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The [sixteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development \(CSD-16\)](#) is scheduled from 10 to 16 May 2008 at United Nations Headquarters, New York.