

Zuraida imposes KPI for local govts to achieve sustainable development goals by 2030

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Housing and Local Government Minister Zuraida Kamaruddin delivers her speech during the closing ceremony of the 7th Asia-Pacific Urban Forum in Bayan Lepas October 17, 2019. — Picture by Sayuti Zainudin

GEORGE TOWN, Oct 17 — The Housing and Local Government Ministry will impose a key performance index (KPI) for all 150 local governments in the country to achieve the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.

Minister Zuraida Kamaruddin said Malaysia must aim to achieve as many of the 17 SDGs as possible under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

“This is something we need to focus on, we want to ensure there is a KPI for all 150 local governments to achieve the 17 SDGs, they don’t have to achieve all of the 17 SDGs, as long as they can achieve part of it by 2030,” she told reporters after the closing ceremony of the seventh Asia Pacific Urban Forum (APUF7) at Spice Convention Centre here.

She said there needs to be a serious effort to achieve the SDGs by 2030 and not delay it to 2040 or 2050.

She noted that the grassroots community is still not aware of the 17 SDGs so it should be engaged, informed and mobilised to be involved in achieving the SDGs.

“I emphasised on the point that even with declarations by cities and local governments to achieve the SDGs, if the grassroots don’t want to be involved in sustainable activities, it will not be enough,” she said.

She said the local governments and ministry will need to also focus on educating the grassroots community on the SDGs.

She said this is a global movement that everyone should be involved in as the SDGs and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is not only in Malaysia.