



PROFESSIONAL ETHICS & DISCIPLINE

**The Foundation of Trust in
Nigeria's Digital Future**



INTEGRITY

We do
what is right.



ACCOUNTABILITY

We take
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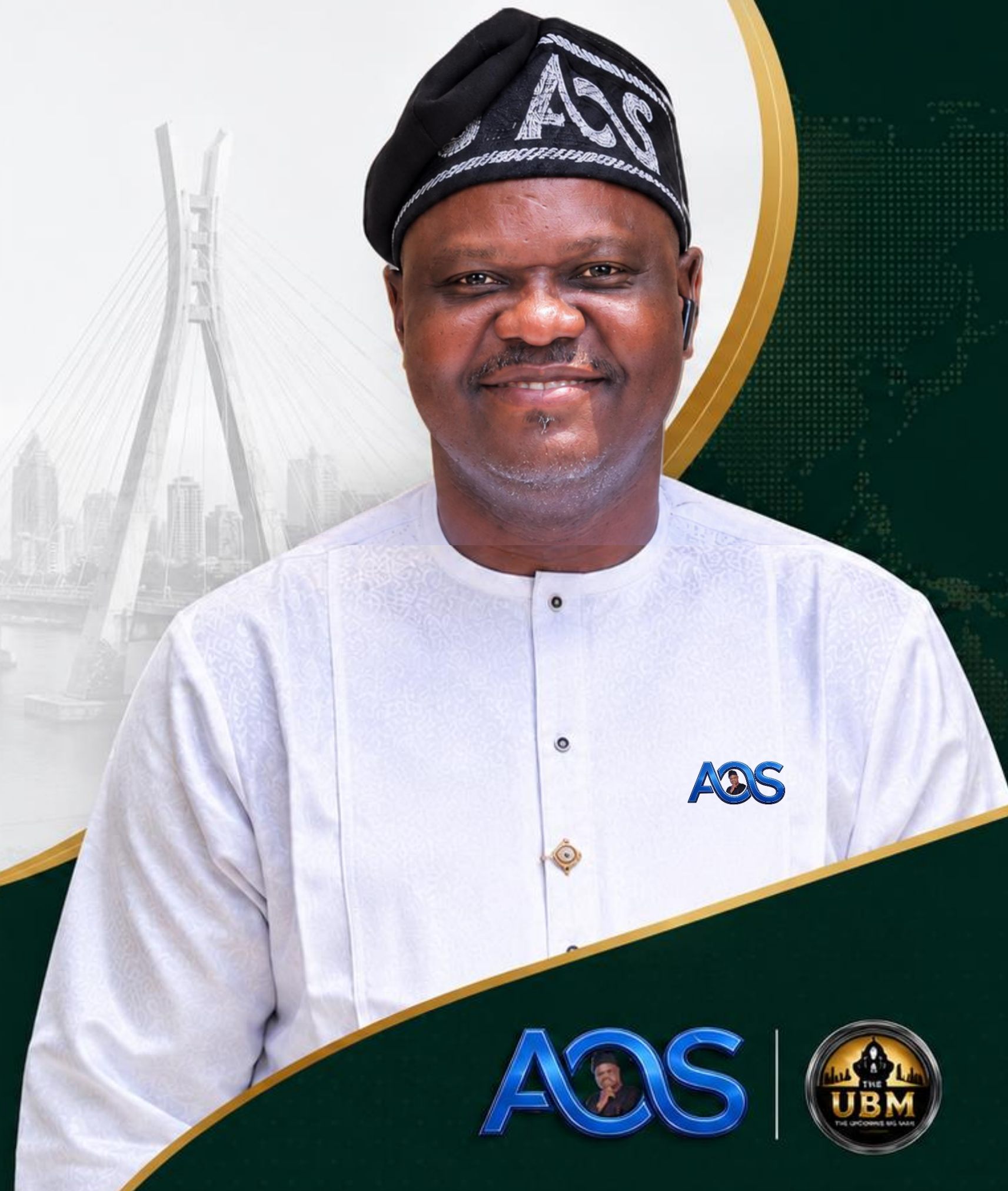
PROFESSIONALISM

We uphold
standards.



SERVICE

We serve
society.



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Congratulations!

Today you become
more than IT practitioners.

YOU BECOME:



AMBASSADORS
of the profession



CUSTODIANS
of public trust



GUARDIANS
of digital integrity



REPRESENTATIVES
of NCS



**Membership is a privilege—
not merely a certificate.**

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WHY ETHICS MATTERS MORE THAN EVER

Nigeria is becoming increasingly digital.

We now depend on technology for:



Banking



Healthcare



Elections



National
security



Education



Government



Businesses



Personal
identity



Every line of code **affects** lives.



TECHNICAL COMPETENCE IS NOT ENOUGH



**TECHNICAL
SKILLS
BUILD
SYSTEMS.**



**ETHICS
BUILDS
TRUST.**

A PROFESSIONAL IS KNOWN BY:



COMPETENCE



CHARACTER



ACCOUNTABILITY



INTEGRITY



RESPONSIBILITY

WHAT IS PROFESSIONAL ETHICS?

Professional ethics are the **moral principles** and **professional standards** that guide our decisions even when nobody is watching.

ETHICS ANSWERS:



Should I?



Is it right?



Is it fair?



Does it protect society?



WHAT IS PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE?



DISCIPLINE IS:

Doing what is right consistently even when it is inconvenient.

PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE MEANS:



Following standards



Respecting regulations



Accepting accountability



Maintaining professionalism



WHY SOCIETY TRUSTS PROFESSIONALS



People trust **doctors**.



People trust **lawyers**.



People trust **engineers**.



People must also trust
computing professionals.



Without trust,
Digital transformation fails.



ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMPUTING PROFESSIONALS

WE HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARD:



> SOCIETY

Promote the public good and protect the welfare of all.



> CLIENTS

Deliver value, protect information and act in their best interest.



> EMPLOYERS

Be loyal, honest and dedicated to organizational goals.



> FELLOW PROFESSIONALS

Respect colleagues, share knowledge and uphold the dignity of the profession.



> GOVERNMENT

Respect laws, support policies and advance national interest.



> FUTURE GENERATIONS

Build sustainable, secure and responsible digital solutions.



COMMON ETHICAL CHALLENGES

01



Unauthorized
access

02



Data privacy
violations

03



Software
piracy

04



Intellectual
property theft

05



AI misuse

06



Deepfakes

07



Insider
threats

08



Cyber
fraud

09



Conflict of
interest

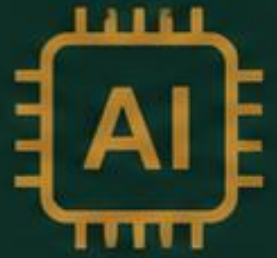
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Bribery



AI CHANGES EVERYTHING



Artificial Intelligence
increases both:
Opportunities and **Responsibilities**.

QUESTIONS PROFESSIONALS MUST ASK:

01



Is the AI **fair**?

02



Is it
transparent?

03



Is it
accountable?

04



Is privacy
protected?

05



Can harm
occur?



THE COST OF UNETHICAL BEHAVIOUR

ONE UNETHICAL DECISION CAN DESTROY:



Careers



Companies



National
security



Public
confidence



Professional
reputation



Trust takes years to build.
Seconds to destroy.

INTEGRITY IN THE DIGITAL AGE

INTEGRITY MEANS:



**DOING THE
RIGHT THING**

EVEN WHEN:



**NOBODY
KNOWS**



**NOBODY
CHECKS**



**NOBODY
REWARDS YOU**



Your integrity is your
invisible signature.



THE ROLE OF THE NIGERIA COMPUTER SOCIETY

NCS EXISTS TO:



**PROTECT
THE PROFESSION**



**PROMOTE
STANDARDS**



**BUILD
CAPACITY**



**ENCOURAGE
INNOVATION**



**ENFORCE
ETHICS**



**PROTECT
PUBLIC INTEREST**



**ETHICS IS ONE OF
OUR STRONGEST PILLARS.**



ETHICS & DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

THE COMMITTEE EXISTS TO:



UPHOLD
PROFESSIONAL
STANDARDS



RECEIVE
COMPLAINTS



INVESTIGATE
MISCONDUCT



RECOMMEND
DISCIPLINARY
ACTIONS



PROTECT
BOTH MEMBERS
AND SOCIETY



Discipline protects the
reputation of the profession.



EXAMPLES OF PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT



CYBERCRIME



EXAMINATION
MALPRACTICE



FORGERY



PLAGIARISM



DATA THEFT



PROFESSIONAL
MISREPRESENTATION



BREACH OF
CONFIDENTIALITY



ABUSE OF
PRIVILEGED ACCESS



FRAUDULENT
CERTIFICATIONS

BUILDING AN ETHICAL CAREER

ALWAYS ASK:



1 Is it **legal**?



2 Is it **ethical**?



3 Is it **professional**?



4 Would I proudly defend
this decision **publicly**?



THE PROFESSIONAL YOU SHOULD BECOME

BE KNOWN FOR:



✓ HONESTY



✓ EXCELLENCE



✓ CONTINUOUS
LEARNING



✓ RESPECT



✓ CONFIDENTIALITY



✓ COURAGE



✓ ACCOUNTABILITY



✓ SERVICE



**YOUR INTEGRITY TODAY
BUILDS YOUR LEGACY TOMORROW.**



THE FUTURE OF COMPUTING PROFESSIONALS

NIGERIA NEEDS PROFESSIONALS WHO CAN BUILD:



SECURE
SYSTEMS



ETHICAL
AI



TRUSTED
DIGITAL
GOVERNMENT



SAFE
CYBERSPACE



INCLUSIVE
INNOVATION



TECHNOLOGY WITHOUT ETHICS
BECOMES DANGEROUS.



MY CHARGE TO EVERY NEW MEMBER



1 Never sell your **integrity**.



2 Never abuse **knowledge**.



3 Never betray **public trust**.



4 Never stop **learning**.



5 Always remember:



**Your name is your greatest
professional credential.**



**Protect your name.
Protect the profession.**



QUESTIONS TO PONDER ON



01

If your employer asks you to **hide evidence** of a cyber incident, what would you do?



02

Would you deploy an AI system that **discriminates** against a section of society if it is profitable?



03

If you discover a **vulnerability** in your former employer's system after resigning, what is the ethical response?



04

Is **violating privacy** acceptable if it improves business performance?



KEY MESSAGES TO LEAVE WITH ALL OF US



01

Ethics is not optional – it is the **foundation** of professionalism.



02

Competence earns opportunities; **character** sustains them.



03

Every computing professional is a custodian of **public trust**.



04

The **reputation** of **NCS** depends on the conduct of its members.



05

In the digital age, **integrity** is as valuable as **innovation**.



“ **STRONG ETHICS.
STRONG PROFESSIONALS.
STRONGER NATION.** ”



CLOSING

“ **Computers** process information.
Professionals process consequences.
Ethics determines which one
defines us.”


Congratulations.

WELCOME TO THE
NIGERIA COMPUTER SOCIETY.


THANK YOU.



ETHICAL MINDS.
RESPONSIBLE ACTIONS.
A BETTER FUTURE.





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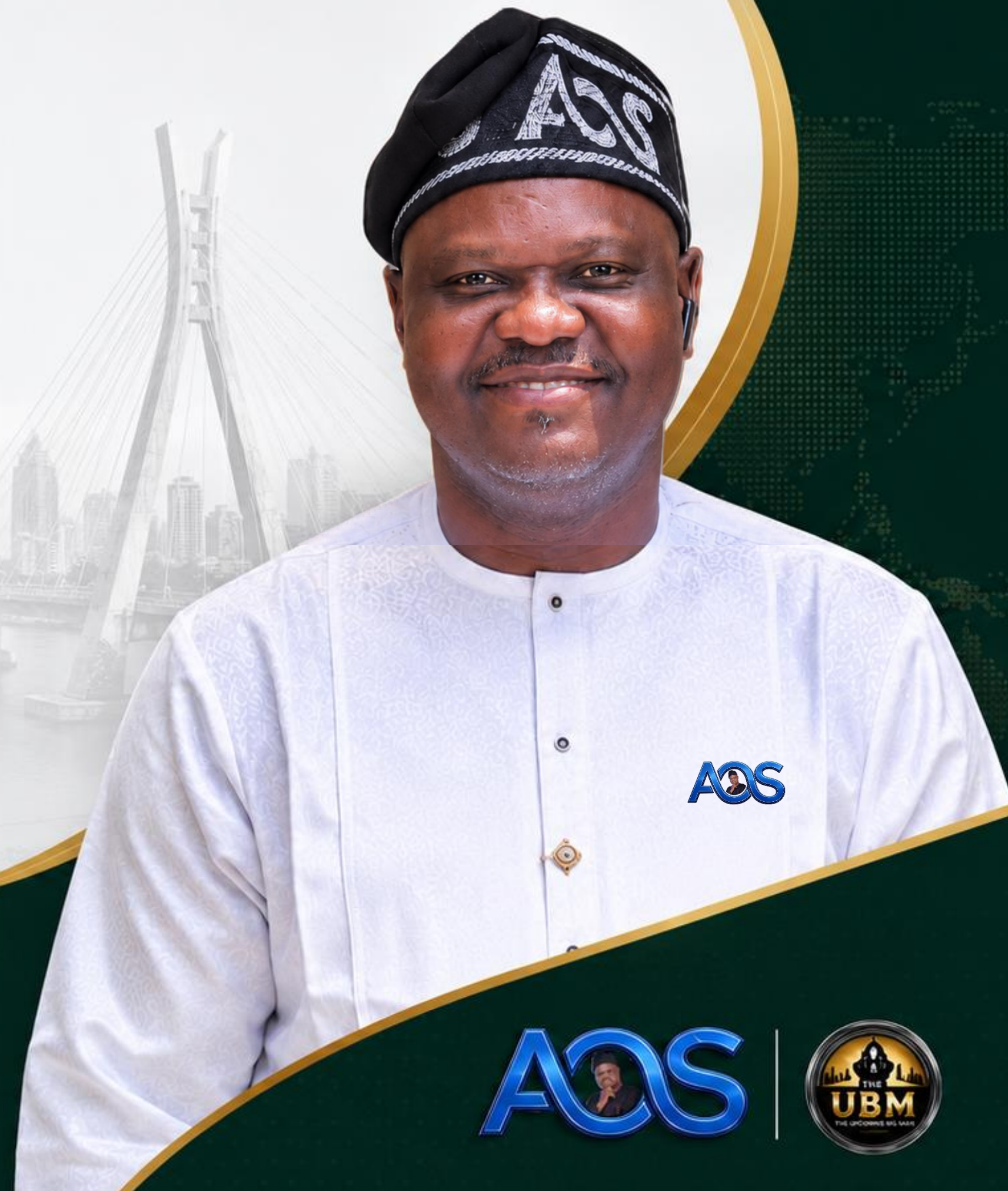
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