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KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia needs a paradigm shift to increase its share of renewable energy to the level targeted by Asean, which is 23 per cent by the year 2025.

Energy, Green Technology and Water Ministry secretary-general Datuk Seri Dr Zaini Ujang said the current share of renewable energy in the generation mix was only 9.7 per cent.

"It is pertinent for Malaysia to look for game-changers to transform our energy sector to be in line with the United Nations Agenda 2030 so that we can become a pillar for sustainable development," he said after officiating the 7th National Energy Forum here yesterday.



**Datuk Seri Dr
Zaini Ujang**

He said the ministry would consider new policy instruments, such as renewable portfolio standards, to increase the share of renewable energy.

"We must look at driving innovation and adopting smart technologies to transform the sector. The introduction of smart meters will enable utilities to identify users' real-time energy usage patterns and manage load efficiently."

He said the nationwide roll-out of smart meters began in the first quarter of this year and was expected to be completed by 2025.

Besides domestic supply, he urged all to look beyond borders for an affordable and continuous supply.

"Malaysia is looking at procuring hydropower from Laos as part of the initiative under the Asean Power Grid. We are working with other Asean countries to ensure that the first 'juice' will be flowing into our system by 2018."