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### **Résumé**

The human being likes to describe everything. Since the first day we learned to speak, we like to name things and describe them. In social sciences, there is no exception. Concepts are social construct that we should readjust over time. In this Master thesis, I try to conceptualize the Congolese diaspora by analysing how Congolese people living abroad apprehend the term diaspora and when and why does it become relevant to their lives.

With the help of an extensive literature on Congo and the concept of diaspora, I deduced that there is no such thing as a Congolese diaspora. However, my empirical data brought out unexpected processes and results in the relationship between the interviewees and Congo. Based on a previous research question, the data analysis was definitely challenging but it emphasizes the importance of a good methodology and especially the importance of a good interview guideline.