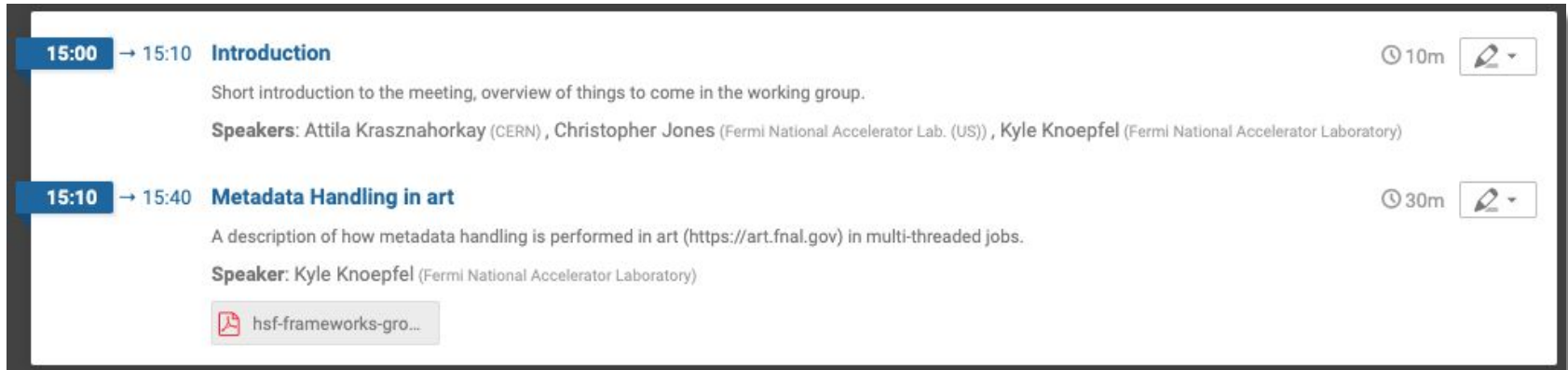# Introduction

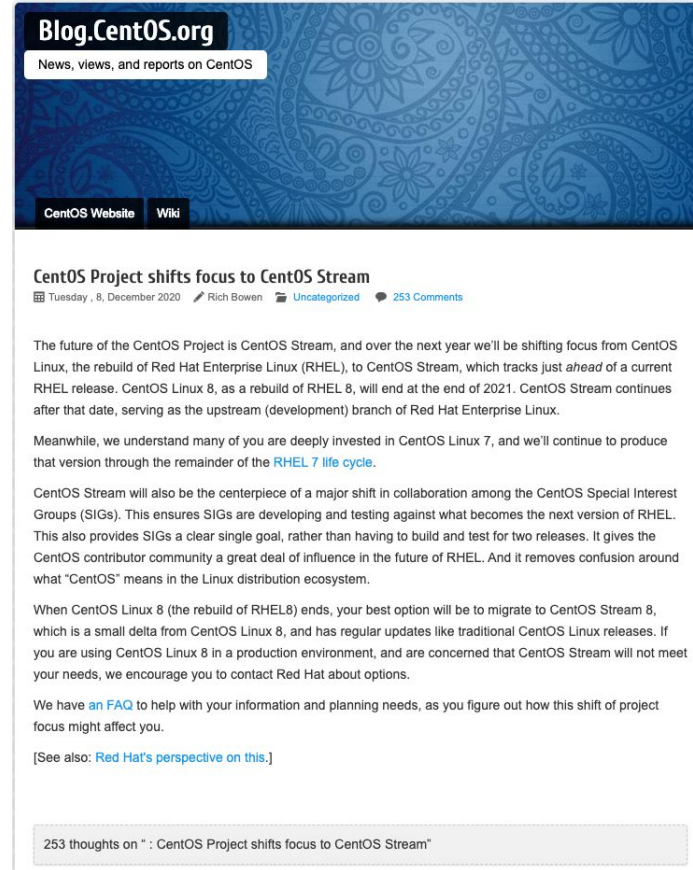Christopher Jones, Kyle Knoepfel, Attila Krasznahorkay

Metadata

- Today's meeting, unless new ideas are brought forward, will conclude our discussions about metadata handling for now
  - Kyle will be telling us about metadata handling in the new generation of neutrino experiments

CentOS 8

- It is not primarily this group's mandate to worry about this, but HSF in general has to…
  - I believe we will have some intense meetings about this next year if RedHat does not change course
- It very much seems that HEP will need to look for a different production platform, as CentOS 8's life will end next year
  - CentOS 7's EOL is still slated for 2024

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CentOS Project shifts focus to CentOS Stream

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The future of the CentOS Project is CentOS Stream, and over the next year we'll be shifting focus from CentOS Linux, the rebuild of Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL), to CentOS Stream, which tracks just *ahead* of a current RHEL release. CentOS Linux 8, as a rebuild of RHEL 8, will end at the end of 2021. CentOS Stream continues after that date, serving as the upstream (development) branch of Red Hat Enterprise Linux.

Meanwhile, we understand many of you are deeply invested in CentOS Linux 7, and we'll continue to produce that version through the remainder of the RHEL 7 life cycle.

CentOS Stream will also be the centerpiece of a major shift in collaboration among the CentOS Special Interest Groups (SIGs). This ensures SIGs are developing and testing against what becomes the next version of RHEL. This also provides SIGs a clear single goal, rather than having to build and test for two releases. It gives the CentOS contributor community a great deal of influence in the future of RHEL. And it removes confusion around what "CentOS" means in the Linux distribution ecosystem.

When CentOS Linux 8 (the rebuild of RHEL8) ends, your best option will be to migrate to CentOS Stream 8, which is a small delta from CentOS Linux 8, and has regular updates like traditional CentOS Linux releases. If you are using CentOS Linux 8 in a production environment, and are concerned that CentOS Stream will not meet your needs, we encourage you to contact Red Hat about options.

We have an FAQ to help with your information and planning needs, as you figure out how this shift of project focus might affect you.

[See also: Red Hat's perspective on this.]

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Meetings in 2021

- None are scheduled just yet
- We will need to get back to looking at high thread count / heterogeneous scheduling in the "evolving TBB landscape"
  - Including I/O handling in high thread count applications
  - If you have proposals for discussion topics, definitely let us know

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