

U.S. Department of Justice  
 Washington, DC 20530

**Exhibit A to Registration Statement  
 Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of  
 1938, as amended**

INSTRUCTIONS. Furnish this exhibit for EACH foreign principal listed in an initial statement and for EACH additional foreign principal acquired subsequently. The filing of this document requires the payment of a filing fee as set forth in Rule (d)(1), 28 C.F.R. § 5.5(d)(1). Compliance is accomplished by filing an electronic Exhibit A form at <https://www.fara.gov>.

Privacy Act Statement. The filing of this document is required by the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, 22 U.S.C. § 611 *et seq.*, for the purposes of registration under the Act and public disclosure. Provision of the information requested is mandatory, and failure to provide this information is subject to the penalty and enforcement provisions established in Section 8 of the Act. Every registration statement, short form registration statement, supplemental statement, exhibit, amendment, copy of informational materials or other document or information filed with the Attorney General under this Act is a public record open to public examination, inspection and copying during the posted business hours of the FARA Unit in Washington, DC. Statements are also available online at the FARA Unit's webpage: <https://www.fara.gov>. One copy of every such document, other than informational materials, is automatically provided to the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, and copies of any and all documents are routinely made available to other agencies, departments and Congress pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Act. The Attorney General also transmits a semi-annual report to Congress on the administration of the Act which lists the names of all agents registered under the Act and the foreign principals they represent. This report is available to the public online at: <https://www.fara.gov>.

Public Reporting Burden. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .22 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to Chief, FARA Unit, Counterintelligence and Export Control Section, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530; and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

1. Name of Registrant Von Batten-Montague-York, L.C.	2. Registration Number 7130
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3. Primary Address of Registrant  
 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Suite 700, Washington, D.C., DC 20016

4. Name of Foreign Principal Mr. Atiku Abubakar	5. Address of Foreign Principal Oba Akenzua Street, Asokoro District Abuja, The Federal Capital Territory, NIGERIA
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6. Country/Region Represented  
 NIGERIA

7. Indicate whether the foreign principal is one of the following:

- Government of a foreign country<sup>1</sup>
- Foreign political party
- Foreign or domestic organization: If either, check one of the following:
  - Partnership
  - Corporation
  - Association
  - Committee
  - Voluntary group
  - Other (*specify*) \_\_\_\_\_
- Individual-State nationality NIGERIA

8. If the foreign principal is a foreign government, state:

- a) Branch or agency represented by the registrant
- b) Name and title of official(s) with whom registrant engages

<sup>1</sup> "Government of a foreign country," as defined in Section 1(e) of the Act, includes any person or group of persons exercising sovereign de facto or de jure political jurisdiction over any country, other than the United States, or over any part of such country, and includes any subdivision of any such group and any group or agency to which such sovereign de facto or de jure authority or functions are directly or indirectly delegated. Such term shall include any faction or body of insurgents within a country assuming to exercise governmental authority whether such faction or body of insurgents has or has not been recognized by the United States.

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9. If the foreign principal is a foreign political party, state:

- a) Name and title of official(s) with whom registrant engages
- b) Aim, mission or objective of foreign political party

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10. If the foreign principal is not a foreign government or a foreign political party:

a) State the nature of the business or activity of this foreign principal.

The foreign principal is an international political figure and former Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria engaged in political, policy, and public affairs activities. The foreign principal's activities include advancing policy positions, engaging in international dialogue on governance and economic development, and participating in matters of public policy, democratic governance, and international relations.

b) Is this foreign principal:

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|---|---|
| Supervised by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal         | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Owned by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal              | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Directed by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal           | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Controlled by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal         | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Financed by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal           | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Subsidized in part by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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11. Explain fully all items answered "Yes" in Item 10(b).

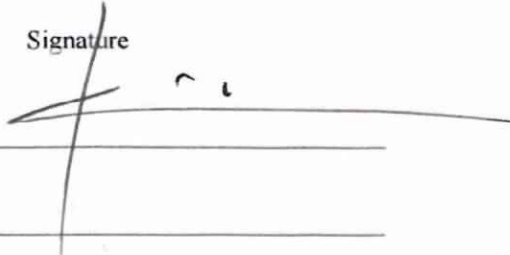
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12. If the foreign principal is an organization and is not owned or controlled by a foreign government, foreign political party or other foreign principal, state who owns and controls it.

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**EXECUTION**

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, and subject to the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 22 U.S.C. § 618, the undersigned swears or affirms under penalty of perjury that he/she has read the information set forth in this statement filed pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, 22 U.S.C. § 611 *et seq.*, that he/she is familiar with the contents thereof, and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

Date	Printed Name	Signature
04/01/2026	KAREN VON BOTTEN	

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**Exhibit B to Registration Statement  
Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of  
1938, as amended**

**INSTRUCTIONS.** A registrant must furnish as an Exhibit B copies of each written agreement and the terms and conditions of each oral agreement with his foreign principal, including all modifications of such agreements, or, where no contract exists, a full statement of all the circumstances by reason of which the registrant is acting as an agent of a foreign principal. Compliance is accomplished by filing an electronic Exhibit B form at <https://www.fara.gov>.

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3. Name of Foreign Principal  
Mr. Atiku Abubakar

Check Appropriate Box:

- 4.  The agreement between the registrant and the above-named foreign principal is a formal written contract. If this box is checked, attach a copy of the contract to this exhibit.
- 5.  There is no formal written contract between the registrant and the foreign principal. The agreement with the above-named foreign principal has resulted from an exchange of correspondence. If this box is checked, attach a copy of all pertinent correspondence, including a copy of any initial proposal which has been adopted by reference in such correspondence.
- 6.  The agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal is the result of neither a formal written contract nor an exchange of correspondence between the parties. If this box is checked, give a complete description below of the terms and conditions of the oral agreement or understanding, its duration, and the fees and expenses, if any, to be received.
- 7. What is the date of the contract or agreement with the foreign principal? 03/09/2026
- 8. Describe fully the nature and method of performance of the above indicated agreement or understanding.  
See Appendix for Response

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9. Describe fully the activities the registrant engages in or proposes to engage in on behalf of the above foreign principal.

See Appendix for Response

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10. Will the activities on behalf of the above foreign principal include political activities as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act.<sup>1</sup>

Yes  No

If yes, describe all such political activities indicating, among other things, the relations, interests or policies to be influenced together with the means to be employed to achieve this purpose. The response must include, but not be limited to, activities involving lobbying, promotion, perception management, public relations, economic development, and preparation and dissemination of informational materials.

See Appendix for Response

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11. Prior to the date of registration<sup>2</sup> for this foreign principal has the registrant engaged in any registrable activities, including political activities, for this foreign principal?

Yes  No

If yes, describe in full detail all such activities. The response should include, among other things, the relations, interests, and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored, or delivered speeches, lectures, social media, internet postings, or media broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers, and subject matter. The response must also include, but not be limited to, activities involving lobbying, promotion, perception management, public relations, economic development, and preparation and dissemination of informational materials.

Set forth below a general description of the registrant's activities, including political activities.

Set forth below in the required detail the registrant's political activities.

Date	Contact	Method	Purpose
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12. During the period beginning 60 days prior to the obligation to register<sup>3</sup> to the date of registration for this foreign principal, has the registrant received from the foreign principal, or from any other source, for or in the interests of the foreign principal, any contributions, income, money, or thing of value either as compensation, or for disbursement, or otherwise?

Yes  No

If yes, set forth below in the required detail an account of such monies or things of value.

Date Received	From Whom	Purpose	Amount/Thing of Value
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13. During the period beginning 60 days prior to the obligation to register<sup>4</sup> to the date of registration for this foreign principal, has the registrant disbursed or expended monies, or disposed of anything of value other than money, in connection with activity on behalf of the foreign principal or transmitted monies to any such foreign principal?

Yes  No

If yes, set forth below in the required detail an account of such monies or things of value.

Date	Recipient	Purpose	Amount/Thing of Value
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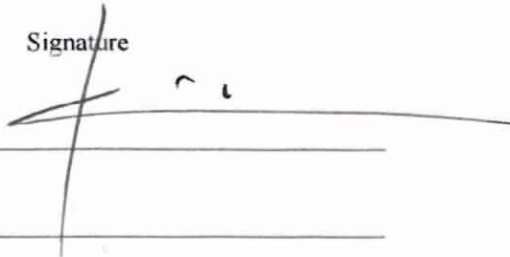
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<sup>1</sup> "Political activity," as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act, means any activity which the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting, or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

<sup>2,3,4</sup> Pursuant to Section 2(a) of the Act, an agent must register within ten days of becoming an agent, and before acting as such.

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Date	Printed Name	Signature
04/01/2026	KAREN VON BOTTEN	

## **Appendix Response to Item 8**

**Item 8: Describe fully the nature and method of performance of the above indicated agreement or understanding.**

The agreement will be performed through lawful government affairs and strategic advisory activities conducted within the United States. The Registrant will provide ongoing strategic counsel to the foreign principal regarding U.S. political, legislative, and national security dynamics, including guidance on policy positioning, reputational considerations, and engagement strategy.

Performance of the agreement includes preparation of briefing materials, memoranda, and other written analyses; identification of relevant U.S. government officials, including Members of Congress, congressional staff, and executive branch personnel; and facilitating and arranging meetings and communications with such officials where appropriate. The Registrant may also conduct outreach to U.S. government offices and provide messaging support designed to inform U.S. policymakers of the foreign principal's positions and policy perspectives.

Activities will be structured, periodic, and responsive to developments in U.S. policy and international affairs, and may include follow-up engagement and coordination with appropriate stakeholders. To the extent applicable, the Registrant will engage in preparatory strategic positioning for potential meetings between the foreign principal and senior U.S. government officials.

All activities will be conducted in compliance with the Foreign Agents Registration Act, applicable federal ethics rules, and U.S. election laws. Any registrable contacts or political activities will be reported in supplemental statements as required.

## **Appendix Response to Item 9**

**Item 9: Describe fully the activities the registrant engages in or proposes to engage in on behalf of the above foreign principal.**

The Registrant engages in and proposes to engage in lawful government affairs and strategic advisory activities on behalf of the foreign principal within the United States. Such activities include providing strategic counsel regarding U.S. political, legislative, and national security developments; advising on policy positioning and reputational considerations; and developing engagement strategies with U.S. government stakeholders.

The Registrant prepares and provides briefing materials, memoranda, and other written analyses; identifies relevant U.S. government officials, including Members of Congress, congressional staff, and executive branch personnel; and facilitates, arranges, and may participate in meetings and communications with such officials. The Registrant may also conduct outreach to U.S. government offices to convey information regarding the foreign principal's policy perspectives and positions.

In addition, the Registrant develops messaging and communications strategies designed to inform U.S. policymakers and stakeholders, coordinates follow-up engagement, and provides ongoing strategic assessments responsive to U.S. policy developments. Activities may also include preparatory strategic positioning for potential meetings between the foreign principal and senior U.S. government officials.

All activities are conducted in compliance with the Foreign Agents Registration Act, applicable federal ethics requirements, and U.S. election laws. Any registrable contacts or political activities will be disclosed in supplemental statements as required.

## Appendix Response to Item 10

**Item 10: Will the activities on behalf of the above foreign principal include political activities as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act. If yes, describe all such political activities indicating, among other things, the relations, interests or policies to be influenced together with the means to be employed to achieve this purpose. The response must include, but not be limited to, activities involving lobbying, promotion, perception management, public relations, economic development, and preparation and dissemination of informational materials.**

The Registrant engages in and proposes to engage in political activities within the meaning of Section 1(o) of the Foreign Agents Registration Act. Such activities are undertaken for the purpose of informing and, where appropriate, influencing U.S. government officials and policymakers with respect to U.S. foreign policy, international relations, and matters affecting the political and public interests of the foreign principal.

These activities include lobbying and government affairs engagement with Members of Congress, congressional staff, and executive branch officials concerning issues related to democratic governance, regional stability, economic development, and U.S. engagement with Nigeria and the broader West African region. The Registrant may advocate for policies and perspectives aligned with the foreign principal's stated positions, including matters relating to governance, economic policy, and bilateral relations with the United States.

The Registrant also engages in promotion, perception management, and public relations activities designed to enhance understanding among U.S. policymakers and relevant stakeholders of the foreign principal's policy positions, leadership posture, and strategic priorities. This includes the development of messaging strategies, narrative positioning, and reputational advisory services.

In furtherance of these activities, the Registrant prepares, distributes, and may assist in the dissemination of informational materials, including briefing memoranda, policy papers, talking points, and related communications, intended to inform U.S. government officials and stakeholders. The Registrant may also facilitate and arrange meetings, briefings, and discussions between the foreign principal and U.S. officials and may provide follow-up engagement and coordination.

Activities may additionally include advisory support related to economic development positioning and international engagement, including communicating perspectives relevant to investment, trade, and regional economic policy considerations.

All activities are conducted through lawful means, including direct outreach, written communications, meetings, and strategic advisory services, and will be reported in supplemental statements as required under FARA.

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**GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND STRATEGIC ADVISORY AGREEMENT**

**Prepared for:**

H.E. Atiku Abubakar, Former Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

**Prepared by:**

Von Batten-Montague-York, L.C.  
Washington, D.C.

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Subject: Government Affairs and Strategic Advisory Agreement

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**Date:**

20 February 2026

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**Confidentiality Notice:**

This Agreement and any attachments hereto are confidential and proprietary and are provided solely for the information and consideration of His Excellency Atiku Abubakar and his authorized representatives. The material has been prepared for government affairs, public policy, and strategic advisory services and is not intended for public distribution. Any unauthorized review, disclosure, reproduction, or distribution is strictly prohibited without the prior written consent of Von Batten-Montague-York, L.C., except as required under applicable United States law.



## GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND STRATEGIC ADVISORY AGREEMENT

This Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into as of the date of execution below ("Effective Date"), by and between:

Von Batten-Montague-York, L.C. ("VBM" or "Firm"), a Washington, D.C.-based professional limited liability company,

and

His Excellency Atiku Abubakar ("Client").

### I. PURPOSE AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

This Agreement formalizes the engagement of VBM to provide lawful, compliant, and strategic United States government affairs representation and advisory services consistent with the framework outlined in the Government Affairs: Confidential Strategic Memorandum dated 13 January 2026

The objectives of this engagement are:

1. To advance understanding within U.S. policymaking institutions of the Client's leadership posture and policy vision.
2. To protect and strengthen the Client's reputational standing in Washington.
3. To counterbalance incumbent-government lobbying narratives through lawful engagement.
4. To establish disciplined, structured, and compliant institutional relationships across relevant U.S. agencies and congressional offices.

This engagement is advisory and strategic in nature and does not constitute legal representation unless separately agreed in writing.


### II. SCOPE OF SERVICES

VBM shall provide services, including, but not limited to:

#### A. Strategic Advisory

- Continuous assessment of U.S. political and national security dynamics.
- Guidance regarding policy positioning and engagement posture.
- Reputational risk management advisory.

#### B. Congressional Engagement

- Identification of priority Members and staff.
- Preparation of briefing materials and memoranda.
- Scheduling and facilitating meetings. 

- Structured follow-up engagement.

**C. Executive Branch Engagement**

- Structured outreach to appropriate departments and policy offices.
- Coordination consistent with U.S. ethics and election-sensitivity standards.
- Strategic alignment with broader congressional engagement.

**D. Narrative Architecture and Messaging**

- Development of U.S.-facing policy messaging.
- Strategic sequencing of institutional outreach.
- Periodic written strategic assessments.

**E. Compliance and Ethics**

- Full compliance with the Foreign Agents Registration Act (22 U.S.C. § 611 et seq.).
- Adherence to federal ethics requirements.
- Compliance with 52 U.S.C. § 30121 and related federal election law prohibiting foreign national participation in U.S. electoral processes.
- Coordination with U.S. counsel where appropriate.

In addition to the objectives set forth above, the engagement may include preparatory strategic positioning for a potential meeting between His Excellency Atiku Abubakar and senior United States executive-branch leadership.

**III. TERM**

The initial term of this Agreement shall be twelve (12) months from the Effective Date, renewable by mutual written agreement.

**IV. PROFESSIONAL FEES AND PAYMENT STRUCTURE**

**1. Total Contract Value**

The total professional fee for the twelve-month engagement shall be:

One Million Two Hundred Thousand United States Dollars (US \$1,200,000).

**2. Installment Schedule**

Professional fees shall be paid in installments as follows:



- Twenty-Five Percent (25%) — US \$300,000, payable within sixty (60) days of execution of this Agreement.
- Eight and One-Third Percent (8.33%) — US \$100,000, payable ninety (90) days from execution.
- Twenty-Five Percent (25%) — US \$300,000, payable one hundred twenty (120) days from execution.
- Eight and One-Third Percent (8.33%) — US \$100,000, payable one hundred eighty (180) days from execution.
- Twenty-Five Percent (25%) — US \$300,000, payable two hundred forty (240) days from execution.
- Eight and One-Third Percent (8.33%) — US \$100,000, payable three hundred (300) days from execution.

#### V. EXPENSES

Subject to prior notice and approval by the Client, any out-of-pocket expenses incurred in furtherance of this engagement shall be reimbursed by the Client.

#### VI. COMPLIANCE AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK

All activities conducted pursuant to this Agreement shall be in strict compliance with:


- The Foreign Agents Registration Act (22 U.S.C. § 611 et seq.);
- Federal ethics regulations.
- Applicable election-related statutes.
- All other relevant U.S. laws and regulations.

VBMV reserves the right to decline or discontinue any activity that may raise legal or ethical concerns.

#### VII. CONFIDENTIALITY

All materials, memoranda, analyses, and communications prepared pursuant to this engagement shall remain confidential, subject to legally required disclosures under FARA or other applicable statutes.

#### VIII. TERMINATION

Either party may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days' written notice. Fees earned or accrued through the date of termination shall remain payable. Installations already due are non-refundable. 

IX. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding between the parties and supersedes all prior discussions. Any amendment must be in writing and signed by both parties.

**VON BATEN MONTAGUE-YORK, L.C.**

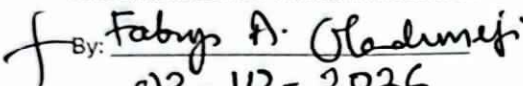

By: 

Dr. Karl Von Batten

Managing Partner

Date: 3/9/2026

**HIS EXCELLENCY ATIKU ABUBAKAR**

f By:  

Date: 03-10-2026