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Sustainable development

A young man from the Achuar Territory in Ecuador; there is a growing research focus on pharmacology, biodiversity and the sustainable management of natural resources in Latin America.

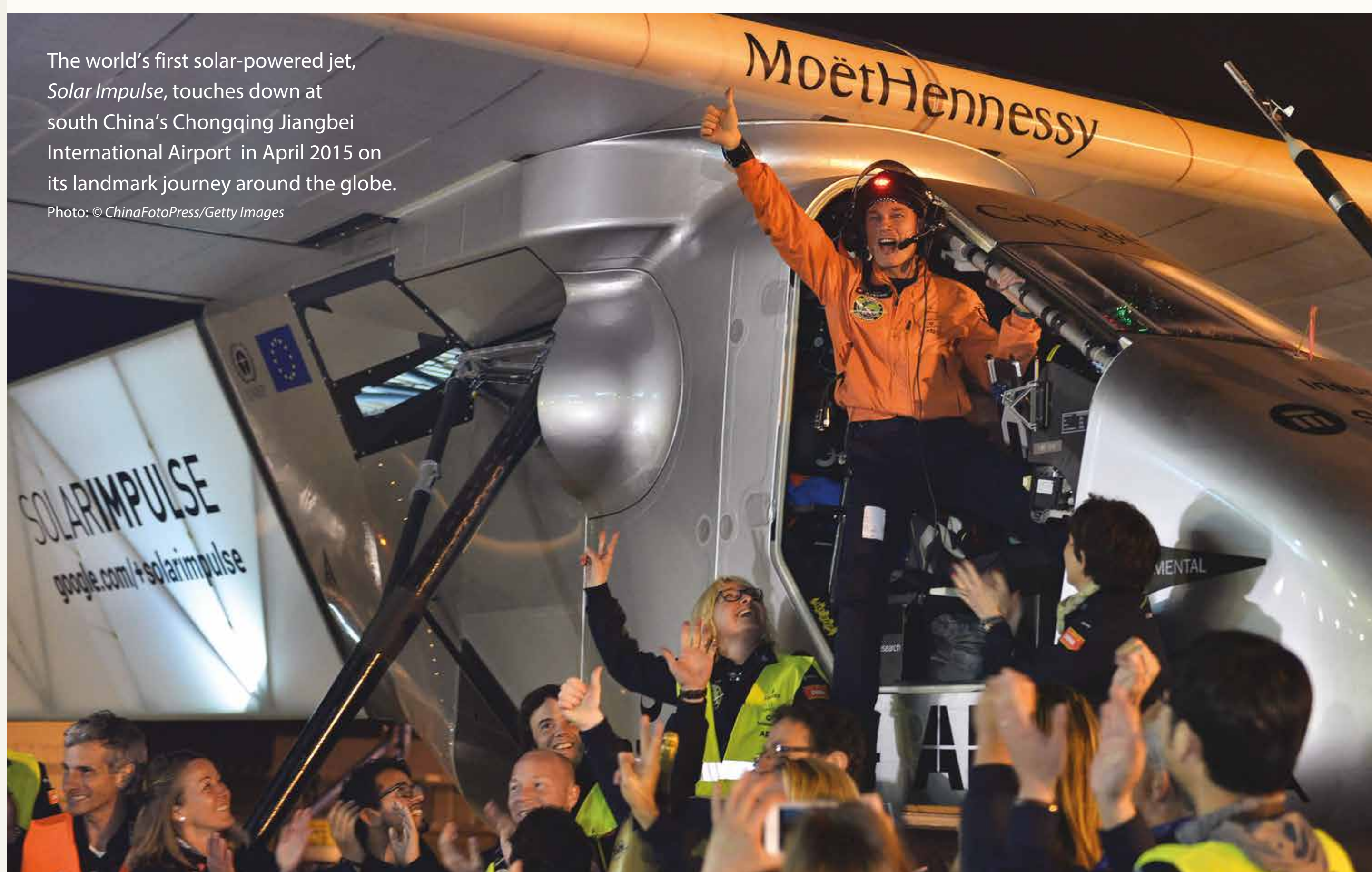
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■ **A growing number of countries are recognizing the value of their natural capital and incorporating sustainable development in their long-term planning. Others are yet to seize the opportunity offered by resource-driven growth to make the transition towards a knowledge economy.**

The world's first solar-powered jet, *Solar Impulse*, touches down at south China's Chongqing Jiangbei International Airport in April 2015 on its landmark journey around the globe.

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■ **Among high-income countries, a commitment to sustainable development is often coupled with the desire to maintain competitiveness in global markets that are increasingly leaning towards green technologies.**



Istanbul Technical University's experimental solar-powered car Ariba VI negotiating traffic in 2013

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■ **The current trend towards green growth is expected to accentuate, as countries strive to implement the Sustainable Development Goals to 2030.**

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