look at India...





Inventive performance

Figure 1: Total number and growth of priority patent applications with Indian inventors



Note: Priority patent applications including at least one Indian inventor. Own calculations using the inventor criterion based on PATSTAT Database, version 2010





Technological specialization patterns

Figure 2: Indian patent applications by IPC technology field, 2000-2007



Note: Priority patent applications including at least one Indian inventor. Technology fields computed by fractional counting. Own calculations using the inventor criterion based on PATSTAT Database, version 2010



Openness to international collaboration

Figure 3: Total number and growth of co-inventions between Indian and non-Indian inventors



Total number of co-inventions with Indian inventors

Share of international co-inventions in the total number of Indian patent applications

Note: Based on fractional counting of priority patent applications including inventors residing in India and at least one inventor residing outside of India. Own calculations using the inventor criterion based on PATSTAT Database, version 2010



Economic potential of technology

Figure 4: Patent applications by filing time and patent office, total number for 2000-2007

All patent applications	
Subsequent	Priority
Foreign origin	Foreign PO
India origin	India PO

Note: Includes all patent applications including at least one inventor residing in India. Own calculations using the inventor criterion based on PATSTAT Database, version 2010





Results 1/2

The results of assessing India as an innovation collaboration partner

Assessment criteria	Result and description
Inventive performance	 Relatively low inventive performance. Very high growth in inventive activity.
Technological specialization patterns	 High concentration in two technological fields, i.e. IT and pharmaceuticals. Dynamic changes in the innovation activity composition. Sharp increase of activity in such technological fields as nanotechnology. Decline of activity in pharmaceuticals and biotechnology.





Results 2/2

The results of assessing India as an innovation collaboration partner

Assessment criteria	Result and description
Openness to international innovation collaboration	 Extremely high level of international innovation collaboration. Collaboration limited to few technological fields.
Economic potential of technology	 The overall number of patent applications submitted to foreign patent office is outstanding. The majority of all priority patent applications are filed to the USPTO. Only a small fraction of priority patent applications with Indian inventors are filed to the Indian patent office.





Conclusions

• A reflection on and a synthetic view of a methodology for

- Innovation collaboration partner selection
- The assessment of innovation collaboration benefits

• Regarding India

- Taking stock of its innovative landscape
- Putting it into international context

• Further steps and improvements

- The value of patents
- IPR environment







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