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Urbanized areas, natural hazard and risk in Rwanda.

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Landslides and inundations are considered as one of the most relevant damaging processes in Rwanda. The rapid urbanization in a country with a disrupted habitat culture has led to a congestion of capital, which concentrates all services. This has, among other things, a particular form of nature and impacts of natural hazards. For example the effect of the torrential rain on 23 February 2013 which killed 3 people in their car.

After an overview on the natural hazards of Rwanda, we will talk about the problems of the natural hazards due to rains in a watershed of Kigali (natural hazards analysis database and GIS data problematics). Then we will proceed with some debris flows / landslides modelling, including source areas identification and potential propagations zones, with regard to the built-up areas and available maps. We will discuss aspects of conceptual multi-hazards and complex natural systems for a city; and how to communicate for sustainable solutions.

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