

Govt moves to promote sustainable energy use

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KAMPALA. Government, through the ministry of Energy, has started a campaign to increase access to modern energy services through rural electrification, renewable energy and promoting efficient utilisation of energy services.

The campaign, in partnership with Eskom Uganda Limited, aims at sensitising people on sustainable utilisation

of energy, especially electricity.

Speaking to journalists ahead of the campaign to be held in Lira Town from July 25 to 29, the Permanent Secretary in the Energy ministry, Mr Stephen Robert Isabalija, said the objective is to promote efficient use of energy.

"The effective usage of energy will positively influence the public on efficient utilisation of energy that in turn reduces its demand. This is good for the environment as well as

for consumers who get a lower bill," he said in Kampala yesterday.

With such a campaign, government aims to increase access to clean energy so as to achieve sustainable development since energy utilisation has negative effects on the environment such as depletion of valuable resources including water and forests.

Mr Isabalija said during the campaign there will be awareness on available energy saving technologies

and information dissemination by sector players such as Electricity Regulatory Authority will be enhanced.

Ms Thozama Gangi, the managing director of Eskom Uganda, said the campaign aims to strive for better efficient usage of energy in the country. "We are pleased to partner with government in tackling what is currently the biggest challenge in the energy subsector which is sustainable energy use," she said.