

U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, DC 20530

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

I--REGISTRANT

1. Name of Registrant

The Whitaker Group, Inc.

2. Registration Number (To be assigned by the FARA Unit)

7482

3. Primary Business Address

1818 Library Street, Suite 500, Reston, VA 20190

4. If the registrant is an individual, furnish the following information:

- (a) Residence address(es)

- (b) Nationality
- (c) Year of birth
- (d) Present citizenship
- (e) If present citizenship not acquired by birth, state when, where and how acquired
- (f) Occupation

5. If the registrant is not an individual, furnish the following information:

- (a) Type of organization: Committee Association Partnership Voluntary group
Corporation Other (*specify*) _____
- (b) Date and place of organization 08/27/2009, Delaware

- (c) Name of responsible individual Rosa M. Whitaker
(e.g., officer, director or partner)

- (d) Other business address(es), if any, including
locations of branch or local offices

- (e) If a membership organization, provide number of members

(f) List all partners, officers, directors or persons performing the functions of an officer or director of the registrant.

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position
Rosa M. Whitaker	11308 Stoneledge Court Reston, VA 20191	UNITED STATES	President & CEO

(g) Which of the above named persons renders services directly in furtherance of the interests of any of the foreign principals?

Name	Foreign Principal(s)	Services
See Appendix for Response		

(h) Describe the nature of the registrant's regular business or activity.

Corporate strategy, transactions, advisory, and project development services with a focus on trade and investment across Africa.

(i) Give a complete description of the ownership and control structure of the registrant.

The Whitaker Group, Inc. is 100% owned and controlled by Rosa M. Whitaker, the corporation's sole stockholder.

6. List all individuals, other than those listed in Item 5(g), who render services or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical, secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity.

Name	Residence Address	Foreign Principal(s)	Services
Mekete ("Mike") Zeleke	7005 Petunia Street Springfield, VA 22152	African Export-Import Bank (via The Bennett Group DC)	Short-Form Registrant will engage with the U.S. Congress and Executive Branch, industry groups, and other relevant stakeholders to advocate for reauthorization of the African Growth & Opportunity Act (AGOA) and execute a comprehensive lobbying and communications strategy related to the renewal and expansion of AGOA.

II--FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

7. List every foreign principal¹ for whom the registrant is acting or has agreed to act.

Foreign Principal

African Export-Import Bank (via The Bennett Group DC)

Foreign Principal Address

72 (B) El-Maahad El-Eshteraky Street
Heliopolis, Cairo
EGYPT 11341

III--ACTIVITIES

8. In addition to the activities described in any Exhibit B to this statement, will the registrant engage or is the registrant engaging now in activity or rendering services on its own behalf which benefits any or all of its foreign principals?

Yes No

If yes, describe fully.

Foreign Principal

See Appendix for Response

Activities/Services

IV--FINANCIAL INFORMATION9. (a) **RECEIPTS-MONIES**

During the period beginning 60 days prior to the date of the registrant's obligation to register² under FARA, has the registrant received from any foreign principal named in Item 7 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income, or money either as compensation, or for disbursement or otherwise?

Yes No

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each such foreign principal an account of such monies.³

Foreign Principal	Date Received	From Whom	Purpose	Amount	Subtotal
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¹ The term "foreign principal," as defined in Section 1(b) of the Act, includes a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization, foreign individual and, for the purpose of registration, an organization or an individual any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual.

² An agent must register within 10 days of becoming an agent, and before acting as such.

³ A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, monies, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fundraising campaign. There is no printed form for this exhibit. (See Rule 201(e), 28 C.F.R. § 5.201(e)).

(b) RECEIPTS-THINGS OF VALUE

During the period beginning 60 days prior to the date of the registrant's obligation to register⁴ under FARA, has the registrant received anything of value⁵ other than money, from any foreign principal named in Item 7 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal	Date Received	From Whom	Purpose	Thing of Value
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10. (a) DISBURSEMENTS-MONIES

During the period beginning 60 days prior to the date of the registrant's obligation to register⁶ under FARA, has the registrant disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Item 7 of this statement or transmitted monies to any such foreign principal?

Yes No

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each such foreign principal named including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Foreign Principal	Date	Recipient	Purpose	Amount	Subtotal
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(b) DISBURSEMENTS-THINGS OF VALUE

During the period beginning 60 days prior to the date of the registrant's obligation to register⁷ under FARA, has the registrant disposed of any thing of value⁸ other than money in furtherance of or in connection with its activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Item 7 of this statement? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal	Date	Recipient	Purpose	Thing of Value
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(c) DISBURSEMENTS-POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During the period beginning 60 days prior to the date of the registrant's obligation to register⁹ under FARA, has the registrant (or any short form registrant) made any contribution of money or other thing of value from its own funds and on its own behalf in connection with an election to any political office or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for any political office? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Donor	Political Organization/Candidate	Method	Amount/Thing of Value
See Appendix for Response				

4, 6, 7 and 9 See Footnote 2, on page 3.

5 and 8 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest-free loans, expense-free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks", and the like.

V--INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS¹⁰

11. Prior to the time of filing this statement,¹¹ has the registrant prepared, disseminated, or caused to be disseminated, any informational materials on behalf of any foreign principal listed in Item 7 of this statement?

Yes No

If yes, identify each foreign principal and file the informational materials.

Foreign Principal	Type of Informational Materials
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12. (a) Will the activities of the registrant on behalf of any foreign principal include the preparation or dissemination of informational materials?

Yes No

(b) If yes, identify each foreign principal and respond to the remaining items in this section.

African Export-Import Bank (via The Bennett Group DC)

13. Has a budget been established or specified sum of money allocated to finance the registrant's activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes No

If yes, identify each foreign principal, and specify the period of time and the amount.

Foreign Principal	Period of Time	Amount
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14. Will any individuals or organizations, including public relations firms or publicity agents, participate in the preparation or dissemination of such informational materials?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the names and addresses of such individuals or organizations.

Name	Address	Foreign Principal(s)
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15. Activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials will include the use of the following:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Magazine or newspaper | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advertising campaigns | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Press releases | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pamphlets or other publications |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lectures or speeches | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Radio or TV broadcasts | <input type="checkbox"/> Motion picture films | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Letters or telegrams |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website URL(s): <u>None at this time.</u> | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Media website URL(s): <u>None at this time.</u> | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>specify</i>) <u>To be determined</u> | | | |

¹⁰ The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, electronic communications, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

¹¹ See Footnote 2, on page 3.

16. Informational materials will be disseminated among the following groups:

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|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public officials | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Civic groups or associations |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legislators | <input type="checkbox"/> Libraries |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government agencies | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational groups |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nationality groups |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Editors | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>specify</i>) _____ |

17. Indicate the language to be used in the informational materials:

- English Other (*specify*) _____

VI--EXHIBITS AND ATTACHMENTS

18. (a) The following described exhibits shall be filed with a Registration Statement:

Exhibit A- This exhibit, which is filed on Form NSD-3, sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal named in Item 6.

Exhibit B- This exhibit, which is filed on Form NSD-4, sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

(b) An Exhibit C shall be filed when applicable. This exhibit, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, constitution, and bylaws of a registrant that is an organization. A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause shown upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530. (See Rule 201(c) and (d)).

(c) An Exhibit D shall be filed when applicable. This exhibit, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fundraising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal. (See Rule 201 (e)).

VII--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 ¹²
10/22/2024	Rosa M. Whitaker	<input type="text" value="Sign"/> /s/Rosa M. whitaker
		<input type="text" value="Sign"/> _____
		<input type="text" value="Sign"/> _____
		<input type="text" value="Sign"/> _____

12 This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

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Date

Printed Name

Signature

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Rosa Whitaker

Appendix Response to Item 5(g)

Item 5(g): If the registrant is not an individual, furnish the following information: Which of the above named persons renders services directly in furtherance of the interests of any of the foreign principals?

Person	Foreign Principal(s)	Services
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Appendix Response to Item 8

Item 8: In addition to the activities described in any Exhibit B to this statement, will the registrant engage or is the registrant engaging now in activity or rendering services on its own behalf which benefits any or all of its foreign principals?

Foreign Principal	Activities/Services
African Export-Import Bank (via The Bennett Group DC)	Rosa Whitaker, the founder, owner, president and CEO of The Whitaker Group, has more than three decades of extensive involvement in African trade and investment policy, dating to her government service as Senior Trade Advisor to US Representative Charles Rangel, with whom she worked to shape and enact the African Growth & Opportunity Act ("AGOA"), and as the first Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Africa. Ms. Whitaker also co-founded and is a co-chair of the African Growth & Opportunity Act Coalition, a committee formed to bring together businesses, NGOs, and faith-based groups to promote renewal of and strengthen AGOA. Given her long-standing personal interest and commitment to promoting African investment and trade, including reauthorization and expansion of AGOA, Ms. Whitaker is regularly invited to participate in various fora to present her views and opinions.

**Appendix
Response to Item 10(c)**

Item 10(c): DISBURSEMENTS-POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS: During the period beginning 60 days prior to the date of the registrant's obligation to register under FARA, has the registrant (or any short form registrant) made any contribution of money or other thing of value from its own funds and on its own behalf in connection with an election to any political office or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for any political office? If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Donor	Political Organization/Candidate	Method/Event	Amount/Thing of Value
08/21/2024	Rosa M. Whitaker	Karen Bass for Mayor	Credit Card	\$ 1,800.00
08/21/2024	Rosa M. Whitaker	Leslie Mehta for Congress	Credit Card	\$ 55.00
08/21/2024	Rosa M. Whitaker	MECA Victory Fund (JFC benefitting Chrissy Houlahan for Congress, Mike Sherrill for Congress, and Elissa Slotkin for Michigan)	Credit Card	\$ 600.00