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KUALA LUMPUR: The government has agreed to set up a National Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Centre to empower and accelerate programmes for a better and sustainable future.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said the centre would monitor the progress and implementation of SDG-related programmes.

He said the National SDG Centre

would be placed under the Economic Planning Unit of the Prime Minister's Department.

"This sustainable development agenda requires comprehensive and inclusive participation from all parties to boost the awareness of the people on the ground."

He said the government agreed that state governments, through local district and municipal authorities, would prepare a Volun-

tary Local Review (VLR) report.

He said each state should prepare at least one VLR report.

"Each state is encouraged to prepare this report to monitor the nation's development growth to ensure balance in social, environmental and economic aspects."

He said the Environment and Water Ministry had been urged to finalise its framework on the carbon market by year-end.

He said this would facilitate Malaysia's aspiration to become a low-carbon emission nation.

"The government is committed to strengthening measures and achieving all 17 SDG goals of the 2030 Agenda to transform the country into a sustainable nation by 2030, through the involvement of all people for the social development of the country," Ismail Sabri said.