COSS Memorandum of Understanding

What and Why

What

- Declaration of intention, agreement in principle
- Sets out the objectives and modalities for achieving them
- Flexible level of commitment and detail; can be adapted to the particular needs
- Not legally binding – i.e. no penalties for acting against the terms
- No financial or other firm commitments

Why

- Identify and write down mutually-agreed expectations in pursuit of a common goal
- Focus attention and strengthen commitment to the initiative
- Push the participants to consider objectives and mechanisms in concrete terms
- Create a road map and time frame for developing and implementing the initiative
- Foster institutional endorsement and buy-in