

Adapting for the future

Demand for goods and services, and consequently the income that owners derive from managing forests, is a primary determinant of investment in forest management. The first chapter in Part 2 looks at long-term changes in demand for wood and selected wood products, from 1965 to 2005 and projecting to 2020 and 2030. The second chapter focuses on the demand for environmental services provided by forests and on the market and non-market mechanisms that have been evolving to help forests meet that demand.

Institutions are at the centre-stage of sustainable resource management and will play an important part in society's adaptation to social, economic and

environmental change. The third chapter provides an overview of how the various institutions in the forest sector – public agencies, the private sector, civil-society organizations, the informal sector and international organizations – are responding to the emerging developments outlined in Part 1.

Science and technology have a vital role in enabling society to meet its future needs for products and services. The final chapter of *State of the World's Forests 2009* provides an overview of science and technology developments in forestry that will help the forest sector address the challenges ahead, including recognition of the role of traditional knowledge.