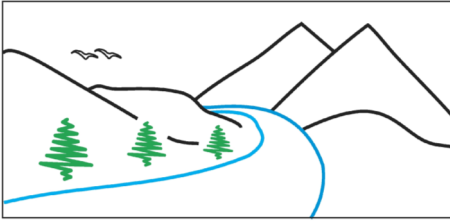


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Experiences with the global forest

Few would argue with the assertion that we are presently in a situation of pronounced and uncertain changes in the global forest sector. These changes are a function of a combination of environmental factors and ways forest resources are managed. The forests and forest industry in British Columbia are under increasing pressure. While much is to be gained from on-going research within the province and Canada, it is also true to say that much can be learned from the experiences of other countries. I have been lucky enough to have lived in, worked in, or travelled extensively in the forests of some 45 countries worldwide (including China, Colombia, Ghana, Honduras, Russia and Turkey), on UNFAO and CIDA projects and in my capacity as Deputy Minister of Forests for the Province of British Columbia and as President and CEO of the Council of Forest Industries. This presentation looks at some of these international experiences and puts forward some messages and recommendations about what we need to consider for a sustainable and viable forest sector.