

## Newsletter Issue 6/2024

World Bank Group Report

### **The hidden wealth of nations: The economics of groundwater in times of climate change**

Groundwater is our most important freshwater resource, but the lack of systematic analysis of its economic importance has evaded attention from policymakers and the general public. The World Bank Group Report offers new data and evidence that advances understanding of the value of groundwater, the costs of mismanagement, and the opportunities to leverage its potential.

EWA NEWS presents you the key messages of the report as well as a link to the full report (62 pages plus annexes on

1. Aquifer typology: four aquifer types and their key characteristics
2. What economic theory tells us about groundwater
3. Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDEs)
4. Groundwater and cities
5. Groundwater quality: the exponential threats
6. Will We Run out of Groundwater? Groundwater Policy and Management Instruments
7. Examining the multi-risk insurance of groundwater)