The Friends of Groundwater (FoG) has about 35 active members. Its workstream’s main objective is to improve the global knowledge base on groundwater quality through the development of a set of recommendations and guidelines to assist regional groundwater quality assessments. This initiative is supported by the Global Groundwater Quality Portal. So far, FoG has produced a perspective paper: Assessing Groundwater Quality: A Global Perspective.

UPDATE ON WORKSTREAM ACTIVITIES

Seed funding was approved at the end of 2021 for the project “Groundwater Quality for the World Water Quality Assessment” with the goals to:
- develop further the Global Groundwater Quality Portal, which aims at contributing to an increased knowledge on groundwater quality at a national, regional and global scale
- produce guidelines on regional groundwater quality assessment. During this activity, experiences and practices in upscaling/aggregation of groundwater quality findings are being collected and analysed, and a set of recommendations and guidelines to assist regional groundwater quality assessment in practice will be produced.

FUTURE OUTLOOK

The FoG looks forward to working in its commitments for 2022. It is expected that in the future the guidelines will be of use to anyone who deals with groundwater quality at the regional scale. In addition, it is hoped that the guidelines will have a strong impact on the quality of further regional assessments and their harmonization across regions. Finally, the group aims at expanding upon the groundwater contribution to the next WWQA Assessment.