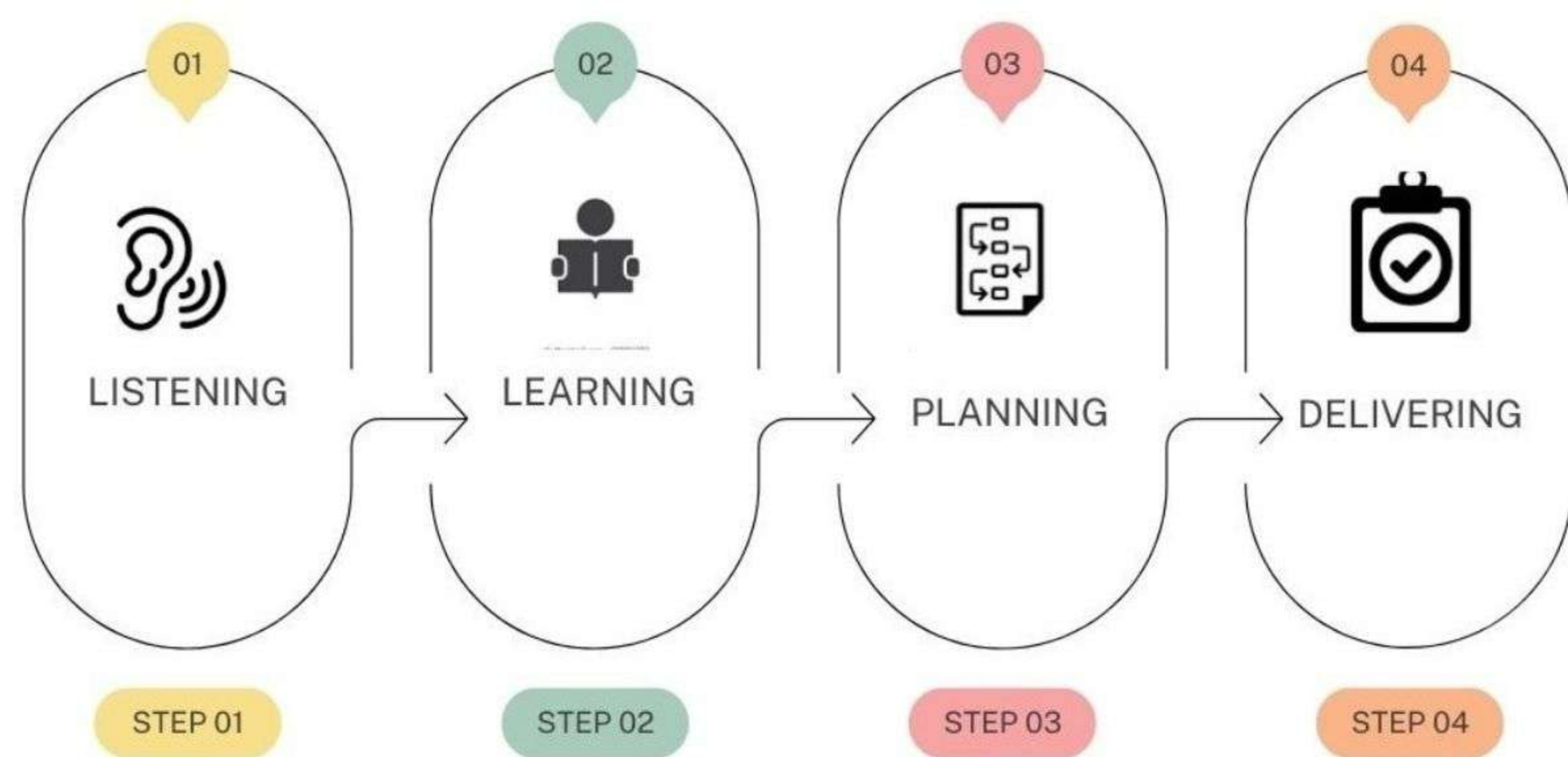




# BOOSTING HYDROLOGY PROGRESS THROUGH DIALOGUE & LEARNING

We recently had a two-day kick-off workshop with our Technical Support Group (TSG) members. The group, officially constituted by the Government of Karnataka, comprised of WRD Engineers who received training on Hydrology-International Best Practices & Its Application at the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA), Christchurch, New Zealand.

So, what did we do? The group followed the four-step process of listening, learning, planning and delivering. Together with Lloyd Smith, the International Hydrology Expert, we exchanged experiences, shared knowledge and learning and discussed various forms of cooperation and communication towards strengthening the Hydrology unit of WRDO



The interactive exercises during the breakout sessions helped us identify various opportunities to advance hydrological practices in the State. What emerged out of the workshop was an action plan under the six identified thematic areas and the following takeaways:



01. Periodic re-evaluation of Hydro-meteorological network



02. Multistakeholder engagement must be encouraged at all levels



03. Investments in the capacity building of the staff in operational hydrology and water resources management capacities must be enhanced



04. Ensure a Quality Management System to meet the objectives for quality, service, security and continuous transmission of authentic data

In the days to follow, as a community of practice, the TSG will continue to deliver on the action plan with improved outputs and services.

