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**SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT AS A KEY STRATEGY TO FIGHT  
DEFORESTATION**

First the good news: thirty percent of the earth is still covered by forests. They provide habitats for hundreds of thousands of different plant and animal species and sustenance for millions of people and their cultures. But then there is this frightening prediction from some scientists – many of these communities and their cultures will disappear within 50 years if industrial logging continues at the current pace.

How real is this threat? What is the current state of the world's forests? Can development and preservation go hand in hand? And what is being done to save the world's forests? In this edition of World Chronicle, Pekka Patosaari, the Director of UN Forum on Forests, highlights the role of sustainable forest management in combating deforestation.

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