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# Connected Cool Centres

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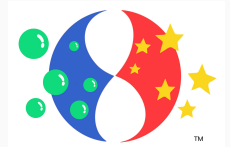
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This Food supply chain innovation aims to support small (organic) farmers and urban food producers with limited resources to keep their produce in a cooled storage space for a flexible period. The idea being that produce will have a more centralized storage facility and that the type, quantity and quality of stock can be monitored by CCC and communicated with distributors, resellers and restaurants. The service of storing, keeping cool and keeping inventory while keeping the value chain connected may create a higher availability of (organic) food at competitive prices. CCC would exist to create flexibility for the small farmer, allowing them to produce what they can when they can, and not worry about potential to sell and store produce. It will lessen food waste, give small holders better insight in demand and increase food security regionally.

Expanding the Network of local Farmers, the quality and quantity can be managed and even predicted. Gaining the trust from local small farmers with consistent securities for sales. CCC can provide small farmers the opportunity (platform and facility provided) to scale and tailor their production practices to market needs ahead of time and giving them insights as to what crops to focus on based on the farmers knowledge and potential.

The cool centres can be used as repositories for the seeds that come from the urban produce. The centre could make use of smart systems that will allow resellers and restaurants remotely check inventories and bid on available produce and possibly make connection with their preferred Farmer via these centres.

*“We cannot afford to not invest in the access to adequate affordable nutrition.”* Josette Sheeran



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