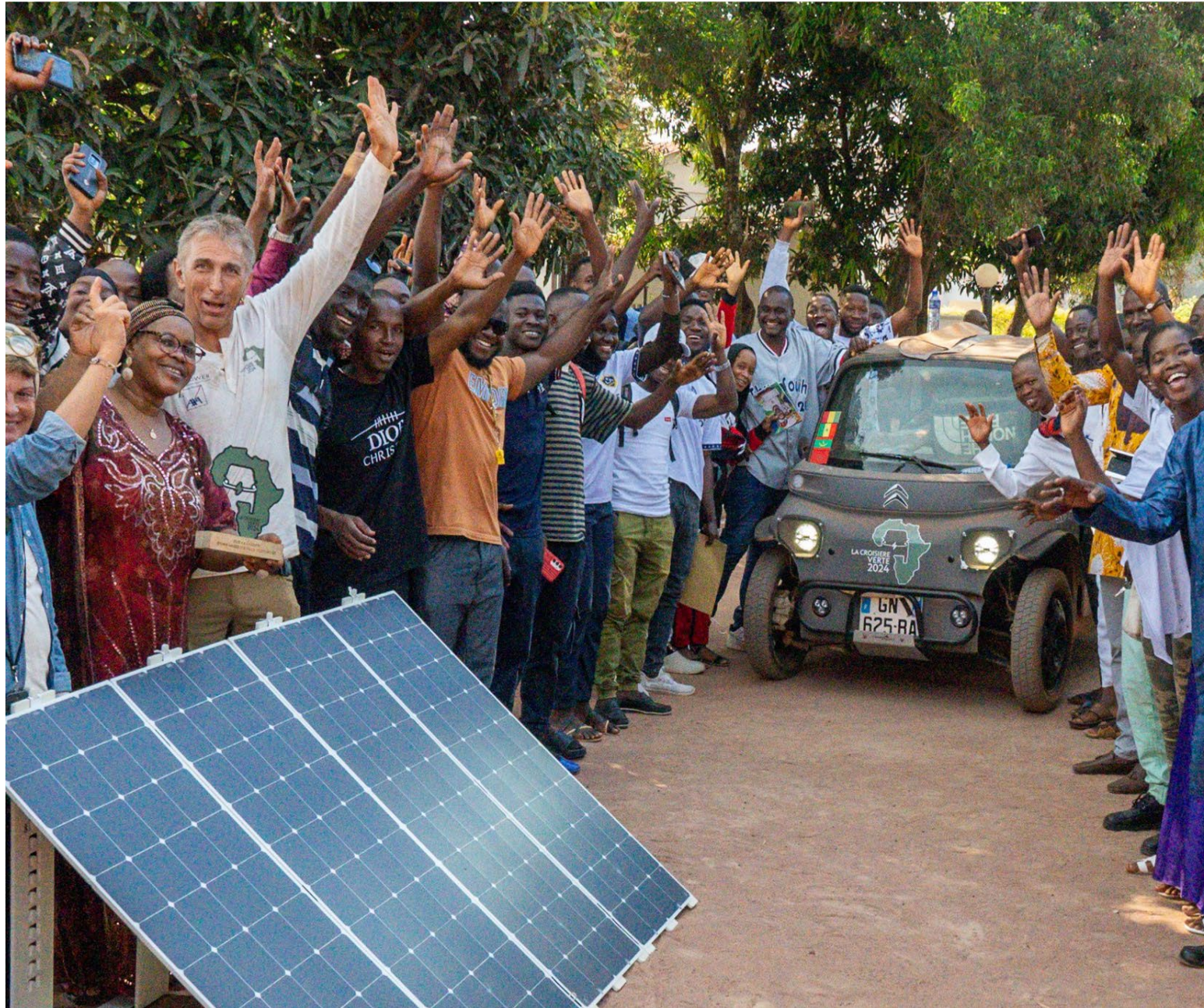




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CHASING THE FUTURE



**FROM CONFLICTS
TO SOLUTIONS**

Why I'm Interested In Conflicts



- I'm curious to find out why wars are happening
- It's the first step to think realistically about conflict resolution



1985 Afghanistan



2003 Iraq



2024 Sierra Leone



2026 Ukraine



Roots of Conflicts

- Many wars have their origins in disputes over mineral resources
- Many wars are financed by revenue from fossil fuels



The Opportunity

- Building energy independence can eliminate a key cause of conflict
- Solar power is the cheapest form of electricity generation
- In sunny countries energy independence will be based on solar power.

What Sparked My Passion For Clean-Tech Adventures?



- 2004 LONG WAY ROUND - discovering adventure entertainment



- 2011 RACING GREEN - discovering e-mobility and engineering heroes



- 2018 CHASING THE JET STREAM - discovering wind energy



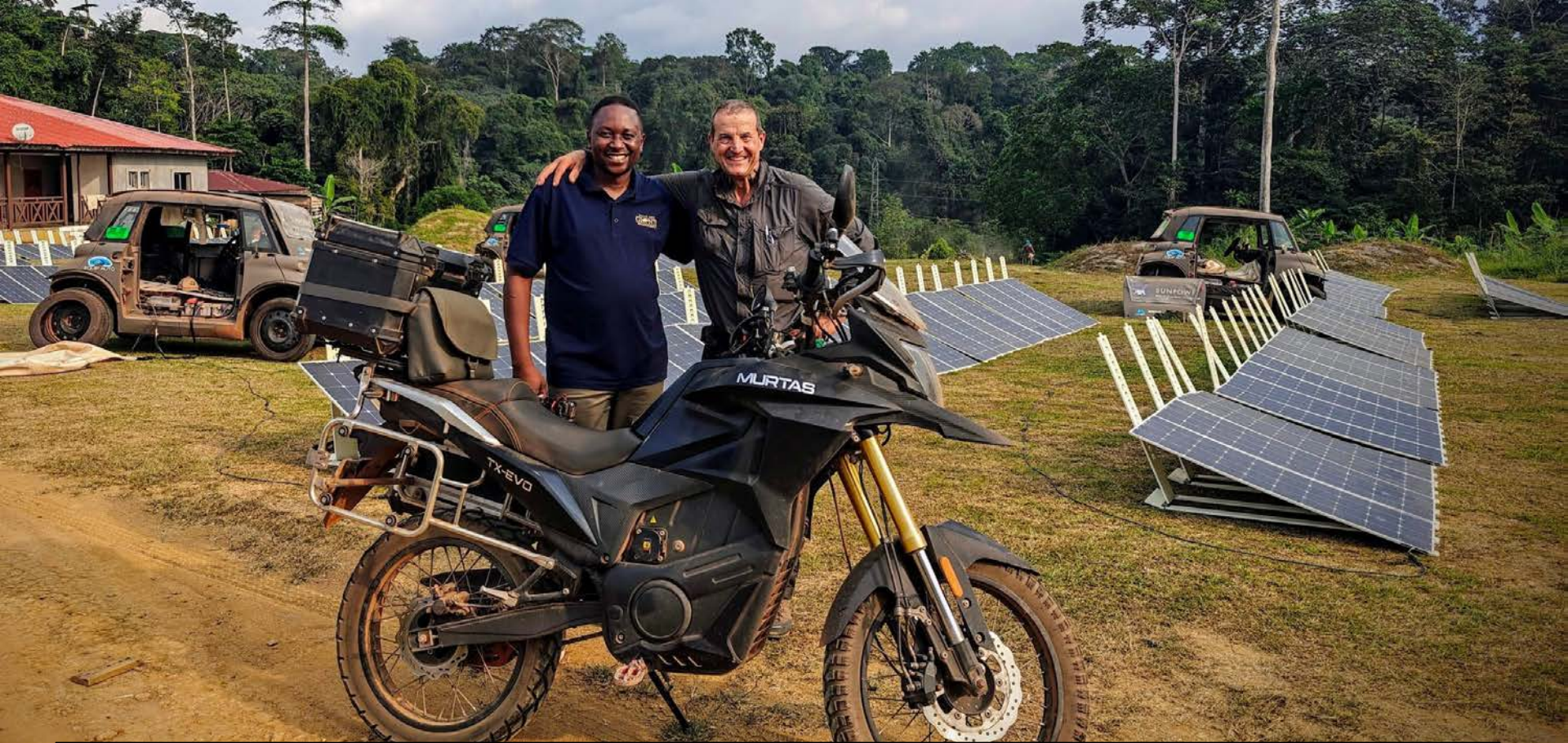
- 2019 LONG WAY UP - discovering electric motorcycles



- 2021 CHASING THE PEAK - first solar-powered electric truck expedition



- 2024-2025 LA CROISIÈRE VERTE - first solar-powered crossing of Africa



- 2024-2025 LA CROISIÈRE VERTE - first electric motorcycle crossing of Africa



- 2025 LA CROISIÈRE VERTE - solar-powered stone processing in Angola



- 2025 LA CROISIÈRE VERTE - off-grid factory: 6 MWp PV + 8 MWh battery



- 2025 CHASING THE LAKE - first solar boat on Lake Titicaca at 3800 m



- 2025 CHASING THE LAKE - Microgrid: 300 KWp PV + 1 MWh Battery Storage

My Next Cleantech Adventures



- 2026 CHASING SAINT-EXUPÉRY - electric flight from France to Morocco

A solar-powered aircraft, the SolarStratos, is shown in flight against a backdrop of Earth's clouds and the blue curve of the horizon. The aircraft has a very long, slender wing covered in solar panels and a small fuselage with a cockpit. The text 'SOLARSTRATOS' is written in orange, preceded by a diagonal slash.

/ SOLARSTRATOS

Are you ready to flirt with the edge of space?

- 2027 SOLARSTRATOS - reaching the stratosphere with a solar plane

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- 2030 LA CROISIÈRE JAUNE - the next Citroën solar expedition

My Documentary Mission In A Nutshell



STEP 1 - Expose The Challenge



STEP 2 - Show The Solutions



STEP 3 - Champion The Rockstars Of The 21st Century



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Q&A

Thank you



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